GSWS 311-4: Modernizing Women: Canadian Women in Historical Perspective, 1880s-1960s

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Course Description:
This course examines the historical development of women’s roles, experiences, and identities in Canadian society from the 1880s to 1970. Together, we will study the ways in which ethnicity, race and class shaped women’s experiences, how women were imagined in relationship to men and masculinity, and examine the changes and continuities involving work, domesticity, sexuality, politics and activism.

Learning Outcomes:
• Think critically about how class, race, ethnicity, gender, region and religion have shaped Canadian women’s history
• Explain the methodologies and vocabulary of Canadian women’s history
• Analyze primary historical documents
• Understand how historians utilize gender as a category of analysis
• Present and clearly articulate an understanding of women’s history in oral, visual and written form

Course Texts and Courseware:
Courseware will be available.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Mid-term test: 15%
Final exam: 30%
Essay Proposal/Annotated bibliography: 10%
Term paper: 25%
Tutorial participation: 20%

Prerequisite: Students who have taken WS 202 may not take this course for further credit.