

## **Aboriginal/Indigenous Justice**

First Nations Studies 419

Section: D100

Term: 2010 Fall

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Class Schedule: Wednesdays, 09:30 - 12:20hrs, Saywell Hall 9095

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Discussion Topics: "Justice" in the eyes of Indigenous peoples is all about relationships, and hence the focus of this course is on the changing nature of the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, and on the management of relations - and trouble - within Indigenous communities. Consequently, the first part of FNST 419 will involve a brief tour through 500 years of post-contact experience and the shifting relations and different policies of those times, both to understand current problems, and to consider possible futures. A second part of the course will examine the efforts of Indigenous communities to establish Aboriginal justice systems within their communities. Finally, a third section of the course will consider the various venues/means through which Indigenous peoples in Canada and elsewhere have sought justice in their relations with non-Indigenous peoples, including (a) the courts; (b) political negotiation; (c) protest and other direct action; (d) governance initiatives; and (e) international fora such as the United Nations. Please note that this seminar is intended to be highly interactive and has an extensive reading load. Students also complete written course assignments on a weekly basis.

Grading: 25% Seminar Participation

75% A "journal" involving responses to questions assigned by the instructor throughout the semester

Required Texts: 1. Custom Courseware (Available from the Simon Fraser University Bookstore).  
2. Readings from internet web sites to be designated by the course instructor.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies: None.

Prerequisite/Corequisite: FNST 101 or 201, or CRIM 101, or permission of the instructor. Students who took this course as CRIM 416 or 418 may not take this course for further credit. FNST 419 and CRIM 419 are identical and students cannot take both courses for credit.

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