An interdisciplinary examination of the work, status, and lives of Canadian women, the social and cultural construction of gender, and the ways ideas about gender shape systems of knowledge, social institutions, and social policy. Students will examine interconnections of gender with race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality, address how women's lives and identities are shaped by the intersection of oppression and privilege, and discuss the history and future of feminist activism. Students will develop critical and analytical skills by investigating popular stereotypes and assumptions about sexual difference and their effects within social institutions such as law, politics, work, religion, media, and the family. As well, students will analyze how the lives of women have been shaped by individual and institutional power relations. Topics include pornography, cultural representations of women, sexual violence, and women's and human rights in a transnational context.

**Prerequisite(s):** None. Students who have taken WS 100 at SFU may not take WS 101 for further credit. Breadth-Social Sciences.

**Text(s):**

**Requirements:**

- Online discussions: 15%
- Short essay 1: 10%
- Essay proposal with annotated bibliography: 10%
- Long essay: 25%
- Short essay 2: 15%
- Final exam: 25%

**Requirements note:** Refer to exam schedule on the CODE web site <http://www.sfu.ca/cde>.

**Note:**
Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability, must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (778-782-3112 or csd_office@sfu.ca).

**Delivery Mode:**
Print
Library Video support (optional)
WebCT
eLive
*(see over for computer requirements)*

**Mode of Delivery Note:** n/a

**Supplementary Fees:**
Course materials and service fee $40.00
Deposit for additional materials $35.00

*Note:* Every distance course includes a CODE package containing assignment deadlines and other information. Please pick it up at the Centre or ask that it be mailed when registering on goSFU.