

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERESITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS LEARNING**

**1310 - Method and Approaches Applied  
to Indigenous Learning**

**2009 Fall Session**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**This course is intended to offer students a foundation for the interpretation of the issues associated with the process of Indigenous Learning as well as an understanding of the methodology necessary to the pursuit of Indigenous Learning. While the course provides an interdisciplinary approach to the subject matter, borrowing readily from disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology and history, it focuses more specifically on the use of oral tradition, art and/or material culture as the means of acquiring a well rounded understanding of Indigenous Learning.**

**READING ASSIGNMENTS**

**Although there is no assigned textbook for the course, when a specific reading is assigned, students are expected to complete the reading assignment.**

**WORKSHOPS**

**Approximately forty-five minutes of the Thursday classroom period will be devoted to workshop activity. Students are expected to attend each and every workshop session and to be willing participants in the workshop activity. Students are responsible for preparing and submitting a one page summary report of the workshop activity. The summary reports will highlight both the strengths and the weaknesses of the activity pursued.**

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESEARCH PROJECT**

**Students will select a topic from the Research Topic List and will prepare and submit a ten item annotated bibliography of source material relevant to the selected topic. Students are encouraged to consider a variety of source materials, ranging from journal articles to oral knowledge, in the preparation of the annotated bibliography. The Bibliographic Research Project is due Thursday, October 2, 2009. Late Bibliographic Research Projects will not be accepted.**

### **ORAL RESEARCH PROJECT**

Utilizing the equipment supplied by the Department of Indigenous Learning, students will undertake an Oral Research Project. As part of the Project, students will select an informant, prepare an interview schedule, conduct an interview, write a summary transcript and a subject heading catalogue and submit their findings by Thursday, November 5, 2009. Late Oral Research Projects will not be accepted.

### **FINAL EXAMINATION**

A final examination of approximately two hours duration is scheduled for the end of the term.

### **EVALUATION**

<b>Workshop Summaries</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Workshop Participation</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Bibliographic Research Project</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Oral Research Project</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Final Examination</b>	<b><u>30%</u></b>
	<b>100%</b>

### **OUTLINE**

**Week I** - September 7 - September 11

**Lecture** - Introduction

**Workshop** - Introduction

**Week II** - September 14 - September 18

**Lecture** - Resources and Resource Recognition

**Workshop** - Local Resources

**Week III** - September 21 - September 25

**Lecture** - Language

**Workshop** - The Use of Language

**Week IV** - September 28 - October 2

**Lecture** - The Spoken Word

**Workshop** - The Oral Tradition

- Week V** - October 5 - October 9  
**Lecture** - The Story/Legend  
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- Week VI** - October 12 - October 16  
**Lecture** - The Non-Written Tradition  
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- Week VII** - October 19 - October 23  
**Lecture** - Traditional Knowledge  
**Workshop** - TEK
- Week VIII** - October 26 - October 30  
**Lecture** - Material Culture  
**Workshop** - Material Culture
- Week IX** - November 2 - November 6  
**Lecture** - Cultures in Conflict  
**Workshop** - What is Appropriate ?
- Week X** - November 9 - November 13  
**Lecture** - A Scholarly Understanding  
**Workshop** - Rethinking the Book
- Week XI** - November 16 - November 20  
**Lecture** - Government Generated Resources  
**Workshop** - Census Materials
- Week XII** - November 23 - November 27  
**Lecture** - Media  
**Workshop** - Reading the News
- Week XIII** - November 30 - December 4  
**Lecture** - Review

## **RESEARCH TOPICS**

**Midewin**  
**Health-care**  
**Housing**  
**Economic Development**  
**Land Claims**  
**Sun Dance**  
**Family**  
**Community Relocation**  
**Education**  
**Justice**  
**Indian Act**  
**First Nations Women**  
**First Nations Political Organizations**  
**Pow-wow**  
**Self-government**  
**Hydro**  
**Trapping**  
**Hunting**  
**Fishing**  
**Forestry**  
**Potlatch**