Women's Studies Department  
Simon Fraser University  
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W.S. 310-3  Women and Work  Marjorie Griffin Cohen  
Thurs. 9:30-12:30

The kinds of work women perform and how it is valued by society is shaped by the complex interaction of sexual relations, cultural perceptions, economic conditions, and social action. In this course the nature of women’s work and the relationship between the division of labour by gender and women’s subordination will be examined.

This course will deal with four main themes:

a. The relationship between domestic labour and other forms of labour  
b. The nature of the women’s labour force participation and the theories which attempt to explain discrimination.  
c. The effect of public policy and political movements on the conditions of women’s work.  
d. The ways international relationships link issues of work for women in different parts of the world.

The readings will be drawn from contemporary feminist literature with specific emphasis on conditions in Canada.

Required Reading:


Plus selected pieces form journal articles and books on reserve in the library.

Recommended Readings:


* Students may apply to the Political Science Department and to the Canadian Studies Program to have this course designated as 3 upper division credits in the respective departments.


**Course Requirements:**

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