

# School of Arts & Science VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

ART 106-001 Indigenous Studio Arts 2007W

# **COURSE OUTLINE (subject to change)**

#### The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ $\_$

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### 1. Instructor Information

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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Describe and apply conceptual and practical knowledge of a range of Indigenous artistic practices.
- 2. Describe and apply conceptual and practical knowledge of historical and contemporary approaches to studio arts.
- 3. Describe historical and cultural issues influencing Indigenous artistic practices.
- 4. Describe the diversity, history and contemporary context of Indigenous artistic practices.
- 5. Develop an independent project, which amalgamates the course content.
- 6. Discuss and critique artworks of practicing Indigenous artists and fellow students.

### 3. Required Materials

(a)	Texts	
(b)	Other	

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

Influence and mentorship is the best way to understand aboriginal worldview and creative process. Our first task will be to understand Aboriginal Worldview through our own identities. You have 3 projects to complete during the semester and 3 weeks for each project with a 4th week for critique. In the final week we will be presenting the works completed in class in an exhibition. The three projects deal with issues of identity, Indigenous knowledge, and storytelling.

#### PROJECT ONE: SCULPTURE ~ STONE CARVING Worldview History & Identity JANUARY 8,15,22 29 CRITIQUE: JANUARY 29

The first project is based on Indigenous Identity and will give examples of works dealing with identity. See the following website for historical references to Aboriginal Worldview history and Identity:

http://www.fourdirectionsteachings.com/main.html

You will be working with soapstone in this project. Be prepared to purchase a piece of soapstone from Opus or myself for the next class along with basic tools. Which are available for use in the studios. Basic stone carving techniques will be learned.

### INDIGENOUS SCULPTORS WORKING WITH IDENTITY:

Robert Davidson, Haida <u>http://www.spiritwrestler.com/catalog/index.php?main\_page=product\_info&cPath=3\_13&</u> <u>products\_id=1781</u> <u>http://www.eaglespiritgallery.com/robert\_davidson.html</u>

Bill Reid, Haida http://www.nativeonline.com/billried.html

http://www.eldrbarry.net/rabb/rvn/reid.htm

Lionel Peyachew, Cree, Sculptor http://www.artsboard.sk.ca/News/news\_commission-workspeyachew.htm

Beau Dick, Kwakwaka'wakw

http://www.contemporaryartgallery.ca/exh/exh.Supernatural.html

http://www.justart.ca/beau-dick-photos.htm

Paulosie Kanayook, http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/English/exhibits/art\_qp/page\_30\_kanayook.htm

Inuit Carvers: http://www.inuit.com/InuitSculpture/inuit\_sculpture.htm

### TOOLS FOR CARVING LINKS:

http://www.stonemandist.homestead.com/Tools.html

#### PROJECT TWO: COLLAGE/MIXED MEDIA Identity & History FEBRUARY 5,12,19 - CRITIQUE FEBRUARY 26

Collage and mixed media works lend themselves to dream-like interpretations of memories and ideas. Indigenous knowledge is about going back to the beginning. Find

a connection with your own genealogy or identity to understand the basis of how indigenous art practice relates to you as an artist.

Through collage/mixed media find a way to connect story and Identity deconstruct identity to acknowledge the first step to what indigenous art practice represents.

Joane Cardinal Schubert's perspective on Identity http://www.canuck.com/~cardinal/index.html

George Littlechild, Cree <u>http://www.georgelittlechild.com/</u>

Carl Beam, Ojibwe: http://www.carleton.ca/gallery/beam/gallery.htm http://www.neonravenartgallery.com/carl/carl.html#

Linus Woods, Dakota/Ojibway http://www.umanitoba.ca/schools/art/galleryoneoneone/lwoods.html http://themanitoban.com/2004-2005/0316/article.php?section=arts&article=02

Frank Day, Maidu <a href="http://www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/memory\_and\_imagination/index2.htm">http://www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/memory\_and\_imagination/index2.htm</a>

### LINKS TO SITES ABOUT IDENTITY AND HISTORY:

Listening to our Ancestors: Pacific Northwest Art and stories on Identity and history http://www.nmai.si.edu/listening/

