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/gender 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.

Required Readings:


GSWS Custom Courseware 2011

Assignments and Evaluation:
Two short papers 30%
(5-6 pages; approximately 250-300 words per page)

Research essay/presentation 30%
(9-10 pages; approximately 250-300 words per page)

Take-home final exam 30%
(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).
To waive prerequisite, please contact: Dr. Habiba Zaman (hzaman@sfu.ca).

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IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)