We will be examining the way that law influences women's lives and the decisions we make. We will also examine the influence of women on the legal system.

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 and participants in the system, themes and theories of our place in the system.
2) women and equality - feminist and other theories of equality, pre- and post- Charter law of equality, the future of equality.
3) the law's view of women's bodies - including childbirth and midwifery, abortion, the effects of new reproductive technologies, legal status of the fetus
4) women and family law - particularly divorce, maintenance for spouses and children, property division and standards of care for children
5) women and criminal law - including sexual offences, prostitution, violence against women in the home and outside of it, pornography and censorship
6) women and employment including issues such as affirmative action, employment equity, sexual harassment
7) other issues of interest to the class members as time permits.

REQUIRED READING

M.J. Dymond, *The Canadian Women's Legal Guide*
Carol Smart, *Feminism and the Power of Law*

Required readings will be placed on reserve and a reprint package will be available from the bookstore.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Take home mid-term exam 20%
Oral presentation, 10-15 minutes 20%
Classroom participation 15%
Paper, 12-15 typed pages 45%
or equivalent

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