WS 101-3: Introduction to Women’s Studies in Canada

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This course will study some of the most crucial themes for women in Canada and how these issues are treated by feminists, Canadian society, and the popular media. It will examine the conditions of women’s lives with particular emphasis on the different experiences of women depending on their race, ethnicity, class and other characteristics. In addition to assigned course readings, students will be expected to follow current debates in Canada through various news sources in order to participate in an understanding of the politics of women’s issues. This course will take into consideration not only why things are the way they are, but also what is being done and what ought to be done to bring about constructive change. Among other things, this course will include discussions on work, family, sexuality, law, racism, poverty, politics and culture.

Required readings:

Course Requirements and Grading Structure:
Short written assignment (4 -5 pages) 10%
Tutorial participation 10%
Mid-term exam 30%
Essay (8 - 10 pages) 20%
Final Exam (scheduled) 30%

DESIGNATED CREDIT:
This course can be applied as 3 lower division credits toward the Liberal Arts Certificate.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.