

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS LEARNING**

**1310 - Method and Approaches Applied to Indigenous Learning  
2007 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, September 27, 2007.

**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 1, 2007.

**FINAL EXAMINATION**

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

**EVALUATION**

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

## OUTLINE

- Week I** - September 3 - September 7  
Lecture - Introduction  
Workshop - Introduction
- Week II** - September 10 - September 14  
Lecture - Resources and Resource Recognition  
Workshop - Local Resources
- Week III** - September 17 - September 21  
Lecture - Language  
Workshop - The Use of Language
- Week IV** - September 24 - September 28  
Lecture - The Spoken Word  
Workshop - The Oral Tradition
- Week V** - October 1 - October 5  
Lecture - The Story/Legend  
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- Week VI** - October 8 - October 12  
Lecture - The Non-Written Tradition  
Workshop - The Non-Written Tradition
- Week VII** - October 15 - October 19  
Lecture - Traditional Knowledge  
Workshop - TEK
- Week VIII** - October 22 - October 26  
Lecture - Material Culture  
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- Week IX** - October 29 - November 2  
Lecture - Cultures in Conflict  
Workshop - What is Appropriate ?
- Week X** - November 5 - November 9  
Lecture - A Scholarly Understanding

## **Workshop - Rethinking the Book**

**Week XI** - November 12 - November 16

**Lecture** - Government Generated Resources

**Workshop** - Census Materials

**Week XII** - November 19 - November 23

**Lecture** - Media

**Workshop** - Reading the News

**Week XIII** - November 26 - November 30

**Lecture** - Review

## **RESEARCH TOPICS**

**Midewin**

**Health-care**

**Housing**

**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**