



Eyē? Sqâ'lewen:
The Center for Indigenous Education and Community Connections

**INDIGENOUS FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM
IFS 120-Circle and Elder's Teaching 1
Fall 2019**

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Class time: Monday 10:00 to 11:20

Course Description: This course consists of weekly circle-based discussions and debriefing sessions for program students, staff and faculty. On regular occasions, Indigenous Elders will join the circle to share their wisdom and oral traditions.

Prerequisite(s): Program admission or permission of Chair or Program Leader

Course Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Respect the circle process as a critical component of the IFS program.
2. Participate regularly in circle discussions.
3. Provide contributions to circle discussions in a manner that contributes to the learning and development of all those involved.
4. Engage with Elders and Knowledge keepers.

Course Content:

- Explore Aboriginal ways of knowing
- Examine strengths within the program content
- Discuss individual journeys
- Experience oral tradition
- Explore the importance of community and land
- Discuss best practice



Evaluation of Learning:

1. Participation: Attendance, sharing of experiences, active participation in-group work, cooperation and supporting others. Participation in a weekly talking circle. 70%

2. Three personal reflections of your choice, handed in after elders visit. 30%

5. Grading System

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Course Content and Schedule

Session One Sept, 9th	Icebreaker: Getting to know one another Creating a positive and safe learning environment Welcoming the Medicine Bundle Discussion about smudging
Session Two Sept, 16th	Check in Discussion about elders coming to our classroom Protocols and teachings
Session Three Sept, 23th	Residential School Discussion with Elders Victor Underwood and Bernadine Mawson Talk about the sweat lodge The importance of a spiritual connection in our daily lives
Session Four Sept, 30	Orange Shirt Day We will meet at Lansdowne Campus
Session Five Oct, 7	Elder in Class: Skip Dick
Session Six Oct, 14th	College is closed for Thanksgiving. No classes today!
Session Seven Oct 21st	Sweat Lodge at Vic Underwood's
Session Eight Oct 28th	Elder in class May Sam
Session Nine Nov, 4th	Elder in class: Barney Williams
Session Ten Nov, 11th	College Closed Remembrance Day!
Session Eleven Nov, 18th	Elder in class: Ruth and George Cook
Session Twelve Nov, 25th	Elders in class Bertha and Joe Landry Metis History
Session Thirteen Dec 2rd	Last class Integration Day: What have we learned? All reflection papers due today
	Wishing you all a peaceful winter break and see you in January, 2020!!

