WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1991

BARBARA BLAKELY

Lec.: Wed. 10:30-12:20
Lec.: Fri. 11:30-12:20
Tut 1: Wed. 12:30-13:20
Tut 2: Wed. 12:30-13:20
Tut 3: Wed. 12:30-13:20
Tut 4: Wed. 14:30-15:20
Tut 5: Fri. 8:30-9:20
Tut 6: Fri. 9:30-10:20

W.S. 100-4

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

In this course we will look at the lives of modern North American women, including our own lives and experiences. We will examine what forces shape and influence us, and what choices and options we have. And we will look at the efforts women have made and are making, personally and collectively, to change our lives, open new options, and create a more equitable society for ourselves and our children.

We will examine recent scholarship in questions like:

1. nature or nurture: how do girls become women and boys become men?
2. the handmaid’s tale: is anatomy destiny, and is every woman obligated to bear children?
2. for love or money: is housework really work, and why aren’t women paid for it?
4. the home or the House: should women be involved in the mainstream political process?

We will consider some of the theories that feminists have developed to help us think about these issues, and we will explore the work of women’s groups in and around Vancouver, to help us see how change is created.

REQUIRED READING


ASSIGNMENTS

30% Tutorial presentation and participation
20% Short paper (6-7 pages)
20% Mid-term examination (in class)
30% Final examination - in examination period

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED TO THE CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL ARTS

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES