This course will focus on a collective research project on the current condition of women in B.C. The issues to be examined will depend on the interests of the students involved in the study but could include topics such as:

- labour force experience (participation levels, wage gap, occupational distribution, etc.)
- poverty levels
- legal position
- health and well-being
- housing and other living conditions
- education levels

The project would try to examine specific issues from the perspective of different segments of the female population so that the experience of, for example, rural women, aboriginal women, immigrant women, and old or young women, could be understood.

The objective of the project would be to:
- examine the factors affecting women’s experiences and how they change over time
- compare women’s experiences in B.C. with those of women in other parts of the country
- understand which types of research methods and sources are best suited to finding specific material

Students will be expected to work independently, although collective work will be encouraged. Times for regular meetings of the group will be established at the first class on Wednesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. Any student interested in this course should contact the instructor.

Women’s Studies graduate courses are offered in conjunction with undergraduate courses. Graduate students are requested to meet with the instructor to discuss the increased workload and grading expectations.