

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: IST 243: Comparative Indigenous Rights

CLASS SECTION: 001 and X01

TERM: W2022

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Mixed

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>.

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable explanation in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: Online, in the "Course Room" on D2L

HOURS: Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

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

Students will examine historical and contemporary policies and practices and perspectives concerning Indigenous peoples' rights in Canada, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Students will engage with foundational concepts of Indigenous rights as well as identify and analyze commonalities and differences between these international contexts. Indigenous movements toward self-determination and self-government will be explored by students through a range of rights issues. These include the role of domestic and international law, land title and jurisdiction, treaties and social policy such as education and child welfare.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C in [IST 120](#)
- C in [IST 232](#)

And one of:

- C in [ENGL 151](#)
- C in [ENGL 161](#)
- C in [ENGL 163](#)

- C in [ENGL 164](#)

CO-REQUISITE(S):

EXCLUSION(S):

[COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES](#)

On completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe core structures of settler-colonialism in the four CANZUS countries and the variations these present on similar themes;
- Describe similarities and differences in the impacts of colonialism on Indigenous peoples and on Indigenous-settler relations across CANZUS contexts
- Describe and analyze Indigenous movements toward self-determination and self-government in relation to those contexts and in an international frame
- Analyze the significance of inter-national mechanisms like treaties and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for Indigenous movements

[REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION](#)

Readings will be drawn from select articles and book chapters and supplied online via D2L. It is the student's responsibility to access and read all required texts each week.

*Please note: readings may be subject to change as we go along through the course. Any changes will be posted as news items on D2L and made available at least a week in advance.

[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 1 (Jan. 11): Introduction

- *Read:* Course syllabus

Week 2 (Jan. 18): Indigenous Nationhoods and Self-Government

- Stephen Cornell. "Processes of Native Nationhood: The Indigenous Politics of Self Government." *The International Indigenous Policy Journal* 6.4 (2015), 1-20.

Week 3: (Jan. 25) Inter-Indigenous Treaties

Required:

- Sheryl Lightfoot and David MacDonald "Treaty Relations Between Indigenous Peoples: Advancing Global Understandings of Self-Determination." *New Diversities Special Issue "Indigenous Politics of Resistance: From Erasure to Recognition,"* 19 (2017): 25-40.

Supplemental:

- Robbie Shilliam, "Introduction", *The Black Pacific: Anti-Colonial Struggles and Oceanic Connections* (Bloomsbury: 2015), 1-12.

Week 4 (Feb. 1): UNDRIP & Indigenous Self-Determination

Required:

- Sheryl Lightfoot, "The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Forging Structural Change" in *Global Indigenous Politics: A Subtle Revolution* (New York: Routledge, 2016): 33-65, **at least 33-38, 55-65**.

Supplemental:

- Text of UNDRIP: https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf
- Roderic Pitty, "Restoring Indigenous Self-determination Through Relational Autonomy and Transnational Mediation," in *Restoring Indigenous Self-Determination: Theoretical and Practical Approaches*, ed. by Marc Woons. (Bristol: E-IR, 2015): 65-72.

Week 5 (Feb. 8): Indigenous Rights and Title in Australia

Required:

- Justin Healy Ed. "Land Rights in Australia" in *Indigenous Rights*, The Spinney Press, 2014 (pp. 26-33)
- *The Little Red Yellow Black Book*, **Recommended:** 5-10, 12-28; **Required:** 37-38, 158-171.

Supplemental:

- <https://opencanada.org/australias-slow-progress-on-indigenous-rights/>
- <https://www.ag.gov.au/legal-system/native-title> (Australian Gov't site).
- <http://australianhumanitiesreview.org/2008/11/01/some-thoughts-about-the-philosophical-underpinnings-of-aboriginal-worldviews/>

Week 6 (Feb. 15): River Rights, Treaty, & Legal Pluralism in Aotearoa/NZ

*Current event presentation due date: Feb. 15 @ 11:59 pm. If you are presenting on Aotearoa/NZ, your presentation can be handed in as late as Feb. 20 @ 11:59 pm to allow you to fully benefit from this week's class/readings.

