



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Access**  
**Indigenous Education & Community Connections**

**IST 120-B01**  
**Introduction to Indigenous Peoples:**  
**TELFIN TFE WILNEW**  
**2018F**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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TELFIN TFE WILNEW, is a SENĆOŦEN phrase meaning “Understanding Indigenous People.” This unique, award-winning course is intended for students unfamiliar with Indigenous world-views. Participants will learn from Indigenous people about Indigenous worldviews and colonization through video, audio interviews, radio shows and scholarly articles. The purpose of the course is to dispel stereotypes and myths, to enable learners to understand the experience of Aboriginal peoples in a Canadian context, and to equip them with the knowledge and skills to begin to interact respectfully with Aboriginal peoples in community and in the workplace. Discussions are conducted in circle format with an Aboriginal facilitator.

Ω *Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.*

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**1. Instructor Information**

<b>(a) Instructor</b>	Tommy Happynook	
<b>(b) Office hours</b>	By appointment	
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**2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

1. *Describe colonization and the impact of this process on the Aboriginal people of BC and Canada and on your experience with Aboriginal peoples.*
2. *Evaluate and articulate the ways in which your values and beliefs align or conflict with Indigenous ways of seeing, being, doing, and relating;*
3. *Identify and describe similarities and differences between, and across, Indigenous worldviews and settler worldviews.*
4. *Identify and build on practices/ways that foster mutually respectful relationships in community and the workplace.*

**3. Required Materials**

- (a) All materials available on D2L site (readings, videos). Handouts provided when necessary

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

		<b>Content</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Week 1 <b>Introduction</b> September 05	Face-to-Face	Storyscapes	<b>Circle #1</b> Introductions Intro to course
Week 2 <b>Stories of Place</b> September 12	Online	W'SÁNEĆ L'kwungen	Discussion Questions
Week 3 <b>Stories of Creation</b> September 19	Online	Settlers Treaties	<b>Circle #2</b> Discussion Questions
Week 4 <b>Stories of Harm</b> September 26	Online	Indian Act Assimilation	Discussion Questions
Week 5 <b>Stories of Loss</b> October 03	Online	Identity Stolen Generations	Discussion Questions
Week 6 <b>Stories of the Dark</b> October 10	Online	Indian Residential Schools	<b>Circle #3</b> Discussion Questions
Week 7 <b>Stories as "Myth"</b> October 17	Face-to-Face	Stereotypes Racism Media	Discussion Questions
Week 8 <b>Stories of Healing</b> October 24	Online	Truth-telling Apologies	Discussion Questions
Week 9 <b>Stories of Resistance &amp; Ally Awareness</b> October 31	Face-to-Face	Governance Court Decisions	<b>Circle #4</b> Discussion Questions
Week 10 <b>Stories of Revitalization</b> November 07	Online	Language Culture	Discussion Questions
Week 11 <b>Stories of Relationships</b> November 14	Online	Treaties Partnerships	Discussion Questions
Week 12 <b>Stories of Activism</b> November 21	Online	Youth Voices Idle No More	<b>Circle #5</b> Discussion Questions
Week 13 <b>Reconciling Stories</b> November 28	Face-to-Face	Self-determination	Discussion Questions
Week 14 <b>New Stories</b> December 05		Building Your Story, Our Story	<b>Circle #6</b> Discussion Questions <b>Final Paper Due</b>

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

### a) Attendance and Participation in Circle Discussion (45%)

Attendance and active participation is a crucial part of learning and a very important part of this course. Being prepared for discussions includes making sure you are on time, the modules are viewed, readings are done and you are ready to participate.

Missing a session is an automatic 7.5% deduction.

### b) Online Discussion Posts (15%)

Each module has a discussion question concluding the section. Posts are responses to the initial question and a chance to dialogue with fellow classmates on their posts. Posts are meant to be brief (1-2 paragraphs).

To earn full marks for this assignment students must complete a minimum of 3 discussion question posts and respond to 1 posted discussion (not your own).

Note: Discussion questions close after 2 weeks.

### d) Critical Reflections (40%)

Each student must write two critical reflections for this course. The critical reflections should draw on the course discussions, films, readings, and/or face-to-face sessions.

Each critical reflection can have a short introduction that summarizes what you will be writing about. **BUT** remember that you are critically reflecting and **NOT** summarizing. Use this opportunity to critically reflect and show the instructor that you have a deeper understanding of the topic you are writing about. Critical reflections should be more comprehensive than the discussion posts.

Possible questions to ask yourself while writing:

1. What was interesting about the topic? (or not)
2. Why was it interesting or not?
3. How do you relate to the topic or how will you incorporate your learning into your life?

Critical reflections must be 2-3 typed pages, double spaced, 12 pt. font. You may use any citation style as long as you are consistent throughout the paper.

Critical reflections are due at the face-to-face class after your topic week.

## 6. Grading System

*(If any changes are made to this part, then the Approved Course description must also be changed and sent through the approval process.)*

*(Mark with "X" in box below to show appropriate approved grading system – see last page of this template.)*

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Competency Based Grading System

## 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, Student Services or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

## STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.  
<http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.html>

### A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

#### 1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

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

#### 2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

### B. 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 <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf> for 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.