WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

SPRING 1992
EVENING/HARBOUR CENTRE

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Lec. Thurs. 18:30-20:20
Tut. Thurs. 20:30-21:20

W.S. 307-3

WOMEN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

This course will take up topics in the history of women's experience in British Columbia. Using historical, anthropological and sociological sources we will begin with First Nations women, looking at the social and economic organization of life in the coastal rain forest. We will study the circumstances of the arrival of European and Asian women, coinciding with colonization, and the ensuing economic, cultural and social life of all women in the 19th century British Columbia, the interwar period, and British Columbia after 1945 will provide opportunities to further consider women's political action, responsibility for children, community life, education, and work. We will look carefully at how racism and sexism and class differences effect women's lives in varying ways.

REQUIRED READING

Books and articles will be placed in the Reserve section of the Library for your use. A list of this material will be attached to the course schedule, and available at the first class.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

25% Participation
Each class member will be expected to participate in discussions, and to present, individually or in a small group, an oral analysis of one text in the history of women in British Columbia.

25% Oral History or Newspaper Analysis
8-10 typed pages
This will be either a work of biography based on interviews, or an analysis of the treatment of women in a British Columbia newspaper over a specific period of time.

50% Research Essay
15-20 typed pages
An essay on a topic to be chosen in consultation with the instructor due in the final week of classes.

Prerequisite: 60 credit hours or W.S. 100

STUDENTS MAY APPLY TO CANADIAN STUDIES TO HAVE THIS COURSE DESIGNATED AS CREDIT TOWARD THEIR CNS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.

STUDENTS MAY APPLY TO THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT TO HAVE W.S. 307-3 DESIGNATED AS CREDIT TOWARD THE HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENT.

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES