

# WOMEN'S STUDIES AT RUSKIN COLLEGE



### Are you?

- Looking for a change of direction in your life?
- Wanting to study with a friendly group of mature students on residential workshops?
- Interested in women's lives and issues?
- Looking for a course that can fit in with your work or family responsibilities?

#### What do we offer?

- Part-time Certificate of Higher Education in Women's Studies (equivalent of the first year at university)
- MA in Women's Studies
- Short courses on topics of interest to women, such as women artists, assertiveness, women and the media, 'Naughty Girls' (Changing Women's Lives), and suffragettes.

To find out more about our short courses call 01865 554331

## What is the part-time Certificate of Higher Education in Women's Studies?

This course is studied part-time, over two years and is made up of six modules. Two residential workshops take place each term and the Certificate of Higher Education is equivalent to the first year at university. You will study changes in women's lives, in the family, workplace and trade unions. You will engage in debates about equality, education, sexuality, violence and more. You will also consider women in the arts and music. You will develop study skills, IT skills and you will be helped to research a small project in an area that interests you. You will be provided with lots of tutorial help and back-up support, including from other students.

# What financial help is available for the part-time Certificate of Higher Education in Women's Studies?

Financial support is available to pay for the residential workshops providing you have not previously had a grant for higher education. If you are on means tested benefits you will have your tuition fees paid. If not, you will need to apply through your local education authority to cover your fees. You may apply to the College's hardship fund in cases if difficulty.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Certificate of Higher Education in Women's Studies please contact Hannah Jones on 01865 517832, enquiries@ruskin.ac.uk or write to Admissions Officer, Ruskin College, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HE

For information on the MA in Women's Studies please see over leaf.



#### MA in Women's Studies

This course is currently offered on a part-time residential basis over two years. It focuses on contemporary women's issues, and aims for a strongly grounded interrelationship between theory and practice.

#### Who is it for?

This course is for women from a range of backgrounds - work, community, family - who can demonstrate ability to study at postgraduate level. For example, women with a first degree, women with professional or equivalent qualifications, women active in their trade unions (both lay and paid officials), women working in or active in community, voluntary or other organisations.

### What will you study?

- Contemporary Women's Studies (theoretical positions and feminist debates)
- Contemporary Women's Issues (e.g. Women, Work and Organisations; Sex, Gender and the Law; Women and the Family, Women and the State and so on)
- Praxis (researching women's lives, theory and practice)
- Dissertation

#### What are the aims of the MA Women's Studies?

- Providing the opportunity for women from a range of backgrounds, with a variety of educational, work and life experiences, to study the discipline most directly related to their lives
- Helping students develop increased personal confidence, empowerment and advanced knowledge and skills, in order to assist themselves and others to advance the material and political concerns of women in society
- Promote an increased understanding of diversity and differences in women's experiences in relation to matters of social class, ethnicity, sexuality, culture and belief systems, nationality, disability and age.

## What financial help is available for the part-time MA in Women's Studies?

Students are responsible for the payment of their tuition fees or for obtaining sponsorship or a scholarship on this course.

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