Course Title: Introduction to Women's Issues in Canada  
Course Code: WS 101

Credits: 3  
Section: C100

Course Description:  
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.

Requisite:  
None. Students who have taken WS 100 at SFU may not take WS 101 for further credit. Breadth–Social Sciences.

Textbook:  

Course Material:  
- Assignment Readings  
- Course Reader  
SFU students must indicate Pickup or Mail when enrolling in the Student Information System (SIS), in order to receive the required course material listed above

Course Requirements:  

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Requirements Notes:  
Please Note: Students requiring accommodation as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities at 778-782-3112 or csd_office@sfu.ca.

Fees:  
- Course materials & service fee $40.00 CAD  
- Course Reader deposit fee $35.00 CAD

Delivery Method:  
- WebCT

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