

Last Revised: January 1, 2022

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Selected Topics in Indigenous Studies

Course Number: ANTH 100

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer) **Total Hours:** 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall **Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

Pre-requisites (if there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to Coast Salish and Indigenous communities in British Columbia, Canada, and beyond. We will explore various topics ranging from: language; ceremonies such as the potlatch; all my relations’ pedagogy; the power of story; ethnohistorical knowledge; as well as historical events that have influenced these topics. Through this course, students will come to know the rich diversity of Indigenous peoples in British Columbia and engage with course material through lectures, comparative readings, and film. Course topics will be examined from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives. Each week will focus on specific topics or concepts, and the course will involve a series of online discussions and activities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify themes in First Nations stories and compare worldviews between First Nations groups
- Engage in class discussions on various topics ranging from ceremony to language
- Synthesize Indigenous perspectives on spirituality
- Read assigned material and appropriately express the impact of First Nations’ story and pedagogy
- Make meaningful connections between various ethnographic metaphors
- Uniquely deliver an oral presentation without gaps

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (specify):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: % <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: 35% <i>Weekly assessments completed throughout the semester.</i>	Midterm Exams: 20%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: 20% <i>Specify: Reflective Journals</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Turner, Nancy. *The Earth's Blanket*. Douglas & McIntyre, Vancouver, 2005.
Weekly additional readings will be provided by your instructor.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to Indigenous Studies
Week 2	First Nations, The Metis, The Inuit,
Week 3	Origin Stories
Week 4	The Power of Story
Week 5	Severing Cultural Transmission: Residential Schools
Week 6	Midterm
Week 7	Plants, Shamans, Spirituality
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Week 9	Language Diversity
Week 10	Potlatch and Ceremony
Week 11	Reflection Assignment

Week 12	All my Relations
Week 13	Study Week
Week 14	Final Exam

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca