ANTH 402 A01
FEMINIST THEORY AND METHOD IN ANTHROPOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course explores the history, development, and contemporary theoretical and methodological debates in feminist anthropology or anthropologies and the contribution of feminist critiques to the development of the discipline and the practice of anthropology. The course seeks to put feminist theories and methods into practice in the classroom, in the community, and in the reconstruction of the discipline. The course takes primarily a seminar format. Following a few initial lectures by the instructor, you are expected to prepare for, participate in, and lead class discussion and debate of assigned readings.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

You should expect to gain knowledge of terminology, concepts, theories, ethical issues/standards, and cultural adeptness; to develop your skills in understanding (reading for ideas, listening for key ideas and claims, evaluating claims, synthesizing information, critically evaluating information, discerning context, process, and knowledge production); to practice knowledge application and research related skills (developing questions, integrative thinking, defining a problem, analyzing context, assessing evidence, designing a research proposal); and to improve your communication skills (oral communication and group discussion, writing to specifications, citation practices, summarizing and synthesizing information, structuring and forwarding an argument). Students are assessed primarily through written assignments and discussion questions.