

Department: WS

Course number: WS 3265W [265]

Title: Research Methodology

Credits: 3

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(265W) First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: WS 1103 or WS 1104 or WS 1124 or HIST 1203; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800; Open only to majors. Majors are strongly urged to take this course as early as possible and before PHIL 3218.

Analyses of gender bias in research design and practice, problems of androcentric values, and over-generalization in research. Varieties of feminist research methods and their implications for the traditional disciplines. Student projects using different methodologies.

Course Information:

This course is designed to explore the theoretical underpinnings of diverse feminist methodologies, contemporary debates in the field, and ethical dilemmas faced by researchers using feminist research approaches as well as give you a guided experience in designing and conducting a feminist research project. This course has four primary goals: (1) to provide a broad introduction to theory and practice of feminist methodologies, (2) to improve your ability to identify the appropriate feminist methods for particular research questions; (3) to give you experience in the design and implementation of feminist research; and (4) to produce an original research paper. Given the diversity of methods that can be applied to a feminist research project we will concentrate on the following: institutional ethnography, participant observation, interviewing, narrative analysis, discourse analysis, content analysis, policy analysis, and activist research.