

DEPARTMENT:	
TERM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FALL 2020
PROFESSOR:	Julie Laplante
RESEARCH TITLE:	Space and viralities
NUMBER OF STUDENT:	1 or 2
LANGUAGE:	English
ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to explore theoretical and methodological approaches in studying space and viralities in anthropology. The recent turn towards the more-than-human in anthropology brings attention to other kinds of life and shared mediums. The research project will be to pay attention to the ways the new viral presence transforms space and ways of inhabiting within it. Through fieldwork in proximity in the city of Ottawa, the student will design a research project that will serve to both apply for grants (OGS and SSHRC) as well as prepare the work for publication in an undergraduate peer reviewed journal. A critical essay of Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus* (1987) will serve as a theoretical approach upon which to select other anthropological texts that either align with or critique this approach, together with other recent works in anthropology attempting to make sense of how the pandemic is transforming intimate relations.

KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Critical, analytical and synthesis skills. Learning fieldwork methodologies. Preparedness for the MA.