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

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Thursday, 9:30-1:20 at Harbour Centre

This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the feminist debates about and application of methods social inquiry. Students will be expected to read sections from a text book on feminist methods, as well as two books that combine methodological debate and applied research. Class time will be split between lecture, discussion, and hands-on application of methods.

Required readings

Additional readings as assigned

Assignments and grading structure
Individual Project 1: a review of literature relevant to your research topic. Approx 15 pages. 30% of grade

Individual Project 2: draft of a research proposal (MA thesis, PhD diss, grant). 30% of grade and 10% for oral presentation of proposal

Group Project: design a group study that utilizes a range of methods, must include discussion of feminist rationale for project. 30% of grade

There are no exams for this course. Attendance will be essential to the completion of individual projects.

The Department of Women’s Studies encourages clarity of thought and expression and good writing. Students will be evaluated on these skills in all courses given by the Department.