

IS 4024F / GEOGENV 4003A Community-based Praxis Fall 2026



Office hours will be held in person or remotely via Zoom (on request)



Students can make an appointment to meet by emailing an instructor



Students will be able to drop into office hours as a group

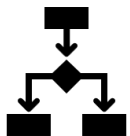
Calendar Description

This field course provides students with practical experience working in a local First Nations community on a collaborative project. Centering Indigenous ways of knowing, a major focus is on understanding intersecting cultural, political, ecological, social, and economic factors that shape community life. Topics include Indigenous governance, treaties, and political ecologies.

[bi-weekly 3-hour lecture, bi-weekly 3-hour outdoor tutorial, 0.5 course]

2. Extended Description

This experiential field course provides students with practical experience working in Chippewa of the Thames First Nations. Centering Indigenous ways of knowing, a major focus is on understanding intersecting cultural, political, ecological, social, and economic factors that shape community life. Local place names, stories, and responsibilities to place are based in reciprocal relationships with the land and expand the conceptual terrain across which Indigenous knowledge systems are engaged. Students are encouraged to critically reflect on these themes through Indigenous political ecological praxis, including field activities and a collaborative project. During the collaborative project, students partner with a community organization and prepare a resource, or complete other associated tasks, based on identified needs and strategies. Throughout the course, participants will visit various culturally significant sites and meet community leaders and scholars to understand how Indigenous ways of knowing inform sustainable and resurgent practices. Topics include Indigenous governance, treaties, and ecological justice.



Prerequisites

Any course in Arts and Humanities or Social Science and registration in third year or higher. Prerequisite checking is the student's responsibility. Senate Regulations state, "unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may

not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”