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## **Methods of Social Justice**

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To learn about the history and experiences of a marginalized community, it is critical to consider primary sources and research that exist outside dominant archives and materials. This course will explore methods in social justice, through the study of ethnography and methods of oral history. Students will learn the depth and complexities of sociocultural phenomena by examining the lived experiences of social activists and communities of color. Personalized narratives of experience, cherished and not so cherished memories are essential to creating a well-rounded account or understanding. In this course, students will learn of the various advantages of ethnographic research, best practices of recording oral interviews, and the importance of archiving materials. Assignments will consist of reading ethnographies (activist accounts of struggle and hope), weekly discussion boards, oral history listening exercises and short reflection papers. The final project will consist of conducting a personal interview, then writing an essay or producing other creative work.