



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS

INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES

COURSE OUTLINE

INDG 305 L01 and L02 Indigenous Ways of Knowing II

Winter/2020

Block Week M-F 9:00- 4:00

SB105

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Course description: This course introduces students to concepts of Indigenous traditional knowledge, worldview and epistemology through witnessing Elder teachings, insights from Indigenous scholars and experiences of Indigenous community members. This course begins with a review of knowledge creation and ways of knowing and then explores the value, importance and uniqueness of Indigenous ways of knowing and pedagogy. The course will examine the constructs of Indigeneity and how they are informed by relationship, collective responsibility, reciprocity, respect, spirituality and identity.

Indigenous knowledge is relational and participatory; thus, the general structuring of the class and the assignments will reflect this perspective. Students will be required to explore Indigenous epistemology through engaging and participating in a process that reflects Indigenous ways of building knowledge.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss diverse Indigenous philosophies and ways of knowing and being
- Define key concepts related to Indigenous ways of knowing
- Examine required readings and engage collaboratively with peers in sharing circles and discussions
- To develop in the student an understanding of colonialism, and the diverse and enduring impacts upon Indigenous people, and the legacy of the colonial relationship.
- To expand understanding of the concepts of Indigenous de-colonization
- To expand understanding of the concepts of Indigeneity
- Apply emerging understanding of protocols in seeking and maintaining Indigenous knowledge

Prerequisite(s)

- One of Social Work 201, Indigenous Studies 203, Social Work 203, Indigenous Studies 303, Social Work 553.30, Social Work 553.33 or admission to the BSW Post Diploma.

Antirequisite(s)

- Credit for Indigenous Studies 305 and any of Indigenous Studies 205, Social Work 205, Social Work 553.31 or Social Work 553.34 will not be allowed.

Instruction methods include: short lectures, videos, class discussions and presentations by guest lecturers. The lectures provide the basic course material. The course syllabus and schedule may be altered throughout the week to accommodate emerging issues and events.

TEXTBOOK AND ASSIGNED READINGS - No text is required for this course. Instead, readings and links will be posted on D2L.

Communication- I will respond to emails within 48 hours but not on weekends or holidays.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

Reflective Writing: 20% each – total 40% - January 8 and January 29

The student will complete 2 reflection essays (20 % each) related to course readings and lecture concepts. The essays will consist of 8 pages double spaced that will demonstrate reflection and application of class concepts. The reflective writing should represent an issue of the student's choice from the course reading, films, and discussions. The work should refer to these and must demonstrate analytical thought on the part of the author.

In other words, take an issue and discuss it in depth; do not simply write up a summary of the readings or class discussion.

The concept of "Indigenous Knowledge" is complex and it is important to consider these concepts carefully via Critical Thinking. Critical Thinking involves the 'thinking about', and the 'questioning of' knowledge presented, versus the mere 'acceptance' of knowledge presented. The process of Critical Thinking is much more in line with Indigenous Knowledge as I encourage students to think for themselves and to engage in deep reflection.

All sources that you use should be properly cited. Although these are short papers, please do not regard them as informal. They should have proper grammar and essay structure, including an introduction, discussion/argument and conclusion. Citation format APA or MLA

Please **submit** the papers via the **dropbox** in the course's D2L site.

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Final Essay: 40% Due – March 16

You are responsible for a 12-page research paper that critically analyzes and examines a historical and/or contemporary issue/topic that is related to Indigenous peoples and explores the impact on their “Ways of Knowing and Being” (e.g. colonization, education, social justice, research). Please ensure that your topic incorporates the course objectives. Reference materials should be incorporated into the paper utilizing APA or MLA format. The paper requires at least 10 references which must be from academic sources.

Please **submit a digital copy** of the paper via the **dropbox** in the course’s D2L site.

You will need to discuss your paper with me by **January 20**

Class Participation – 20 % - 5 days x 4%=20%

Participation is deemed as attendance, class discussion and active participation in group learning. This course will be highly interactive and will include various opportunities for active engagement during each class session, including organized discussions, debates, small group work, etc. Your participation will be graded based on the consistency and thoughtfulness of your contributions, and on your alert and respectful interaction with others in the class.

Writing Statement:

Written assignments are often required in Indigenous Studies courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be considered in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>

No Registrar scheduled exam

Late penalties:

Assignments submitted after the deadline will be penalized with the loss of 3 marks for each business day [not class] that the assignment is overdue. For example, an essay that receives an 18/20 will receive a 15/20 if one day late. Please contact me ahead of time if possible if you will not be attending class or submitting work late.

Grading system:

The International Indigenous Studies Program uses the percentage conversion scale below. Your final grade will be converted to the University's official 4-point scale at the end of term. The interpretation of the undergraduate university grading system can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1.html>.

A+	96-100
A	90-95.99
A -	85-89.99
B+	80-84.99
B	75-79.99
B-	70-74.99
C+	65-69.99
C	60-64.99
C-	55-59.99
D+	53-54.99
D	50-52.99
F	0-49.99

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The A+ grade is assigned rarely, and only for work that exceeds expectations in style, intellectual depth and breadth, sophistication, creativity and originality.

INDG IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration

As stated in the University Calendar:

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note.

Students can make a Statutory Declaration as their supporting documentation (available at ucalgary.ca/registrar). This requires students to make a declaration in the presence of a

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Commissioner for Oaths. It demonstrates the importance of honest and accurate information provided and is a legally binding declaration. Several registered Commissioners for Oaths are available to students at no charge, on campus. For a list of locations to access a Commissioners for Oaths, visit [ucalgary.ca/registrar](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar)).

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

This statement is accessible at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

Please note that while the form of supporting documentation provided is at the discretion of the student, the instructor has the discretion not to accept the supporting documentation if it does not corroborate the reason(s) given for the exemption/special request.

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Copyright Legislation:

As stated in the University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, “students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright and requirements of the copyright act to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.”

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf> and <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students’ Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Tower Room 116.

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Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives
Phone: 403-220-6551
Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

Graduate Students' Association
Phone: 403-220-5997
Email: askgsa@ucalgary.ca
URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman
Phone: 403-220-6420
Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Campus Mental Health Resources:

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the:

Student Wellness Services (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre)
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellness-services/services/mental-health-services>

and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website:
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth>

Facebook Group for Indigenous Studies Program
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UC.IIST/>

INDG Program Website
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/indg/>

Writing Symbols Lodge (Native Centre) Website
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/nativecentre>