Required:

- Liz Charpleix, "The Whangau River as Te Awa Tupua: Place-based law in a legally pluralistic society." In *The Geographical Journal* 184:1 (March 2018): 19-30.
- Linda te Aho, "*Te Mana o te Wai*: An Indigenous perspective on rivers and river management," in *River Res. Applic.* 35 (2019): 1615-1621.

Supplemental:

- Margaret Mutu, “The Maori,” in *Native Nations: Survival of the Fourth World* (University of Auckland, 2014).
- Anne Salmond, “Tears of Rangi: Water, Power, and People in New Zealand,” in *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 4:3 (2014): 285-309.
<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdfplus/10.14318/hau4.3.017>
- Ranginui J. Walker, “Māori Sovereignty, Colonial and Post-Colonial Discourses,” in Havemann Ed. *Indigenous Peoples’ Rights in Australia, Canada and New Zealand*. Auckland: Oxford University Press, 2000): 108 – 122.
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/standing>

Week 7 (Feb. 22): Reading break

Week 8 (March 1): Protecting the Sacred

*Midterm due end of this week (Mar. 6 @ 11:59 pm)

Required:

- Noelani Goodyear-Ka‘ōpua “Protectors of the Future, Not Protestors of the Past: Indigenous Pacific Activism and Mauna a Wākea.” *South Atlantic Quarterly* 116.1 (2017): 184–194.
- Cynthia Kanoelani Kenui “Na Kanaka Maoli: The Indigenous People of Hawai‘i” in James Ed. *Diversity in Human Interactions: The Tapestry of America*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003: 93-99 (and rest if interested).

Week 9 (Mar. 8): Indigenous Self-determination and Resurgence in the USA

Required:

- Jeff Corntassel, “Indigenous Governance amidst the Forced Federalism Era,” *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy* 19:1 (2009)
- or*
- Amy Ouden and Jean O’Brien, “Introduction,” in *Recognition, Sovereignty Struggles, and Indigenous Rights in the United States : A Sourcebook*. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013), pp. 1-23.

Week 10 (March 15): Repatriation

Required:

- Bruce Granville Miller, “Repatriation in Two Acts: The Museum of Vancouver” *BC Studies* 199 (Autumn 2018): 81-94.

Supplemental:

- “Introduction” and “Repatriation Journey of the Haida Nation” in *Indigenous Repatriation Handbook*, 2019
https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/sites/default/files/indigenous_repatriation_handbook_v01_screen_jw_20190327.pdf
- <https://returnreconcilerenew.info/>
- Maureen Matthews and Roger Roulette, “Are All Stones Alive? Anthropological and Anishinaabe approaches to personhood,” in *Rethinking Relations and Animism: Personhood and Materiality* New York: Routledge, 2018: 173-192.

Week 11 (March 22): Education

***Paper outline & references list w/ commentary due Mar. 22 @ 11:59 pm**

Required:

- Graham Hingangaroa Smith “Maori Education: Revolution and Transformative Action” *Canadian Journal of Native Education* 24.1 (2000): 57-70.

Supplemental:

- Braden Rico, “Awakening vision: examining the reconceptualization of Aboriginal education in Canada via Kaupapa Māori praxis,” in *Asia Pacific Journal of Education* 23:4 (2013): 380-393.

Week 12 (March 29): Child Welfare

*Possible guest speaker: TBA

- Sonia Harris-Short “Introduction” [redacted version] in *Aboriginal Child Welfare, Self-Government and the Rights of Indigenous Children: Protecting the Vulnerable Under International Law*. London: Routledge, 2011
- *The Little Red Yellow Black Book*, 138-139.

Supplemental:

- Smylie, J., Kirst, M., McShane, K., Firestone, M., Wolfe, S., O’Campo, P. (2016). “Understanding the role of Indigenous community participation in Indigenous prenatal and infant-toddler health promotion programs in Canada: A realist review.” *Social Science & Medicine*. 150, 128-143. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed>.

Week 13 (April 5): Indigenous Rights and the Anthropocene

- Heather Davis and Zoe Todd, “On the Importance of a Date, or Decolonizing the Anthropocene,” *Acme: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* 16:4 (2017): pp. 761-780.

