This course will introduce students to a wide range of research methodologies taking women as a central point of reference. The objectives of the course are:

I) a critique of methodological issues, including those used on social and natural sciences;

ii) to explore a wide range of feminist and non-feminist methodologies using examples and case studies;

iii) to illustrate how feminist research methods differ from traditional research practices; and

iv) to explain how to conduct research through interviewing and other procedures, including examination of ethical issues and guidelines.

**Required readings:**


In addition, a set of readings will be placed on reserve in the library.

**Recommended readings**


**Course requirements and Grading Structure:**

- Midterm exam (in-class; based on pre-announced questions) 30%
- Interview exercise/presentation (750 words; 3 pages) 20%
- Paper proposal (500 words; approximately 2 pages) 10%
- Research paper (approximately 2500 words; 10 pages) 25%
- Class attendance & participation 15%

**Prerequisites:**

WS 101 or WS 102. May be taken concurrently.