

Indigenous Studies Program
IS 4024F: Community Praxis
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Fall 2025

Date: 14/07/2025

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Cortney Golkar-Dakin

Method of delivery: Indicate either: in person.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: Any course in Arts and Humanities or Social Science and registration in third year or higher.

Please ensure you have the correct requisites by checking [the Academic Calendar](#).

Course Description:

This experiential field course provides students with practical experience working in a local First Nations community. 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.

Please keep this: A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Course Materials:

No textbook is needed. Required readings will be available through the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Reflection (2x10%)	20%
Collaborative Project	25%
Presentation	10%
Participation	15%
Oral Exam	30%

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