WS 830-5: Feminist Action Research: Field Placement on Selected Topics

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Course Description:

This course features applied community-based learning, a teaching and learning philosophy in which students are involved in community-based activities that meet community-identified needs and engage in critical reflection in order to enhance academic learning and act from a feminist standpoint on civic responsibility and building public awareness.

Community-based learning activities comprise 80% of the effort of this 5 credit academic course (totaling 160 hours or four full-time week equivalents). Work may take the form of a discrete project or set of activities within the course. Examples of community-based learning experiences include:

- service learning
- participatory action or community-based research
- community practica or internships.

Students will work with the Instructor in developing a plan for their feminist action research in the Spring Semester. This plan may be completely self-directed, or a placement which responds to community organizations which have already approached GSWS for help in meeting their research priorities.

In the placed option, students will apply for and or select internships with community organizations such BC Social Housing Corporation, Women in View, the Burnaby Gender Lens on BC Politics coalition, the Women Transforming Cities Working Group, or be placed to conduct background research, education and outreach in preparation for GSWS’s pending international conferences this year: Medicalization of Sex (April) with Dr. Cacchioni and We Demand with Dr. Chenier (August, 2010).

Evaluation
Memorandum of Understanding (setting out the work plan and deliverables) 10%
Project Work 80%
Seminar Presentation of Engagement 10%

* As needed, and not less than three times in the semester.

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