This course will examine a wide range of topics, including native women, women in the fur trade, and women in various European settlement communities such as *habitant* women, Loyalist women, and Prairie settlers. The course will also look at the dramatic changes for women in the nineteenth century including increased educational opportunities, 'working for pay', and the fight for the vote.

Canadian women have an important and interesting history. Through an examination of women in the past we can better the nature and development of societal structures that constrain women today. Also, women's history, we can see how they fought against societal constraints to carve out meaningful lives for themselves. The history of women thus offers us a better understanding of the problems facing women today, as well as providing us with heroines whose examples we can learn from to help build a better tomorrow.

**REQUIRED READING:**


**RECOMMENDED READING:**


**ASSIGNMENTS:**

20% tutorial participation  
20% short paper - primary document analysis (8-10 pages)  
30% essay (12-15 pages)  
30% final exam (take home)

**DESIGNATED CREDIT:**

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

This course can be applied to 3 lower division credits toward major requirements in History.