In recent years, there has been a proliferation of feminist studies on women and work dealing with such questions as, what kind of work women do at home and in the labour market, what they produce locally and globally and what constitutes their relation to the production and reproduction processes. Hence, this course will deal with the following themes with specific emphasis on conditions in Canada:

a) the nature of women’s labour force participation and the issue of workplace inequality;
b) the relationship between women’s paid work and family life;
c) the debate on domestic/paid labour that will address the relationship between gender, race/ethnicity and class relations;
d) the factors affecting the involvement of women in the labour movement.

Required Readings

In addition, a set of readings will be placed on reserve in the library.

Recommended Readings (These books will be on 24 hour reserve in the library; a few of the required readings are from these books.)

Course Requirements and Evaluation
Short assignment (5-6 pages; 1400 words) 20%
Research Essay & Presentation (10-12 pages; 2500 words) 30%
Tutorial presentation & Written Report (2-3 pages; 800 words) 10%
Attendance & Tutorial Participation 15%
Final Exam (Scheduled) 25%