Seven guiding principles of the National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian <a href="http://www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/first\_american\_art/firstamericanart.html">http://www.nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/first\_american\_art/firstamericanart.html</a>

Art and Identity PBS art 21 http://www.pbs.org/art21/series/seasonone/identity.html#

Inuit northern Identity http://scaa.usask.ca/gallery/northern/content?pg=ex06-1

National Museum of Native American Art http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=exhibitions&second=dc

Frida kahlo http://www.fbuch.com/fridaby.htm

GIFTS GIVEN by the CREATOR: Bibliography http://www.calacademy.org/RESEARCH/anthropology/art/Gallery1/Image101.htm

#### PROJECT THREE: STORYTELLING Journey as Process MARCH 5,12,19,26 - CRITIQUE MARCH 26

Process is a journey that is well represented in aboriginal worldview. Create examples of what your process during this course and the first two projects has meant to you. Create a story or poem that best represents your journey. With the permission of the Instructor you may use the media of your choice - ie: digital photographs, video (if you've already worked in digital video/editing), painting, drawing, written or spoken word.

### **Required reading**

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### INTERVIEWS WITH TWO FIRST NATION ARTISTS ON ARTISTIC PROCESS

Gerald McMaster and Shelly Niro: <u>http://www.britesites.com/native\_artist\_interviews/gmcmaster.htm</u>

### FINAL CRITIQUE: APRIL 2

Public exhibition of works created during this course. Venue, invitations, food, etcetera to be decided upon by the class.

### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

(a)	Assignments	
(b)	Quizzes	
(C)	Exams	
(d)	Other (eg, Attendance, Project, Group Work)	

### 6. Grading System

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Standard Grading System (GPA)	
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Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
95-100	A+		9
90-94	А		8
85-89	A-		7
80-84	B+		6
75-79	В		5
70-74	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### **Temporary Grades**

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at **camosun.ca** or information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete</i> : A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress</i> : A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.

CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.
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### 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at <u>camosun.ca</u>.

## STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

### WEEKLY GUIDELINE WEEK 1-13

JANUARY 8	Introduction to Project One: Stone Carving Presentation and discussion on Worldview History and identity - working class
JANUARY 15	<b>Presentation:</b> Shaping the stories - introducing Indigenous Art theory - working class
JANUARY 22	<b>Presentation:</b> Process and history - what art making practice represents - working class
JANUARY 29	CRITIQUE
FEBRUARY 5	Introduction to Project Two: Collage/Mixed Media
	Presentation: What is art - Western theory vs Indigenous Art - working class
FEBRUARY 12	<b>Presentation:</b> different approaches to art making. e.g. West Coast protocol of totem poles before the carving begins - working class
FEBRUARY 19	Presentation: What is art - Western theory vs Indigenous Art - working class
FEBRUARY 26	CRITIQUE
MARCH 5	<b>INTRODUCTION: STORYTELLING -</b> Meeting with each student about project
MARCH 12	VISITING ARTIST - TBA - working class
MARCH 19	DISCUSSION - TBA - working class
MARCH 26	CRITIQUE
APRIL 2	FINAL EXHIBITION - Venue TBA

### READING LIST AVAILABLE ONLINE:

Native Artist Interviews and resources Creating Learning Communities: The Ivory Wiigiwaam: Aboriginals and the Academy By D'Arcy Ishpeming enzaabid Rheault (Lynx Clan Ojibwe) http://www.creatinglearningcommunities.org/book/additional/rheault.htm The Native Creative Process: A Collaborative Discourse by Jeannette Armstrong link: http://www.amazon.com/Native-Creative-Process-Collaborative-Discourse/dp/0919441262/sr=1-1/gid=1167772849/ref=sr\_1\_1/102-0745297-2517722?ie=UTF8&s=books For Purchase Drawing on the right side of the brain by Betty Edwards Resources Aboriginal artist web links// National Museum of Native American Art. http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=exhibitions&second=online http://oral-history.ncf.ca/ Library and archives Canada http://www.collectionscanada.ca/aboriginal/index-e.html Aboriginal cultures in Canada http://www.culture.ca/showcase/200604/shp001000042006e.html Artist list online http://www.nativeonline.com/artists.html