

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ANTH 290 - Special Topics in Anthropology

CLASS SECTION: 001- Science of Identity

TERM: F2023

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Remote Asynchronous

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Wed 9.30-10.30, 12.30-1.30, Fri 9.30-10.30

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to selected topics in Anthropology. Topics may vary from term to term. Please check with the department or instructor for information about the current course.

PREREQUISITE(S):

- One of:
- C in ENGL 151
- C in ENGL 161
- C in ENGL 163
- C in ENGL 164

CO-REQUISITE(S):

EQUIVALENCIES:

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Critically analyze the complex array of Anthropology sources, both primary and secondary.
- Identify the central themes, concepts, and issues relating to the course topic.
- Critically analyze and apply the tools of Anthropology to issues of the course topic.
- Synthesize and present varying positions concerning the course topic.
- Demonstrate skills in research, in creating arguments, and in written and oral communication.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Materials will be linked through D2L.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

| WEEK or DATE RANGE | ACTIVITY or TOPIC | OTHER NOTES |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 5-10 Sept | Introduction to the course What is Identity | Assignment 1 due |
| 2 11-17 Sept | Legal Identity | |
| 3 18-24 Sept | Legal Indigenous Identity in Canada | |
| 4 25 Sept- 1 Oct | Cultural Identity 1 | |
| 5 2-8 Oct | Cultural Identity 2 | Assignment 2 due |
| 6 9-15 Oct | Exam 1 Introduction to Biological Identification | Exam 1 |
| 7 16-22 Oct | DNA and Identification | |
| 8 23-29 Oct | Fingerprint and Odontological Identification | |
| 9 30 Oct- 5 Nov | Secondary systems of Identification | |
| 10 5- 12 Nov | DNA and Ancestry | Assignment 3 due |
| 11 13-19 Nov | Exam 2 Introduction to identity in the past | Exam 2 |
| 12 20-26 Nov | Bioarchaeological methods of examining identity | |
| 13 27 Nov- 3 Dec | Biochemical methods of evaluating identity | |
| 14 4- 9 Dec | Exam 3 | Assignment 4 due Exam 3 |
| Final Exam Period | Final Exam | Final Exam |

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams). <https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

| DESCRIPTION | | WEIGHTING |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Weekly MCQ quizzes | Weeks 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 | 11 x 2% = 22% |
| Identity Journal | Semester long, evaluated after Week 4, 8 and 13 | 10% |
| Assignment 1 | Getting to know you assignment | 2% |
| Assignment 2 | Investigation into perceptions of identity within an Indigenous group | 6% |
| Assignment 3 | Presentation on a case of an incorrect formal identification | 6% |
| Assignment 4 | Investigation into the case of the Kennewick man and differing perspectives of identity | 9% |
| Exam 1, 2 and 3 | Written exams | 14%, 14%, 7% = 35% |
| Final Exam | Scenario based exam response | 10% |
| | | TOTAL 100% |

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
<https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Course Commitment: While this is a remote course there are weekly deadlines. You need to be able to commit to working on this course weekly and meeting the weekly deadlines. Extensions for weekly content, assignments, exams or any evaluated work will only be granted under extenuating circumstances which do not include poor time management. I recommend planning to complete the work well before the weekly deadline so that you have the ability to respond to what life throws at you and to complete your coursework. I am unlikely to grant extensions for situations such as being asked to pick up a shift at work, coming down with a minor illness on the day material is due, having exams or material due in other courses.

Communication: For me to support you and teach you in this course we need to communicate effectively. You should plan to check your email/D2L/messages a minimum of twice a week to ensure you get timely information from me. I will respond to emails when possible but I am unlikely to respond on weekends (remember most deadlines for this course are Sunday so asking for help on Saturday will likely not get you help in time) or after hours. I have the expectation that you will reach out for assistance, stay in communication and be responsible for your own conduct in this course.

External Assistance: As a remote course all assignments and exams are open book. However, all submitted work must be completed by you and you alone. Unless specified in the instructions you are to produce the work yourself, to not share information about evaluations with other students, and to not collaborate on assignments and exams. When submitting work in this course you are asserting that the work has been generated and written by you (excepting appropriately cited material and quotations). Submitting work that has been completed by someone other than you, or has been generated using software or AI tools, even if you edit, revise and rephrase, is cheating and violates the Academic Integrity Policy. To be clear, in this course you may use word processing tools to update spelling and grammar in your assignments, but you may not use tools or others to generate, draft or significantly edit your work. I want to hear what you have to say about the topics assigned, I

want to hear your arguments, your opinions and your voice- AI tools, while they may write flawlessly (and boringly) do not demonstrate your understanding and do not allow you to learn.

Consequences: While I am unlikely to grant extensions you are welcome to submit your work late (other than weekly MCQ quizzes). The penalty for late work is 10% per day. Work that I determine to have been generated or excessively edited by someone else or assistive technologies (software or AI tools) will be given a grade of 0 with no opportunity to redo the work.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

See here for more information: <https://camosun.ca/programs-courses/school-arts-science>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit camosun.ca/services.

| Support Service | Website |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Academic Advising | camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising |
| Accessible Learning | camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning |
| Counselling | camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre |
| Career Services | camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services |
| Financial Aid and Awards | camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards |
| Help Centres (Math/English/Science) | camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres |
| Indigenous Student Support | camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services |
| International Student Support | camosun.ca/international |
| Learning Skills | camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills |
| Library | camosun.ca/services/library |
| Office of Student Support | camosun.ca/services/office-student-support |
| Ombudsperson | camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson |
| Registration | camosun.ca/registration-records/registration |

| Support Service | Website |
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| Technology Support | camosun.ca/services/its |
| Writing Centre | camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills |

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc.). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-07/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.