The purpose of this course is to explore the place of First Nations Women in British Columbia’s past and present. The course will be approached chronologically and thematically. Theories of colonization, methods of oral tradition, and the function of biographies will be discussed. Regional and minority concerns will be explored. Comparisons and contrasts will be drawn between Native women in other countries as well as other parts of Canada. Attention will be given to women’s constitutional status, contemporary feminist movements, and the recent Royal Commission on Aboriginal Canadians.

Recent films on First Nations women will be incorporated as will guest speakers.

Lectures will be presented weekly and students will be expected to read and discuss materials, as well as present their research paper outlines, and their final papers.

**Required texts:**


A course pack will be available for purchase at the bookstore.

**Course evaluation:**
- Seminar participation 15%
- Book Review or Article Commentary 15%
- Midterm examination (3-4 pages) 10%
- Research Paper Proposal (2 pages) 10%
- Research Paper (15 pages) 25%
- Final examination (scheduled) (4-5 pages) 25%