WS 202-3: Modernizing Women: Canadian Women in Historical Perspective, 1920-present

This course examines the historical development of women’s roles, experiences, identities and gender relations in Canadian society from 1920. Together, we will study the ways in which ethnicity, race, gender and class shaped women’s experiences, and examine the changes and continuities in women’s work, domesticity, sexuality, politics and activism. By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Think critically about how class, race, ethnicity, gender and region have shaped Canadian women’s history
- Explain the methodologies and vocabulary of Canadian women’s history
- Analyze primary historical documents
- Understand how historians analyze gender as a cultural system
- Present and clearly articulate an understanding of women’s history in oral, visual and written form

Required Reading:
Custom courseware package available from the university bookstore.

Marking Scheme:
10% - In class mid-term
25% - Final exam
20% - Tutorial Participation: (includes reading responses and document analysis)
10% - Essay Proposal and Annotated Bibliography
25% - Term Paper
10% - Class Presentation

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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.