Course Description:

WS 327/FNST 327 explores a broad range of themes and issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal women in Canada. Such topics include: 1) the evolution and political function of stereotypes of Indigenous women in Canada; 2) the history of Canadian legislation that regulates Indigenous identity; 3) the history of activism; 4) violence against Indigenous women and 5) the relevance of feminist analysis.

Course Texts and Courseware:

Additional readings by Pauline Johnson, Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm, Beth Brant, Sylvia Van Kirk, Brenda Mcdougall, Lee Maracle, Emma Larocque, Sherene Razack, Andrea Smith, Alannah Young, Denise Nadeau, Deborah McGregor will be available on reserve and on WebCT

Course Evaluation and Assignments:

Book review (1000-1250 words) 20%
Midterm Exam 30%
End of term Essay (2000 words) 30%
Class Presentations 10%
Contributions to Discussion 10%

Pre-requisite: 45 units. Students who have taken FNST 322 under this topic may not take this course for further credit. FNST 327 and WS 327 are identical and students may not take both courses for credit.

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