

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.77-96

## MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From D. R. BIRCH, CHAIRMAN

Subject NEW COURSE PROPOSALS - W.S. 001-3,  
W.S. 301-3

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDIES

Date SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

MOTION: "That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the new course proposals, as set forth in Paper S.77-96, for

W.S. 001-3 - Issues in Women's Health and Health  
Care

W.S. 301-3 - Special Topics on Women's Studies."

SCUS approved waiver of the time lag requirement in order that these courses may be offered in the Spring semester 78-1.



SCUS 77-20

Mr. H. M. Evans, Secretary,  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate  
Studies  
New Women's Studies Course  
Proposals, I.S.C. 77-19 & I.S.C. 77-20

Janet Blanchet, Administrative  
Assistant, Dean of  
Interdisciplinary Studies Office

July 6, 1977

Attached are proposals for:

I.S.C. 77 - 19, Issues in Women's Health and Health Care.

I.S.C. 77 - 20, Special Topics in Women's Studies.

The above noted course proposals have been approved by the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, June 28, 1977 for furtherance to S.C.U.S. Would it be possible to have these items placed on the agenda of the upcoming S.C.U.S. meeting?

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J. Blanchet

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Attachments

File copy.

ISC 77-19  
(Revised)

Women's Studies 001, Issues in Women's Health and Health Care, is designed to investigate health and health care as they affect the lives of women. Since physical well-being cannot be separated from health delivery systems, those topics in physiology and in institutions affecting health will be covered. Both physiology and the effect of Canadian medical, legal, religious and educational institutions on women's health care will be covered in the course. Physiology is covered more extensively in the first half of the course to give students the basic knowledge of women's health care needs and to help them evaluate the ways in which the health care services meet these needs or fail to meet them. As with all 00 offerings, this course is designed to present information on selected topics for students who may not wish to pursue a minor in Women's Studies. This course will not count toward credit for the Women's Studies minor.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

Department: Women's Studies

1. Calendar Information

Abbreviation Code: W.S. Course Number: 001 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-1-0

Title of Course: Issues in Women's Health and Health Care

Calendar Description of Course: This course focuses on health issues of greatest concern to women and their physiological, psychological and social aspects. These issues will be considered within the context of Canadian medical, legal, religious and educational institutions. Among the topics discussed will be reproductive physiology, birth control, rape and childbirth.

Nature of Course

Lecture/tutorial

Prerequisites (or special instructions):

This course will not count as lower division credit leading toward the Women's Studies minor. General introductory course oriented toward the non-minor student.

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved:

None

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? 1 or 2 semesters of each calendar year

Semester in which the course will first be offered? January, 1978

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible?

Meredith Kimball

3. Objectives of the Course

To offer a general interest service course for the student specifically interested in the problems of health and health care for women in Canadian society.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty Occasional Sessional Instructors

Staff None

Library None

Audio Visual None

Space None

Equipment None

5. Approval

Date: July 5, 1977

July 5 1977

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Meredith Kimball  
Department Chairman

J. W. Bolger  
Dean

D. R. Smith  
Chairman, SCUS

PROPOSED COURSE:     Issues in Women's Health and Health Care

This course focuses on health issues of greatest concern to women and their physiological, psychological and social aspects. These issues will be considered within the context of Canadian medical, legal, religious and educational institutions. Among the topics discussed will be reproductive physiology, birth control, rape and childbirth.

This course will not count toward credit for the Women's Studies minor.

TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED:

- Growing up - introduction to our physical selves and to institutions affecting our physical well-being.
- Anatomy and physiology of sexuality and reproduction.
- Sexuality.
- Birth control.
- Health care and venereal disease.
- Abortion.
- Rape and self-defence.
- To be or not to be a parent.
- Pregnancy.
- Childbirth.
- Postpartum.
- Menopause.
- Canadian medical institutions: hospitals, paramedical and free clinics, doctors. Hospital practices related to childbirth and abortion. Attitudes of physicians.
- Canadian legal institutions: abortion law reform, restrictions on dissemination of contraceptives and contraception information.
- Canadian religious institutions: their effect on abortion services and on contraception.
- Canadian educational institutions: grade school, junior high and highschools and sex education.
- Canadian drug industry: how much information about products is disseminated, testing procedures and relative safety, price and profit.

PROPOSED COURSE: Issues in Women's Health and Health Care, Page 2

REQUIRED READING:

Boston Women's Health Book Collective, Inc. Our Bodies, Ourselves. 2nd edition. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1976.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Montreal Health Press. Birth Control Handbook. 12th edition. Montreal, P.Q., 1976.

Cherniak, D., and A. Feingold. VD Handbook. Montreal: Montreal Health Press, 1975.

Demarest, R., and J. Sciarra. Conception, Birth, and Contraception. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1969.

Planned Parenthood of NYC. Abortion: A Woman's Guide (written by B.H.Gutcheon) New York: Abelard-Schuman, 1973.

Brownmiller, S. Against Our Will. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1975.

Herschberger, R. Adam's Rib. New York: Harper and Row, 1970 (paper).

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

A term project on one aspect of Canadian Health Care which will focus on some aspect from the second half of the course. The project will consist of 1) a written report, and 2) a presentation to the student's tutorial group.

There have been requests for advanced courses in Women's Studies by students who are not pursuing the minor programme. Since Women's Studies does not have the faculty resources to design a specific 300 level course, the selected topics course will provide a format to offer a 300 level course from time to time as faculty availability and interest permit. Although the course may be taken by anyone who has accumulated 60 credit hours, the minor student may take it for credit toward the minor programme.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

Department: Women's Studies

1. Calendar Information

Abbreviation Code: W.S. Course Number: 301 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-1-0

Title of Course: Special Topics in Women's Studies

Calendar Description of Course:

A specific topic within the field of Women's Studies; not otherwise covered in depth in regularly scheduled courses, will be dealt with as occasion and demand warrant.

Nature of Course Special Topics

Prerequisites (or special instructions): 60 credit hours

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved: None

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? 1 term per calendar year

Semester in which the course will first be offered? January, 1978

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? All present Women's Studies faculty, secondments from within Simon Fraser University.

3. Objectives of the Course

To take advantage of specialized areas of faculty expertise especially in the case of visiting faculty.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

- Faculty None
- Staff None
- Library None
- Audio Visual None
- Space None
- Equipment None

5. Approval

Date: June 28/77 June 28/77 13 Sept. 77

A. P. Libovitz  
Department Chairman

J. W. Bolvert  
Dean

D. B. Birch  
Chairman, SCUS

(Addition to W.S. 301-3, I.S.C. 77 - 20)

### Topics

Women's Studies 301 is designed to cover topics that will not require students to have a background in Women Studies. In contrast the W.S. 300 course is designed to cover topics that require students to have nine units in Women's Studies. Examples of possible W.S. 301 topics would include: Women and the Professions, or Feminist Utopias. Both of these topics deal with the role of women, but do not require specific knowledge covered in lower level Women's Studies courses. Examples of possible W.S. 300 topics include: Women and Psychoanalysis, or Regional Studies of Women in Canada. The Women and Psychoanalysis course would draw heavily from the material covered in W.S. 100, W.S. 200 and W.S. 203 including the historical analysis of the period around the development of psychoanalysis and the analysis of women's roles in contemporary societies. Regional Studies of Women in Canada would draw from the material in W.S. 100, W.S. 201, and W.S. 202 including the historical studies of Women in Canada and the analysis of women's status in Canadian society today.