WS 800-5: Methodology in Women’s Studies Research

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In this seminar course, we will examine basic concepts, controversies, dilemmas and methods in Women’s Studies research. The course will explore a variety of approaches, with distinctive and implied methodology including defining feminist research, the quantitative/qualitative controversy, ethnography, survey, laboratory and field experimentation, research ethics and interviews, cross-cultural and case study, oral history, participant observation, statistical analysis, archival research and participatory action research.

In addition, the course will present an overview of academic life for women in Canada focusing particularly on strategies for submitting and revising papers, presenting at conferences, publishing, getting recommendations, applying to Ph.D. programs, job searching, etc.

Required readings:
    ISBN 0 19 507386-X
    Toronto: University of Toronto Press, ISBN 0 8020 7411 1

Additional readings will be placed on reserve in the library.

Course requirements and Grading Structure:
30% - One short paper and presentation (250 words per page: 5-6 pages)
15% - Discussion questions for classes
10% - Class attendance and participation
45% - Research paper and presentation (250 words per page: 16-18 pages)

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