

History/ Indigenous Studies 2210 F
Indigenous Peoples and Canadian History
Fall 2026

Course Description

Canadian history has often perpetuated nationalist interpretations that continue to minimize the presence of Indigenous peoples within their own sovereign territories. This course challenges these interpretations by demonstrating the permanency of Indigenous peoples and the continuity of their beliefs, practices, and political systems within (and outside of) the Canadian nation-state. Topics will include 'milestone' events, including the Northwest Resistance, the Red Power Movement, the Creation of Nunavut, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. This course will also demonstrate a broad range of historical methodologies including intersectional analysis and the use of micro-histories to re-center Indigenous peoples in other events that were significant to the development of Canada such as the Suffrage Movement, the Cold War, and 2SLGBTQ rights.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 History course at the 1000-level or above OR 1.0 Anthropology course at the 1000-level OR Indigenous Studies 1020

Course Level Learning Objectives:

- Be able to define and apply the following terms within a Canadian context: Indigenous, Aboriginal, sovereignty, settler colonialism, intersectional analysis, micro-history
- Be able to differentiate between the legal definitions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis
- Understand and demonstrate how the rights of Indigenous peoples have been impacted by the British North America Act (1867), the Indian Act (1876), the Canadian Constitution (1982), the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2015)
- Be able to demonstrate how historical scholarship influences public policy and public perceptions relating to Indigenous peoples

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