



**COURSE NUMBER:** ANTH 100

**CREDITS:** 3

**COURSE TITLE:** Selected Topics in Indigenous Studies

**PREREQUISITES:** None

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**Total Hours: 39**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course provides an introduction to Coast Salish communities and explores specific topics which deal with Indigenous studies, ranging from: how people relate to the world around them; the physical and spiritual continuum; the all my relations' epistemologies; the power of story; ethnobiological knowledge; Indigenous peoples uses of plants for food, medicine, and technology. We will explore ethnographic metaphors such as 'the earth's blanket' to make connections to Indigenous pedagogy and story. Through this course, students will come to know the rich diversity of Indigenous peoples in British Columbia. Students will engage with course material through oral history and tradition, cultural heritage, artwork, comparative readings, film, and seminars. The class will incorporate field trips for place-based learning experiences. Course topics will vary from term to term depending on student interest and will be examined from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Understand how cosmology and world view shape perceptions of the environment
- Define the nature of Indigenous knowledge and its similarities to and differences from contemporary science
- Understand the relationship to the environment that characterize different human societies
- Understand how Indigenous groups relate to the world around them
- Gain an understanding of the significance of plants for foods, medicine and technology among Indigenous groups.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Week 1	Indigenous Peoples and Land Connections / Acknowledging Traditional Territory
Week 2	'All my Relations' Epistemology / Nuu-chah-nulth world view
Week 3	TEK and Contemporary Science



Week 4	TEK / Indigenous Pedagogies <b>Submit Article Review (instructions in syllabus)</b> Students choose topics for semester-end discussion
Week 5	Plants as Technology / Field Trip to UBC
Week 6	Novel Discussion - Themes / Connections <b>Midterm</b>
Week 7	What is the Nature of Nature?
Week 8	Plants as Medicines / Traditional Healing Field Trip: The Stó:lō Ethnobotanical Garden <b>Submit Book Review</b>
Week 9	What knowledge is lost when a language is lost?
Week 10	Animals and Worldview Film Review
Week 11	<b>Submit Film Response</b>
Week 12	Contemporary Land Issues / <i>Delgamuukw</i> Field Trip / Student-led discussion
Week 13	Wrap-up / Questions for further study <b>Final Exam</b>