WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1989
(Cross-listed as ECON 390)

W.S. 302-3/WS 824-5
CANADIAN WOMEN AND ECONOMIC POLICY

This course will address economic issues of concern to women in Canada today. While the course topic itself is broad enough to accommodate specific research interests which students may wish to pursue, the bulk of the course will deal with three main themes which relate specifically to women and economic policy in industrial capitalism.

We will examine the relationship between domestic labour and other forms of labour, the nature of women's labour force participation, and the theories which attempt to explain discrimination and women's distinct economic experiences. These themes will be placed in the broader context of explaining the structure of the Canadian economy and how public policy is instrumental in shaping women's experience. The examination of economic policy will focus on the ideological approaches apparent in distinct policy initiatives and the specific nature of the direction of economic policy in Canada today.

Graduate students in the course will study theoretical material related to women and economics in greater depth.

REQUIRED READING

Hannant, Joan, Privatizing Postal Services: Implications for Women. (Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 1989)
Potrebenko, Helen, Life, Love and Unions. (Vancouver: Lazara, 1987)
Women's Research Centre, Just Give us the Money: A Discussion of Wage Discrimination and Pay Equity. (Vancouver: Women's Research Centre, 1988)

Note: A package of journal articles will be available from the instructor.

RECOMMENDED READING

Miles, A. & Finn, G. (eds), Feminism: From Pressure to Politics. (Montreal: Black Rose, 1989)

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ASSIGNMENTS

Undergraduate Students:

10% Short paper on a specific assigned reading (5 pages)
10% Class presentation
50% Term research paper (15 pages)
20% Take-home essay exam
10% Class participation

Graduate Students:

25% Class presentation (with written critique by instructor)
15% Class participation
60% Term research paper (about 25 pages)

Prerequisites: 60 credit hours