WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1991

W.S. 310-3
WOMEN AND WORK:
PRODUCTION AND REPRODUCTION

The kind of work women perform and how it is valued by society is shaped by the complex interaction of sexual relations, cultural perceptions, economic conditions and social action. In this course the nature of women’s work and the relationship between the division of labour by gender and women’s subordination will be examined.

The course will deal with three main themes which relate specifically to women’s work in advanced industrial nations.

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
- the effect of public policy and political movements on the conditions of female labour.

The readings will be drawn from contemporary feminist literature with specific emphasis on conditions in Canada.

REQUIRED READING

Armstrong, Pat and Hugh Armstrong. Theorizing Women’s Work
Peitchinis, Stephen.

ASSIGNMENTS

15% Class Participation
10% Presentation
20% Two short written assignments (2-3 pages each)
30% Essay
25% Final Exam

Prerequisite: 60 credit hours or WS 100

STUDENTS MAY APPLY TO THE SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THIS COURSE DESIGNATED AS UNASSIGNED UPPER LEVEL S.A. CREDIT

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED TO THE CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL ARTS

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

MARJORIE COHEN
Lec.: Thur. 9:30-11:20
Tut.: Thur. 11:30-12:20