

History of Aboriginal Peoples of North America Since 1850

First Nations Studies 326

Section: D100

Term: 2011 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This course will provide a historical and contemporary survey of First Nations issues including culture, identity, language, political issues, social structures, colonialism and resistance since 1850. During this period, mainstream government institutions have tried to prevent Indigenous peoples from decolonizing their nations. In spite of Indigenous resistance, foreign political, social and education systems have devalued and mystified Indigenous culture and knowledge in order to justify colonial objectives, promoting control over Indigenous nations, land and resources. This historical reflection will show that Indigenous resistance has been the transforming factor in Indigenous decolonization and self-determination efforts for First Nations.

Grading: 15% Class participation

20% Midterm exam

20% Case study--oral presentation

20% Written research report

25% Final Examination

Required Texts: Dickason, Olive and McNab, David T, Canadas First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times. Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2009. ISBN-10: 0195428927

Adams, H, A Tortured People: The Politics of Colonization. Penticton, BC: Theytus Books, 1999. ISBN 0-919441-37-8

Alfred, Taiaiake, Peace, Power, Righteousness: An Indian Manifesto. Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2009. ISBN 0-19-541216-8

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: FNST 326-4: 45 units including FNST 101 or 201.

HIST 326-4: 45 units including nine units of lower division history.

Note: FNST 326 and HIST 326 are identical and students cannot take both courses for credit.

Notes: Deferred grades will be given ONLY on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

SFU Spring 2011 Reading Break will be February 14-18 inclusive. No classes. Campuses open.

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