Week 14 (April 12): Review and Conclusion

****TERM PAPER DUE April 14, 11:59 pm****

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](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

All assignments are to be submitted to D2L unless otherwise noted.

Unless specified, all assignments received after the due date will receive a 5% per day penalty to a maximum of one week after which I will not accept it unless you have consulted with me at least three days in advance of the due date and received an accommodation.

The assignment and grading breakdown for this course is as follows:

- i. Attendance 5% & Participation 5% = 10%
- ii. Current event presentation (can be partnered): 20%
- iii. Midterm quiz: 25%
- iv. Paper outline & references list: 15%
- v. Comparative paper: 30%

i) Attendance/participation: 10%

Attendance grades will reflect: do you show up to class, and communicate with me if you are absent for illness or when you will be absent for an extended period of time due to unforeseen circumstances? Participation will reflect my retrospective judgment, at the end of term, of your level and quality of participation *in* class. Questions I will be asking myself include: does this student show up with their good intentions and energy, ready to learn and contribute to the learning of their peers? Are they a regular and active participant in class discussions? Do they do the readings and demonstrate that they have done so in their contributions in class? Are they taking care not to dominate the space but to leave room for others as well and engage constructively with what others are saying?

The policy encouraged by the IST department is that you must attend 80% of classes (i.e., not missing more than 3) to pass the course. This policy will apply in this class. In this era of Covid, however, please note that **you are expected to remain at home if you are feeling unwell**. If you must miss class for reasons of health, therefore, please get in touch with me remotely (via email or phone call) as early as possible. Absences due to health will, of course, not be penalized and therefore will not count as part of the 3 maximum.

ii) Current Event Powerpoint Presentation – 20%

***Due date: Feb. 15 @ 11:59 pm. If you are presenting on Aotearoa/NZ, your presentation can be handed in as late as Feb. 20 @ 11:59 pm to allow you to fully benefit from this week's class/readings.**

Can be done as a partnered assignment; partners will both receive the same grade. Presentations must be recorded and handed in online via D2L.

For this assignment, you will create a short (10-12 minute; if partnered, video must be 15 minutes and go a little further in your analysis) presentation on a recent news article or media item of your choosing from **Australia or NZ/Aotearoa** about a current event relevant to Indigenous politics in either context. This event must connect to a major topic/theme from the materials/class teachings from the first 6 weeks of class. So, for example, it may have to do with Indigenous nationhood and assertions of self-determination, with UNDRIP and its implementation, with issues of Indigenous land title and recognition, with issues pertaining to treaties, to the rights of nature insofar as this pertains to Indigenous issues, etc.

Your presentation should include:

- Title, source and brief outline of the article or media item and why you chose it
- A copy or copies of the article (paper or digital) for reference
- Your explanation and analysis of how the article or issue discussed relates to a concept or issue from the course or in the course reading. You need accordingly to tie your discussion to at least **one course reading**.
- Reflection on connections to or resonances with similar issues in the Canadian context.
- Reflection on what it is necessary to know *about* the Australian or NZ context to understand the issue.
- Although other options are feasible, it is recommended that you use PowerPoint and record your presentation using Kaltura capture.

Your media item can be either an article or a video news story, but it must be from a reputable news source, i.e., NOT a blog, or social media site such as Facebook. Such sources might include national and international newspapers (e.g. *The Globe and Mail*, *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Toronto Star*, *the New Zealand Herald*), major weekly news magazines (e.g. *The Economist*, *Maclean's*, *Al Jazeera*, *Newsweek*, *Time*), television news programming (e.g. *CBC The National*, *PBS Newshour*, *BBC World News*, *CNN*, *the Australia Broadcasting Corporation*, etc.).

iii) Midterm Quiz – 25%

Due: Mar. 6 @ 11:59 pm

There will be one mid-term quiz, made up of definition, short answer, and essay questions. It will effectively be an open-book, “take home”-style quiz. I will give you a list of questions after class on the Tuesday of that week, which you will answer and hand in by the end of the weekend. Quiz questions are intended to reference specific readings or lecture material from the course, so answering the questions should involve going back and finding where we have talked about X *specifically within the context of this course*. While you will have access to all your usual resources while writing the quiz from home, including Google, be aware therefore that there are limits to *how useful the internet can be* in this kind of exercise.

