W.S. 100-4 PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN - AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

This course will offer an introduction to Women's Studies by looking at the lives of modern North American women, including our own lives. It will examine the issues currently facing us, what forces shape and influence us, and what choices and options we have. We will consider recent scholarship in Women's Studies on questions like:

* nature or nurture: how do girls become women and boys become men? and how does one become straight or gay?
* no means no: why is sexual violence such a problem?
* for love or money: is housework really work, and why aren't women paid for it?
* free speech or censorship: should the Law regulate what we can see and read?

We will also present perspectives in Feminist theory which ground the discipline of Women's Studies and its research and we will develop some connections between this discipline and the experiences of women (and men) in the class, paying particular attention to our different experiences depending on our class, ethnicity, race, age and other relevant factors.

Finally, we will explore the Women's Movement in Canada, and especially in Vancouver, to see what is being done to bring about constructive change toward a more equitable society for ourselves and our children.

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