SPRING SEMESTER 1987

SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

CRIMINOLOGY 333

WOMEN, LAW AND THE STATE

INSTRUCTOR: Dorothy Chun&n

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:
This course will provide an in-depth consideration of the
relationship of women to the state and the law. The nature of
the contribution of criminal and family law to the reproduction
of gender relations will be analyzed. The implications of legal
intervention and non-intervention in family relations, sex-
specific and sex-related legislation will be examined.
Theoretical concepts and issues such as patriarchal relations,
sexuality and reproduction, and formal and informal control will
be addressed.

COURSE OUTLINE:
Relative to the above, the course will entail the analysis of
various theoretical debates about how criminal and family law
help perpetuate particular forms of gender relations and family
organization and how reforms might be effected. Discussion
topics will include: the socio-legal status of women over time;
women as offenders and as offended, both inside and outside the
family; and, the role of law in achieving meaningful change.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
1. J. Brophy and C. Smart (eds.), Women in Law: Explorations in
   Law, Family and Sexuality. London: Routledge & K. Paul,
   1985.
3. C. Smart and B. Smart (eds.), Women, Sexuality and Social
4. Reserve readings.

COURSE EVALUATION:
The course grade will be determined as follows:

Seminar Participation 30%
Mid-Term Exam (in-class) 35%
Term Paper (20 pages) 35%

Assignment and Course Grade Appeals
Students dissatisfied with a mark for an assignment must appeal
the mark, using an appeal form available in the School of
Criminology General Office, within two weeks of receiving the
mark. Final grades in a course must be appealed to the
instructor by the end of the first week of the following
semester.