iv) Paper outline & references list with commentary (2 pages min. – one for your outline, which can be as short as 300 words, and one for your references list) (15%)

Due Mar. 22 @ 11:59 pm

In preparation for your final paper, you will prepare a preliminary outline and references list. You do not need to know all the detail about what you will do in your paper at this point. Rather the aim of this assignment is to help you start doing the preliminary research and planning early on and to give

me a chance to offer feedback or suggest any possibly useful resources before you launch into writing the whole paper. For this assignment, you will need to show:

-What is the broad topic of your paper, and how will you approach it? At a “high level”, how will your approach satisfy the requirements of the paper assignment? How do you foresee structuring your argument? You do not need to write a formal “abstract” but what you write should serve the same purpose: to give an idea (as much as possible at this early time) about what it is you are going to do and how you are going to go about doing it.

-Since this is a *comparative* paper, you will need to be explicit about how you are going to structure that comparison in a logical and robust way. That means you will have to think about and account for how two events or phenomena are perhaps similar but also different across two contexts. Do the differences involved produce a different kind of politics, or make some strategies perhaps easier in one case but not in another? How might broader lessons be drawn from either context and from comparing between them, if at all? For this assignment, you should be able to begin sketching how you will approach these kinds of questions.

-What sources will you be using? This does not have to be the final list you end up using in your paper; but you should have an idea of how the sources you provide will help you get where you need to go. You can list course readings here but you will need to list **at least four additional sources, two of which must be scholarly articles or books**. For each source, briefly summarize (1-2 sentences only) what it “does” and explain how it will support your inquiry/analysis/argument.

v) **Comparative paper – 30%**

Due: April 14 @ 11:59 pm
1750 words (~6 pages double spaced)

Since this is a class about comparative Indigenous rights and associated issues, your final assignment will be a comparative paper. Choose a topic that connects directly to a concept, issue, or theme from the course, and then critically and comparatively discuss your topic in relation to at least one specific example from TWO of the contexts we discuss – Canada, USA, Aotearoa/NZ, or Australia. An important aspect of your analysis here will be to consider both similarities and differences across these contexts and the ways these have shaped Indigenous experiences and struggles in either case. So, for example, you might choose to look at Indigenous child welfare in Australia compared with in Canada – or compared with New Zealand or the USA. Or you may wish to compare the politics around treaties between New Zealand and Canada, or Australia and Canada. Or any number of other options. Factors to consider and focus on here could include:

- Are there relevant differences in state law, constitutional status, treaty history, etc., that shape the contexts you are looking at?
- What about the Indigenous peoples in question, and their respective laws, philosophical traditions, political structures, and so on?
- What do differences and similarities between your examples suggest or tell us more broadly about the range of ways Indigenous struggles are experienced, or about the relative success of particular strategies (and given what kinds of situations)?

Please note: for this assignment, you are required to cite a minimum of 4 resources beyond assigned class readings.

A minimum of **two** of these must be from academic journals or book chapters.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Citation style

Since I gather that APA is the style most used within Indigenous Studies at Camosun, we will adopt this as our standard as well. If you have a burning desire to use another style, you may do so; *but you must pick one, and you must specify for me, in your assignment, which other style you are using.*

Course Policies

Please see Course Policies document for information on expectations around assignment submission, in-class conduct, communication etc.

Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

Our fantastic librarians have compiled a website for Indigenous Studies that should be your first stop for research assignments, find it here:

<http://camosun.ca/libguides.com/IndigenousStudies>

For tips on critical reading and engagement with texts please use the resources shared in class and posted on D2L. For citation help please see these guides:

<http://camosun.ca/libguides.com/cite>

There are a variety of services available for students to assist you throughout your learning including academic and Indigenous advisors, counsellors, accessibility, library and Writing Centre staff. Here are a few links:

IECC Student Supports | <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/indigenous-education-community-connections/students/index.html>

Centre for Accessible Learning | <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Writing Centres | <http://camosun.ca/services/writing-centre/>

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 <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

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 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](http://camosun.ca/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:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/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 <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies and Procedures" (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

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 <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/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: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services->

and-support/e-2.9.pdf and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

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 <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

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.