WS 314-4  Race, Class and Gender Relations

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Course Description:
This course examines the complex interactions among race, class and gender in the world in which we live. Drawing from primarily Canadian contexts, the course provides feminist perspectives on the ways in which gender, race, class, (dis)ability, sexuality, globalization and colonial history have shaped our lives. Specifically, through a variety of interactive lectures, class discussions, and written assignments, we will consider how our personal experience is tied to the social and the political. You will have the opportunity to develop your expertise in reading critically, forming questions, situating your experience within core themes, writing clearly and presenting your own thoughts.

Course Texts and Courseware:
2. Other required readings will be available through WebCT

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
1. Class Participation (20%): Each student is expected to attend every class and participate actively in class discussion. Marks will be given for informed participation, and will be deducted for spotty attendance and poor preparation.

2. Mid-term exam (20%) – Short-answer questions and essay style exam. Exam will take place in class.

3. Short Reading Responses (20%): Each week I will establish an assignment link on WebCT for the submission of reading responses. You should submit between half a page and a page of comments on the readings every week. In particular, you should ask at least one question for class discussion. Please do not simply summarize, but read critically. The assignment will be due on Monday by 10 PM. We will discuss your responses in class, so it is critical that you complete your responses on time by 10 PM each Monday. No make-ups or extensions will be granted.

4. Research Paper (40%) – Students must submit a hard copy of the paper in class and an electronic copy to Turnitin.com. The research paper must follow APA citation method, and be typed, double-spaced, 12 point (Times New Roman) with standard margin. The paper should be 9 to 10 pages excluding references. Late submissions will be penalized 5% a day including weekends. Papers submitted after the final exam period will not be accepted.

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND 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.
IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO "INTELLECTUAL HONESTY," AND "ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE" (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)