COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a combination lecture/discussion course which offers students an overview of the urban experience of First Nations Peoples in Canada. Although the discussion will primarily focus on the twentieth century urban community, course content will provide for an understanding of the traditions of community - both in terms of the First Nations community as well as the process of urbanization. Themes considered will range from gender relations to decision making in the urban community. Specific topics of discussion will include housing, employment, health-care, education and recreational opportunities.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Although there is no assigned textbook for the course, students are expected to selectively peruse material from the recommended book list.

CRITIQUE

Working exclusively with the Urban Aboriginal Task Force’s Thunder Bay Final Report, students will write a 1,500 word critique of the “community research project”. Reviewing not only the Report’s findings but also the goals and objectives of the undertaking, the methodology used in preparing the Report as well as the potential outcomes of the project, students will provide a critical (both positive and negative) assessment of the Thunder Bay Final Report. Critiques are due Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

URBAN RESEARCH PROJECT

The Urban Research Project is a class project which will provide students with the opportunity to develop a framework understanding of Native Peoples in the Urban Community. Focussing specifically on the community of Thunder Bay, students will identify the urban issues of relevance to the First Nations population, collect the data/information necessary to develop a well rounded understanding of the issues and, collectively bring the information together in a snapshot overview of Thunder Bay. Part A of the Urban Research Project is due Wednesday, November 14, 2007 and Part B, Wednesday, November 21, 2007.

FINAL EXAMINATION

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

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OUTLINE

**Week I** - September 3 - September 7
Lecture: The Tradition of Community

**Week II** - September 10 - September 14
Lecture: Urbanization

**Week III** - September 17 - September 21
Lecture: Canada's Urban Community
Week IV - September 24 - September 28  
Lecture: Peopling the Urban Place

Week V - October 1 - October 5  
Lecture: Becoming Urban

Week VI - October 8 - October 12  
Lecture: Social Exclusion

Week VII - October 15 - October 19  
Lecture: Urban Issues

Week VIII - October 22 - October 26  
Lecture: Urban Services

Week IX - October 29 - November 2  
Lecture: Housing

Week X - November 5 - November 9  
Lecture: Employment

Week XI - November 12 - November 16  
Lecture: Decision Making

Week XII - November 19 - November 23  
Lecture: Community Development

Week XIII - November 26 - November 30  
Lecture: Review

RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

D. Anderson, et. al. The Dynamics of Government Programs for Urban Indians

F. Laurie Baron and J. Garcea (eds), Urban Indian Reserves

R. Breton and G. Grant, Analysis of Government Programs and Policies Relating to Urban Natives

G. Akian, Urban Institutions and People of Indian Ancestry

H. Brody, Indians on Skid Row

C. Buswa and G. Kenny, A Path to City Living for Anishnawbe People

L. Clarkson et al Our Responsibility to the Seventh Generation

S. Clatworthy, The Demographic Composition and Economic Circumstances of Winnipeg's Native Population

J. Gunn, Economic Circumstances of Native People in Selected Metropolitan Centres

J. Hull, Native Economic Conditions in Regina and Saskatoon, Native Housing Conditions in Winnipeg, Patterns of Native Employment in the Winnipeg Labour Market

E. Dosman, Indians: The Urban Dilemma

J.S. Frideres, Native Peoples in Canada

G. Grant, The Concrete Reserve

J. Guillemin, Urban Renegades

M. Gurstein, Urbanization and Indian People
J. Kerri, Unwillling Urbanites
L. Krotz, Urban Indians
F. Maidman, Native People in Urban Settings
M. Nagler, Indians in the City
D. Newhouse and E. Peters (eds), *Not Strangers in these Parts*
Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, *Aboriginal Peoples in Urban Centres*
J. Ryan, Wall of Words: The Betrayal of the Urban Indian
J.C. Simon et. al., *A Culturally Sensitive Approach to Planning and Design With Native Canadians*
W.T. Stanbury, Success and Failure
C. Taylor, Urban Native People
J. Waddell and O. Watson, *The American Indian in Urban Society*
G. Walsh, *Indians in Transition*