WS 208-3   Researching Women’s Issues: How do we do what we do?

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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 feminist critique of methodological issues, including those used in 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 Texts/Readings


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

Course Assignments and Evaluation

30%  Midterm exam (in-class; based on pre-announced questions)
20%  Written report & presentation (3 pages; 750 words maximum)
35%  Research paper (250 words per page; 10 pages)
15%  Class attendance and participation

Prerequisites:
WS 101 or WS 102 may be taken concurrently.

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