

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
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ANTH*2660: Contemporary Indigenous Peoples in Canada

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Class Times and Location: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:20 in MCLN 102

Calendar Description: An analysis of the impact of Euro-Canadian society on Native culture. Particular emphasis will be given to contemporary issues relating to Canadian Native peoples (Indians, Inuit and Metis) such as education, treaties and reserves, land claims, government administration and economic development.

Course Description: Ethno-historical and cultural perspectives on the social, economic and political situation of Canada's First Nations. This course will provide an overview of a wide variety of issues facing First Nations today. The history of European contact, settlement, treaties, reserves and Indian Act legislation will first be reviewed to provide students with an understanding of the social and historical conditions that have brought about the present state of affairs. As the term progresses, current social, political, legal, land, human rights, community (and other current issues) will be discussed as outlined in the schedule of weekly readings. Lecture content will be delivered as live lectures unless health conditions deteriorate and the University ceases to offer live lectures.

Evaluation: Your grade will be based on four requirements: a midterm exam, a short research paper, online discussion group participation and a final exam. The research paper will be an exploration of a particular relevant issue of your choice. Details of the paper requirements will be outlined in a separate document on CourseLink.

Midterm	30%
Research Assignment	25%
Final Exam	35%
Participation in online discussion groups.	10%

Required Reading: Visions of the Heart: Issues Involving Indigenous Peoples in Canada
5th Edition 2020
Edited by Gina Starblanket, David Long and the late Olive Patricia Dickason
Oxford University Press
ISBN: 0199033447

Additional Reading: Topically relevant reading materials will periodically be placed on library reserve.

CourseLink: All class documents, web links, discussion groups and grades will be managed through CourseLink. A detailed, week by week course outline will be available when the semester begins.