WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1990
EVENING

W.S. 201-3
WOMEN IN CANADA 1600-1920

The history of Canadian women's experience and their contributions to family, community and labour force is complex, fascinating, and revealing. This course will use that history as a framework within which to consider the varied experiences of Canadian women across class and race, with the intention of deepening our understanding of the present situation of Canadian women. The course will begin with an examination of the lives of native women and the consequences of European contact, and end with the achievement of suffrage for many (but not all) Canadian women.

Lectures and tutorials will address Canadian women's experience in education, religion, health, paid and unpaid work, sexuality, politics, community life, cultural work, marriage and the family. We will consider the historical settings of the native cultures, the fur trade, New France and other colonial economies, the settlement of the West, and the beginnings of the increasingly industrialized and urban Canada of the 20th century.

REQUIRED READING


Readings from Canadian women's novels and poetry.
Readings from anthropological and historical texts on native culture.
5. Other readings as applicable to the topics, held in the reserve section of the library.

ASSIGNMENTS

15% Tutorial Participation
15% Brief paper on sources for research - 5 pages
40% Research essay - 15-20 pages
30% Examination - in class

Topics

Historical method and women; Women and society before European Contact; Colonial economies; European settlement and the home left behind; Community institutions; Working women; the promise of the West; Healthy women - health workers?; Sexuality, marriage & the responsibility of family; Culture, education, and religion; Anti-feminism and nationalism; Women in Men's World; the movement for Suffrage in Canada; World War One and the "New Day" coming.

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED TO THE CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL ARTS.

CANDIDATES FOR AN HONORS OR MAJOR IN HISTORY MAY COUNT THIS COURSE TOWARD THEIR REQUIRED 18 LOWER DIVISION HISTORY CREDITS.

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES