ANTH 260
INTRO ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH

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Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces students to the various methods of enquiry and interpretation used in anthropological research. It focuses on the relationship between methodology and theory, ethics, research design, and qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis. Key debates about the status of anthropological knowledge and the conditions of its production and innovative directions in the development of anthropological research will be considered. This course is designed to help students improve their ability to;

• critically evaluate anthropological research
• select appropriate methods of data collection and analysis for addressing specific research questions
• reflect on the advantages and disadvantages of qualitative and quantitative methods
• understand the ethical and political implications of anthropological research

Skills Development

Students will gain valuable experience in anthropological research, critical analysis, ethnographic writing and use of referencing. Through practical exercises and participant observation experience, students will develop foundational skills for the collection, recording and analysis of anthropological data.