

# **ANTH 318: INTRODUCTION TO ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH METHODS**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course provides students the opportunity to learn and implement a range of ethnographic methods used in the field by cultural anthropologists. We will discuss methodology, theory, ethics, the impact of rapport and relationships in ethnographic research, the importance of reflexivity in ethnographic writing, and how the current pandemic affects fieldwork. For example, we will be examining some digital/virtual examples of ethnography. Whether online or not, each week will be some combination of activities, lectures, discussion, and workshops on ethnographic methods.

This course is a hands-on engagement with ethnography. By the end of the course, students will have written at least some parts of an original ethnography based on their experiences in implementing ethnographic methods in the field. As a project-based course, assignments and training in participant observation, fieldnotes, field reports, unstructured and semi-structured interviewing, ethnographic representation, computer-aided qualitative data analysis and ethnographic writing will all be directed towards their final original paper.