This course will examine the history of women from the time of European contact to post World War One Canada. Within this historical framework we will consider the social, economic, and political spaces occupied by women of diverse backgrounds and regions. We will evaluate changes in legislation and working conditions, assess the validity of the ‘public versus private sphere’ debate, and discuss the ‘first wave feminist movement.’ Lectures will be given each week which will provide a context for our discussions. Central themes for the course will be crime, sexuality and women’s legal status in society. Some of the readings will focus on these themes, while others will provide a chronological approach to the past. Students will be responsible for reading the assigned material and participating in discussion groups.

**Required texts:**


**Readings will be placed on reserve at the library. These along with the texts will be used in our discussions.**

**Course Evaluation:**
Seminar participation 15%
Term Paper proposal (2 pages) 10%
Term paper (12 pages) 25%
Midterm (3 pages) 15%
Documentary analysis or commentary on Readings 15%
Final Exam (scheduled) (4 pages) 20%