



NDW 4M
Native Studies:
Issues of Indigenous Peoples
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Course Description

This course provides students with an overview of the issues and challenges that confront indigenous Peoples worldwide. Students will develop an understanding of the concerns and aspirations of the world's indigenous population, plan and conduct research on local, national and global issues that have an impact on indigenous peoples, and learn about views of indigenous peoples throughout the world.

UNIT 1: Image & Identity (2 weeks)

- Who are indigenous people?
- What perceptions exist of indigenous people? And where do these perceptions come from?

Students will study articles, films, and images as an introduction to the course

UNIT 2: Local Context (4 weeks)

- Who are the indigenous people in our area? How did they live before contact? Now?

Students will research the local nation and present their findings, and explore various media to learn further information about the local nation

UNIT 3: Global Comparisons (ongoing)

- Where do other indigenous people live? How did they live, and how do they live now?

Students will research a global indigenous group and present their findings, as well as compare the experiences of their group with that of other indigenous groups

UNIT 4: National Relationships and Events (5 weeks)

- What is the history between indigenous people and non-indigenous people in Canada?
- What major successes and challenges have defined this relationship?

Students will study various media to gain a basic understanding of the history between indigenous and non-indigenous in Canada.

UNIT 5: Summative on Comparisons of Perspectives and Challenges (ongoing)

Students will organize a speaker or presentation on a topic related to the course
AND Students will write a personal reflective essay on the course

MARKS WEIGHTING GUIDELINE:

Term Work – 70%

Summative Work - 30%