

## **WGS 312: Feminist Research Methods**

**-Online-**

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### **Course Description:**

Framework for thinking and learning about research in women's studies. The course provides an overview of the terminology and key concepts in feminist research methods. It begins with an examination of feminist critiques of traditional methods of research and conceptions of knowledge. The course then covers, among other things, work on standpoint theory, research methods in the natural and social sciences, ethical/political issues in research and the practice of cross-cultural research.

### **Course Objectives:**

In addition to familiarizing students with the central concepts and issues in feminist research methodologies, students will:

- Perform effective research in women's studies through a lens of feminist transdisciplinary methods
- Examine how feminist methodologies redefine traditional disciplinary methods and concepts through an attention to intersectionality and social categories such as gender, race, class, sexuality, and age
- Explore the problematic nature of traditional research methods and conceptions of knowledge
- Find, formulate, limit, and state a research problem using feminist methodologies
- Learn about research through the conducting of research itself
- Conduct critical literature reviews
- Select and combine appropriate research strategies and feminist methodologies to develop the skills to write a research length paper
- Reflect on feminist practices in research
- Examine non-Western paradigms of knowledge