WS 208-3 Feminist Research Methods

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces students to a wide range of research methods taking women as a central point of reference. It will explore a variety of feminist approaches, each with its distinctive and implied methodology, including doing feminist research, ethnography, oral history, cross-cultural and case study, the qualitative/quantitative controversy, survey, laboratory and field experimentation, community research, and research for social change. Through readings, films, discussion and assignments, students will learn how to conduct research that includes examination of ethical issues, research guidelines and the inclusion of difference.

REQUIRED TEXTS

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ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING STRUCTURE
One short written report and presentation 20%
(5-6 pages; approximately 250 words per page)

Participant observation exercise-written report and presentation 35%
(7-8 pages; approximately 250 words per page)

Take-home final exam 35%
(2 short essays out of 3 questions; 6 pages per essay)

Class attendance and participation 10%

PREREQUISITES
WS 101 or 102 (may be taken concurrently).

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