

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN**  
**ECON 221.3 (01)**  
**WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY**  
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**Text**

- F.D. Blau, M.A. Ferber and A.E. Winkler. *The Economics of Women, Men and Work*. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2014. (Referred in the outline as BFW)

**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**

- M. Waring. *If Women Counted: A New Feminist Economics*. New York: HarperCollins, 1988. Chapter 11. (On reserve at the Library.)
- B. Bergmann. *The Economic Emergence of Women*. New York: Basic Books, 1988. Chapter 9. (On reserve at the Library.)

**3 - The economics of reproduction: boys and girls.**

- G. Becker. *A Treatise on the Family*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1991. Chapter 5. (On reserve at the Library.)
- W.K. Bryant. *The Economic Organization of the Household*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1990. Chapter 7. (e-book through the Library.)

**4 - Intra-household distribution of resources**

- A. Sen. "Gender and Cooperative Conflicts" in I. Tinker (ed) *Persistent Inequalities*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990. (On reserve at the Library.)

## **5 - Changing family structure**

- BFW. Chapters 13 and 14
- S. McLanahan and G. Sandefur. *Growing up with a Single Parent: What Hurts, What Helps*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994. Chapters 1 and 8. (On reserve at the Library.)
- A. Milan, L-A. Keown and C. Robles. "Families, Living Arrangements and Unpaid Work" in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report*. Statistics Canada, 2012. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11387-eng.htm> <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11546-eng.htm>

## **C - LABOUR MARKET PARTICIPATION**

### **6 - Labour market participation**

- BFW. Chapters 5 and 6.
- V. Ferrao. "Paid work." in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report*. Statistics Canada, 2012. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11387-eng.htm>

### **7 - Wages and occupations**

- BFW. Chapter 7.
- C. Williams. "Economic Well-being." in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report*. Statistics Canada, 2012. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11388-eng.htm>

## **D - INEQUALITY IN THE LABOUR MARKET**

### **8 - Human capital theory**

- BFW. Chapters 8 and 9.
- M. Turcotte. "Women and Education." in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report*. Statistics Canada, 2012. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11542-eng.htm>

### **9 - Discrimination**

- BFW. Chapters 10 and 11.

### **10 - Labour issues: Unemployment, unions and part-time jobs**

- BFW, chapter 7.
- V. Ferrao. "Paid work." in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report*. Statistics Canada, 2012. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-503-x/2010001/article/11387-eng.htm>

## **E - INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS**

### **11 - Developed countries**

- BFW. Chapter 16 from p. 355.
- BFW. Chapter 17 and 18.

### **12 - Developing countries**

- BFW. Chapter 17 and 18.
- United Nations. *The World's Women 2010: Trends and Statistics*. New York: United Nations, 2001. Executive summary. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/Worldswomen/WW2010pub.htm>

### **13 - Economic development and gender differences**