SOCI 2810A/ANTH 2815A: Creative Social Science

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is aimed at imparting traditional social science research skills such as identifying issues, recognizing theories, and finding sources, through an accessible, non-traditional curriculum with low-stakes evaluation, interactive activities, and alternative audiovisual media.

The course is divided into three units. In the first unit, students are presented with an assorted selection of topics from everyday life, and are shown ways of viewing these everyday topics through the lens of social science. At the end of the first unit, each group of students is expected to settle on a topic of interest.

In the second unit, students will be given the opportunity to learn and explore how to do secondary research on a topic of interest, including how to choose sources, how to cite them, and how to distinguish issues from theories. At the end of the second unit, each group of students is expected to create an outline for their group project, based on the topic they chose and the sources they have found.

In the third unit, students are given the time to carry out their final group project. The format of the project will constitute a series of eight mini-exhibits.

Throughout the course, students will be expected to participate in group discussions and attend class regularly.

EVALUATION

Evaluation for the course will include a combination of participation, individual reflections, and group projects.

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