

SP.26.002 Women's Studies: A Radical Sketchbook Project

Overview

Women's Studies: A Radical Sketchbook Project is an IRB-approved, arts-based research study exploring how creative practice deepens learning in feminist and social justice education. Students in Women's and Gender Studies courses produce sketchbooks that combine art, reflection, and theory, culminating in a public exhibit at NAU's Cline Library. The intern will assist with research on student experiences, data entry and organization, and creative documentation of the project on public online platforms. This hybrid role bridges scholarly inquiry and community engagement by helping prepare exhibits, maintain archives, and contribute to public storytelling about feminist and decolonial pedagogy.

What the student will DO and LEARN

The intern will help document sketchbook exhibits, photograph and organize student work on the online platform, and assist with archiving and analysis of student reflections. They will learn basic qualitative and arts-based research methods, ethical data management, and community outreach practices. Under faculty mentorship, the intern will also develop communication and design skills by contributing to outreach materials, social media storytelling, and event planning. Through this work, the student will gain experience in research, public scholarship, and creative dissemination, skills valuable for academic, professional, and community contexts.

Additional Benefits

Beyond technical skills, the internship offers a holistic learning experience rooted in mentorship and collaboration. The student will participate in a creative, community-based research environment that values reflection, inclusion, and feminist ethics. They will gain insight into how academic research can connect with public audiences and build confidence in presenting ideas through multiple mediums, writing, visual art, and digital storytelling. Opportunities for co-authorship, public presentation, and professional networking will prepare the intern for future research, graduate study, or nonprofit and education careers.

Additional Qualifications

Ideal candidates are curious, detail-oriented, and open to learning new tools. Basic experience with writing, organization, or visual media (Canva, photography, or social platforms) is helpful but not required. An interest in feminism, art, education, or community engagement will support success in the role.

Time Commitment

5hrs/weeks for 30weeks