WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1990 EVENING
LAURA WOOD
Lec. Wed. 18:30-20:20
Tut. Wed. 20:30-21:20

W.S. 302-3
WOMEN AND THE LAW

We will be examining the way that the law influences women's lives and the decisions we make. In particular, we will be discussing the following areas:

1. The Canadian legal system, an introduction and overview of traditional and contemporary attitudes towards women as observers of and participants in the system, themes and theories of our place in the system.
2. Women and family law - including marriage and divorce, maintenance for spouses and children, property division, legal standards of care for children, violence in the family, etc.
3. Health - including childbirth and midwifery, abortion, the effects of new reproductive technologies, etc.
4. Women and criminal law - including the criminalization of prostitution, sexual offences, violence against women, pornography and censorship, etc.
5. Women and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms - including abortion, pornography, equality, the Meech Lake Accord, affirmative action, etc.
6. Women and employment including issues such as affirmative action, employment equity, sexual harassment, wrongful dismissal, daycare, occupational health, etc.
7. Other issues of interest to the class members as time permits.

REQUIRED READING

M.J. Dymond, The Canadian Women's Legal Guide.
Catherine A. MacKinnon, Feminism Unmodified.
Reprint package to be purchased from book store.

ASSIGNMENTS

20% Take home mid-term exam
20% Oral Presentation, 15-20 minutes
15% Classroom Participation
45% Paper, 12-15 typed pages, or equivalent

Prerequisites: 60 credit hours or WS 100

THIS COURSE IS APPLICABLE, UNDER UPPER DIVISION GROUP B, FOR PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS IN CRIMINOLOGY

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED AS UPPER DIVISION CREDIT TOWARD MAJORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CANADIAN STUDIES FOR STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR THIS, FROM THOSE DEPARTMENTS.

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES