WOMEN'S STUDIES DEPARTMENT
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WS 101-3
Introduction to Women's Studies in Canada

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(Refer to Calendar for Tutorial
and Lecture times)

This course will study some of the most crucial issues for women in Canada and how these issues are treated by feminists, Canadian society, and the popular media. It will examine the conditions of women's lives with particular emphasis on the different experiences of women depending on their race, ethnicity, class and other characteristics. In addition to assigned course readings, students will be expected to follow current debates in Canada through various news sources in order to participate in an understanding of the politics of women's issues. This course will take into consideration not only why things are the way they are, but also what is being done and what ought to be done to bring about constructive change. Among other things, this course will include discussions on work, family, sexuality, law, racism, poverty, politics and culture.

REQUIRED READINGS:


bell hooks, Talking Back: thinking feminist, thinking black (Toronto: Between the Lines, 1988).

Plus selected readings on reserve in the Library.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:


COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Short written assignment 10%
Tutorial participation 10%
Tutorial presentation 10%
Mid-term exam 20%
Essay 25%
Final Exam (scheduled) 25%

DESIGNATED CREDIT:

This course can be applied as 3 lower division credits toward the Liberal Arts Certificate