Purpose of the Course
An examination of women’s changing economic roles. Includes an analysis of labour force participation, wage inequality, gender differences in education, intra-household distribution of resources, economics of reproduction, and how technological change affects women.

Tentative Outline
Approximately one week per topic.

A - INTRODUCTION

0 - Why a course on women in the economy?

• BFW. Chapter 1.

B - THE ECONOMICS OF THE FAMILY

1 - The family as an economic unit

• BFW. Chapter 3.

2 - The value of household production


3 - The economics of reproduction: boys and girls.


4 - Intra-household distribution of resources

5 - Changing family structure
- BFW. Chapters 13 and 14

C - LABOUR MARKET PARTICIPATION

6 - Labour market participation
- BFW. Chapters 5 and 6.

7 - Wages and occupations
- BFW. Chapter 7.

D - INEQUALITY IN THE LABOUR MARKET

8 - Human capital theory
- BFW. Chapters 8 and 9.

9 - Discrimination
- BFW. Chapters 10 and 11.

10 - Labour issues: Unemployment, unions and part-time jobs
- BFW, chapter 7.

E - INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

11 - Developed countries
- BWF. Chapter 16 from p. 355.
- BFW. Chapter 17 and 18.

12 - Developing countries
- BFW. Chapter 17 and 18.

13 - Economic development and gender differences