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 and Courseware:


WS Custom Courseware 2009

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
One short paper 25% (6-7 pages; approximately 250-300 words per page)
Research essay/presentation 30% (9-10 pages; approximately 250-300 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).
Note: To waive pre-requisite, kindly contact Dr. Habiba Zaman (hzaman@sfu.ca).