

**Lakehead University**  
**Department of Indigenous Learning**  
**September 2006**

**INDIGENOUS LEARNING 3501 (INDI-3501-YA)**

**NATIVE NARRATIVES, MYTHS, LEGENDS, AND CEREMONIES**

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

<b>Prerequisite:</b>	Indigenous Learning 2805 or permission of the Department.
<b>Course Description:</b>	A variety of Native narratives, myths, legends and ceremonies are surveyed in this course using and developing methodologies both of current scholarship and Native traditions.
<b>Course Times:</b>	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am-10:00 am (September 7, 2006 to April 3, 2007)
<b>Course Location:</b>	Ryan Building 3044
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**COURSE OBJECTIVES / LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- 1) Provide some understanding of the role of narratives, myths, and legends in Aboriginal cultures.
- 2) Synthesize information by exploring the depth and value of narratives, myths, and legends in Aboriginal societies
- 3) Make predictions by examining the content and scope of the teachings of the narratives, myths, and legends for the Aboriginal cultures of today.
- 4) Solve problems by exploring and understanding some of the ceremonies of Aboriginal people.
- 5) Understand and appreciate the sacredness of a ceremony and its place in Aboriginal societies both past and present.

**COURSE CONTENT**

Workshops, lectures, student-run seminars, guest speakers.

## **COURSE TEXTS**

Selected and placed on reserve in the Lakehead University Library.

## **COURSE EVALUATION**

1)	Student Seminars	20%	(10% report / 10% presentation)
2)	Mid-Term Exam	15%	(based on reading assignments)
3)	Research paper	30%	(Due last day of class)
4)	Final Exam	15%	(based on reading assignments)
5)	Attendance / Participation	10%	
6)	Weekly Journals	10%	(Ten Journals @ 1%)

### **Policy on Due Dates for Late Assignments:**

It is the student's responsibility to submit their assignments *in class* on or before the due date. One mark will be taken off for each day an assignment is late. Exceptions will be made for health or compassionate reasons. In the first case, a signed medical certificate must be submitted. Any problems students may have with due dates must be brought to the instructor's attention *before* the respective date. If students have to miss an assignment for health reasons, then they must provide a doctor's note.

## **SEMINAR TOPICS LIST:**

- 1) Northwest Coast: Potlatch Ceremonies
- 2) Great Plains: Sun Dance Ceremonies
- 3) Sweat Lodge Ceremonies Across Turtle Island
- 4) Powwow Ceremonies Across Turtle Island
- 5) Traditional Anishnabe Myths, Legends and Stories
- 6) The Use of Traditional Medicines Past, Present, and Future
- 7) The Midewewin and Other Medicine Societies
- 8) The Vision Quest Ceremony
- 9) Tobacco Usage in Aboriginal Ceremonies and Societies
- 10) Ceremonial Protocols and Procedures: Similarities and Differences

**NOTE: Other topics may be developed upon consultation, and with the approval of the course instructor.**

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Section IX of the Lakehead University Regulations. See Course Calendar p43 or <http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregslXacdishon.html>

The University takes a most serious view of offences against academic honesty such as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation. Penalties for dealing with such offences will be strictly enforced.

A copy of the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" including sections on plagiarism and other forms of misconduct may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

The following rules shall govern the treatment of candidates who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly.

(a) The minimum penalty for a candidate found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.

(b) A candidate found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

Note: "Plagiarism" shall be deemed to include:

1. Plagiarism of ideas as where an idea of an author or speaker is incorporated into the body of an assignment as though it were the writer's idea, i.e. no credit is given the person through referencing or footnoting or endnoting.
2. Plagiarism of words occurs when phrases, sentences, tables or illustrations of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a writer's own, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on the format followed) are present but referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
3. Plagiarism of ideas and words as where words and an idea(s) of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a written assignment as though they were the writer's own words and ideas, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on format followed) are present and no referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.