This course will offer an opportunity to examine, historically, the definitions of self/other as derived from sexual roles and the psychological mechanisms by which such definitions are acquired and maintained. Political, cultural, and socio-economic factors that contribute to the social construction of femaleness will be examined. The impact of feminism, and the data and theory related to self and sexuality will be explored. Specific themes that will be discussed include: discrimination, subordination and difference, biology and society, the female body, gender and mothering, race, class and gender, subjectivity and identity, experience and the politics of identity, the experience of Canadian women and the social construction of “Madonna.”

Prerequisites
WS 101 or 102 (may be taken concurrently)

Required texts:

Suggested Reading:

Course Evaluation:
The final grade will be determined as follows:

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