

Anthropology (ANTH) 390

Community-Based Research Methods (Revision 1)

Delivery Mode: Individualized Study Online [↗](#) or Grouped Study [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of Study: Arts, or Social Science

Prerequisites: ANTH 275 or introductory Sociology or Indigenous Studies course, or permission of the faculty.

Precluded: None

Challenge: ANTH 390 is not available for Challenge.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences [↗](#)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) [↗](#) for the current revision [✕](#)

➤ Overview

Overview

Anthropology 390: Community-Based Research Methods introduces the basic concepts, principles, and issues surrounding community-based research methods. You will gain some insight into the contrasts and complementarities between western and indigenous methodologies—how they differ, and what each brings to the whole picture. This course will introduce the concept of ethics in research so that you will be able to apply for ethics approval from an ethics committee as part of a community-based research project. The units of the Study Guide will direct you through the process of carrying out a small-scale research project, while exposing you to varying perspectives about the methodologies used in ethnographic research.

➤ Outline

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Unit 1: Introduction

Journal Entry 1

Unit 2: Finding a Topic and Doing Background Research

Journal Entry 2

Assignment 1: Research Proposal and Annotated Bibliography

Unit 3: Research Ethics

Journal Entry 3

Assignment 2: Ethics Application

Unit 4: Oral Traditions and Mapping

Journal Entry 4

Unit 5: Information Gathering

Journal Entry 5

Assignment 3: Edited Field Notes



Unit 6: Information Analysis

Journal Entry 6

Assignment 4: Database, Maps, Charts

Unit 7: Reporting

Journal Entry 7

Assignment 5: Research Paper or Report

Unit 8: Verification, Reflection, and Revision

Journal Entry 8

Assignment 6: Reflection and Revision

➤ Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

The objectives of this course are

- to demystify the research process;
- to build your confidence when choosing and executing appropriate methods for carrying out community-based research;
- to prepare you to successfully adhere to ethical guidelines;
- to expose you to varying perspectives on appropriate social science research methods;
- to enable you to acquire the skills to complete a community-based research project.


➤ Evaluation

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for ANTH 390, you must complete eight journal entries and six assignments and achieve a course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [↗](#). The weighting of the assignments for credit is as follows:


Activity	Weight	Complete by
Journal Entry 1	3%	Unit 1
Journal Entry 2	3%	Unit 2
Assignment 1: Research Proposal and Annotated Bibliography	10%	Unit 2
Journal Entry 3	3%	Unit 3
Assignment 2: Ethics Application	10%	Unit 3
Journal Entry 4	3%	Unit 4
Journal Entry 5	3%	Unit 5
Assignment 3: Edited Field Notes	10%	Unit 5
Journal Entry 6	3%	Unit 6
Assignment 4: Database, Maps, Charts	10%	Unit 6
Journal Entry 7	3%	Unit 7
Assignment 5: Research Paper or Report	26%	Unit 7
Journal Entry 8	3%	Unit 8
Assignment 6: Reflection and Revision	10%	Unit 8
Total	100%	





To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials


Materials

Kirby, Sandra, and Kate McKenna. 1989. *Experience research social change: Methods from the margins*. Toronto, ON: Garamond Press.  (Print)

Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. 1999. *Decolonizing methodologies: Research and indigenous peoples*. New York: Zed Books Ltd.  (Print)





Wilson, Shawn. 2008. *Research is ceremony: Indigenous research methods*. Black Point, NS: Fernwood Publishing.  (Print)

Other Materials

The course materials also include a student manual, a course information file, a study guide, reading and e-reading files and a video available from the [Athabasca University Library](#) .

Important Links

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- > [Program Planning](#) 
- > [Request Assistance](#) 
- > [Support Services](#) 



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