Women's Studies Department

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Women and Work: Production & Reproduction Thursday @ Burnaby Campus

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 four main themes.

1. The relationship between domestic labour and other forms of labour.
2. The nature of women's labour force participation and the theories which attempt to explain discrimination.
3. The effect of public policy and political movements on the conditions of female labour.
4. The way international relationship link issues of work for women in different parts of the world.

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

REQUIRED READINGS:


Plus selected pieces from journal articles and the following books:


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COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING STRUCTURE:

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DESIGNATED CREDIT:

Students may apply to the Political Science Department to have this course designated as 3 upper division credits in Political Science.

Students may apply to the Canadian Studies Program to have this course designated as 3 upper division credits in Canadian Studies.