

**IST 111 – Session 1  
September 08, 2016**

Greetings and Welcome to IST 111 Circle Seminar Class. ‘

**Acknowledge Territory:  
Niiwing LKwangen Aking  
Minwa WSENEC Aking**

**Acknowledge Victor Underwood and Bernadine Mawson  
Elders who are with us today.**

This is our time once a week to meet, connect, debrief, share, laugh, cry, problem solve, build community, share culture, and to take part in ceremony.

It is also a time for us to:

- Share our knowledge and ideas with our fellow classmates
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- It's a chance for us to support and encourage one another
- To talk about issues that comes up in the program
- Connect with Elders and know.

I can't stress enough to you the importance of attending circle. This is seminar 1 and this circle is a mandatory part of the IST program. Students must receive 80% in order to complete this course and must hand in one writing assignment. This means that you cannot miss more than 4 circle classes in order to be successful in this class.

**Agenda today:**

**Introductions**

**Welcome the Medicine Bundle to circle and talk about smudging**

**Look at course outline,**

**I have some announcements: Feast, Orange Shirt Day and Student Awards. Also Crafternoons and Mini-feasts.**

Sandee Mitchell **Nadiznakazz**  
Anishinabbe Kwe

Migizy Odenaw minwa Nipissing **Nindoonjibaa**

Makwa **Nindoodem**

**Tell students about yourself:**

- **Youngest of 10**
- **From Ontario, Anishinaabe**
- **Married with 8 year old son who is just starting grade three**
- **Play guitar and sing**
- **BSW**
- **Working at Camosun since 1998**

**Goals for the year:**

- **Continue learning my language**
- **Learn to sing harmony**
- **Start a student drumming group here at Camosun.**

## **Task:**

**Have students introduce them self, ask them to share a bit about themselves, how their summer was and share any goals that they have set for this year. If you have not set any, share what you hope to take away from this program.**

**If time permits:**

**Why do you think that it is important that we have circle as part of the IST program?**

## **Task:**

**Review Course Outline and Assignments**

### **Announcements:**

**The Welcome Feast on September 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Songhees Wellness Center starting at 5:30. Please bring your family out and celebrate the new-year with us.

**Bursaries – October 23<sup>rd</sup> Deadline**

**Next week, I will be away from circle preparing food for our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome Feast and Victor and Bernadine will lead circle, show you how to smudge.**

**The following week, we will create some circle guidelines or protocol. So I would like you to start thinking about, what you need to fully participate in circle and to build trust with your classmates?**