

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS LEARNING

4111 - Honours Project I

2016 Fall Session

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a half credit course that is offered as the first half of a two part, honours research course. As a research course, this course will provide students with both the skills and the background necessary for thesis preparation and writing. The course, which is intended to provide students with an independent learning experience, encourages students to select a research topic of interest and to work closely with a Faculty member of their choosing in the development of that research topic. The major portion of the workload is directed at the preparation of a combined annotated bibliography - thesis proposal. This document which will go on file in the Departmental office, will not only provide an extensive review of research materials relevant to the thesis topic but it will also articulate a clear statement of research objectives, methods and activities.

**DISCUSSION**

Students are expected to meet four times during the term to discuss Thesis Proposal progress (please see Discussion Schedule). All students are expected to attend discussion class and to be willing participants in the discussion.

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Students will prepare and submit an extensive, annotated bibliography of source material relevant to the thesis topic. Students are expected to consider a variety of source materials, ranging from journal articles to oral knowledge in the preparation of the Annotated Bibliography. The Annotated Bibliography is due **Thursday, November 24, 2016** and will be submitted as an attachment to the Thesis Proposal document.

**THESIS PROPOSAL**

The Thesis Proposal will provide a concise, articulate overview of the thesis research project. As such, the proposal will not only define the topic of research but it will also outline the objectives, methodology, research activities and the anticipated outcome of the research project as well as provide for an in depth discussion of topic discourse. The Thesis Proposal is due Thursday, November 24, 2016.

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**THESIS PROPOSAL PRESENTATION**

During the second week of December 2016, students will participate in a Thesis Proposal Presentation session. During this session, all students will orally present their thesis proposal to the university community. The oral presentation will provide an introduction to the topic, an overview of the literature and or resources relevant to the discussion of the topic, a summary of thesis objectives, insight into the methodology that will be pursued, an account of proposed research activities and what might be considered, anticipated outcomes of the research project. Students will also be expected to respond to questions and to engage with those in attendance in a discussion of the topic.

**EVALUATION**

Discussion	10%
Annotated Bibliography	30%
Thesis Proposal	40%
Thesis Proposal Presentation	<u>20%</u>
	100%

**DISCUSSION SCHEDULE**

Thursday, September 8

Thursday, September 29

Thursday, October 27

Thursday, November 17

Thesis  
Confirmation Form

Please complete the following and submit one copy to the Chair of the Department of Indigenous Learning, one copy to your Supervisor and keep one copy for your files.

Course: INDI 4111

Term: Fall, 2016

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_