

## **Aboriginal/Indigenous Justice**

First Nations Studies 419

Section: D100

Term: 2013 Spring

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Class Schedule: Tuesdays, 11:30 - 14:20 hrs, 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 course term.

Required Texts: Readings from Course Web Page and other 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.

Notes: This course can be counted towards the Certificate in Legal Studies OR the Certificate in Correctional Studies OR the Certificate in Police studies. It can also count towards your Major or Minor or Extended Minor. BUT you cannot count it towards more than one certificate. You must declare a certificate as soon as possible, so please see an advisor.

Remember to check SIS (<https://sis.sfu.ca>) to confirm classrooms location for all your courses in the Spring 2013 term.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities. 778-782-3112 or [csdo@sfu.ca](mailto:csdo@sfu.ca).

All students are expected to read and understand SFU policies with regard to academic honesty and student conduct (S10). These policies are available at:

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<http://www.sfu.ca/policies/Students/Index.html>

Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

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