

## Canadian Studies

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| Course          | CDNS 5002 F/ GEOG 5003 F<br>Interdisciplinary Methods/Critical Approaches to Qualitative Inquiry |
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT**

Students will learn to hone the critical skills necessary to conduct rigorous, ethical, qualitative research in the social sciences. They will develop a methodological approach that remains sensitive to the construction of knowledge in the research process and understand the merits and constraints associated with various qualitative methods (including surveys, semi-structured interviews, personal narratives, ethnography, focus groups, participant observation, archival research, visual methodologies, discourse analysis and participatory research).

Themes to be explored include: the relationship between power, knowledge, and discourse; theorization of identity, involving multiple axes of social differentiation (e.g., gender, race, class, etc.); relationship between theory and method; and adoption of mixed methods.

Students will learn to understand power dynamics in the research relationship, and to mitigate imbalances through strategies of reflexivity, situation, transparency, accountability and reciprocity. They will survey critical insights from the poststructural, postcolonial and feminist literature on qualitative methodologies.

### **EVALUATION**

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