WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1989

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Lectures: Mon: 11:30-13:20
Wed: 11:30-12:20

Tutorials: Mon: 14:30-15:20
Wed: 12:30-13:20
& 13:30-14:20

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PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

This course focuses on the lives of modern Canadian women, the choices they have, and what they have done and are doing to expand their options. We consider recent scholarship on controversies such as:

1. Sexism in everyday life, or who talks most and what does that tell us about power relationships?
2. Nature or nurture, or the role of biology and socialization in gender differences.
3. Sexuality and the State, including abortion and surrogate motherhood.
4. Why do women receive lower wages?
5. Does equality include housework?
6. How new is feminism, or why do women have the vote?

REQUIRED READING

Atwood, Margaret, The Handmaid's Tale. (Bantam Seal)


Salamon, E.D. & B.W. Robinson, eds., Gender Roles, Doing What Comes Naturally? (Methuen)

ASSIGNMENTS

There will be three hours of lecture and video or film and one hour of tutorial per week.

20% Tutorial participation:
- two short written comments on assigned readings early in semester (10%)
- oral commentary on the assigned readings throughout the term (10%)

30% Short essay (5-7 pages) due week 10

20% Mid-term examination

30% Final examination

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED TO THE CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL ARTS