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. The course explores a variety of feminist approaches, each with its distinctive and implied methodology, including defining feminist research, the qualitative/quantitative controversy, ethnography, survey, laboratory and field experimentation, cross-cultural and case study, oral history, and research for social change. Through readings, discussion and assignments, students will learn how to conduct research for social change: planning a project, preparing the proposal, designing a research plan, identifying the research questions, considering ethical issues such as the SFU Research Ethics Guidelines, analysing and presenting data, and making research inclusive.

Course Texts


WS Custom Courseware 2008

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
One short paper 25%
(6-7 pages; approximately 250 words per page)

Research essay/presentation 30%
(9-10 pages; approximately 250 words per page)

Take-home final exam 35%
(2 short essays out of 3 questions; 5-6 pages per essay)

Class attendance and participation 10%

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