Course description
This course is designed to give students first-hand experience with the process of designing and conducting qualitative ethnographic field research. Based here in Maine to ensure broad and affordable participation, the course will enable students to contribute to a research project “Exploring Maine’s Culture of Reuse.” Through the process, students will gain experience with research design, human subjects review, sampling methodologies, and a wide array of ethnographic research techniques including participant observation, interviews, oral histories and semi-structured questionnaires. Students will also get an introduction to digital ethnography, qualitative data analysis and data management strategies.

Course meeting times and locations
M/W/F 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 232 S Stevens Hall
T/R 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Day trips off campus
May 22–24, Extended off-campus field research

Course numbers
ANT 490, MES 498, MES 520

Course fee
$413 + 3 credits tuition. On-campus housing available but not included in fee: umaine.edu/housing/summer-housing.

Apply online (deadline April 1)
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