

***Women's Studies 3000 – Introduction to Women's Studies
Fall 2002***

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Required Text – *Feminist Issues: Race, Class and Sexuality*, Third Edition by Nancy Mandell (editor), York University, 2001.

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Women's Studies. It raises questions about women and women's issues in Canada and examines women's experiences in the everyday world. Topics include feminist theory, the contemporary women's movement, lesbianism, work and women in the media.

Course Outline

September 3	Introduction to the field of Women's Studies and this course
September 10	Feminist Theory Readings: Introduction and Chapter 2
September 17	Differences Among Women Readings: Chapters 3 and 4
September 24	Beauty, Status and Aging Reading: Chapter 5
October 1	Pornography/Erotica and Images of Women in Popular Culture
October 8	Violence Against Women and Legal Issues Reading: Chapter 6
October 15	Religion Reading: Chapter 12
October 22	Mid Term Exam
October 29	Education Reading: Chapter 10
November 5	Work Reading: Chapter 9
November 12	Family Reading: Chapter 8

November 19	Motherhood and Reproduction
November 26	Health Reading: Chapter 11
December 3	Feminist Practice and the Women's Movement Readings: Chapters 1 and 7
December 10	presentations, term paper due, catch up and prep for final
December 17	Final Exam

Supplementary Readings will be given throughout the term

Grading

Weekly Issue Sheets	40%
Mid Term Exam	20%
Term Paper	20%
Presentation	10%
Class Participation / Attendance	10%

Further information will be available concerning weekly issue sheets, presentation, exams and term papers at a later date.

Attendance is mandatory for this course.