
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES LITERARY STUDIES & WRITING 10

This course satisfies the "Language Arts 10" graduation requirement

English First Peoples Studies 10 offers students of all backgrounds the opportunity to explore First Peoples' worldviews through literature, founded on the First Peoples Principles of Learning. Students are encouraged to grow and build upon their understanding of Canada's past, present, and future through the exploration of Indigenous literature and authors. In this course, students will demonstrate skills in composition, spoken language, creative writing, and literature. Students will gain confidence in academic and personal writing, while enhancing their lifelong knowledge and communication skills. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES LITERARY STUDIES & WRITING 11 – Resilience & Culture

This course satisfies the "Language Arts 11" graduation requirement

English First Peoples Studies 11 offers students of all backgrounds the opportunity to explore First Peoples' worldviews through literature, founded on the First Peoples Principles of Learning. Students are encouraged to grow and build upon their understanding of Canada's past, present, and future through the exploration of Indigenous literature and authors. In this course, students will demonstrate skills in composition, spoken language, creative writing, and literature. Students will gain confidence in academic and personal writing while enhancing their lifelong knowledge and communication skills. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES STUDIES 12

This course satisfies the "Language Arts 12" graduation requirement

English First Peoples Studies 12 offers students of all backgrounds the opportunity to explore First Peoples' worldviews through literature, founded on the First Peoples Principles of Learning. Students are encouraged to grow and build upon their understanding of Canada's past, present, and future through the exploration of Indigenous literature and authors. In this course, students will demonstrate skills in composition, spoken language, new media, creative writing, and literature. Students will gain confidence in academic and personal writing while enhancing their lifelong knowledge and communication skills. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS STUDIES 12

PREREQUISITE: Social Studies 10

This course satisfies the "Social Studies 11 or 12" graduation requirement

This senior-level Social Studies course is offered to all students who wish to expand their knowledge and understanding of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canada. In this course, students will critically analyze important moments in Indigenous Peoples' and Canada's past in order to have a better understanding of contemporary Indigenous strengths and struggles in Canadian society. Areas of study include colonialism, prejudice and discrimination, leadership and self-determination, cultural expression and oral traditions, current events and issues, as well as acts of resiliency. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

INDIGENOUS ART STUDIO 11/12

This course satisfies the "Elective" graduation requirement

"Great art must be a living thing, or it is not art at all." - Bill Reid

Students will explore and create rich and diverse art of our Indigenous people while learning all the great art skills of a traditional art class. We will not only look at the historic works and styles of art, but will study and experience what our modern Indigenous artists are creating today. This hands-on course is open to all grade 10, 11, and 12 students. Okanagan pictographs, West Coast design, medicine wheels, creation stories, graphic storytelling are part of the course. Students who take both levels of this course will be expected to advance upon their skills and curricular competencies. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

INDIGENOUS CULTURE & LEADERSHIP 9 – 12

This course satisfies the "Elective" graduation requirement

Do you love making a difference in your school and community? Would you like to learn more about Indigenous culture and leadership opportunities? This course provides all youth (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) with exciting and engaging opportunities to learn and lead on the traditional territory of the Syilx people. In this course, students will explore what it means to be a leader within their personal lives, as well as within their local and global community. This is a mixed grade level course of students from grades 9 through 12. Students who take additional levels of this course will be expected to advance upon their skills and curricular competencies, and further develop their leadership skills. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

INTRO OKANAGAN LANGUAGE 11

This course meets the "Elective" graduation requirements

Students will enter the Nsyilxcən-speaking world through written, oral, cultural, and visual works. A fundamental aim of Okanagan language education is to enable students to communicate with others in Okanagan. This course embraces a variety of communication skills - listening, reading, speaking, writing, viewing, and representing - in order to reach students with a wide range of abilities, language traditions, and backgrounds. It emphasizes authentic language-learning experiences and the application of a range of language learning strategies. This is a mixed grade level course of students from grades 9 through 12. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

OKANAGAN LANGUAGE 11

PREREQUISITE: Previous Okanagan Language experience would be beneficial)

This course meets the "Elective" graduation requirements

Students of grade 10, 11, or 12 will enter the Nsyilxcən-speaking world through written, oral, cultural, and visual works. A fundamental aim of Okanagan language education is to enable students to communicate with others in Okanagan. This course embraces a variety of communication skills - listening, reading, speaking, writing, viewing, and representing in order to reach students with a wide range of abilities, language traditions, and backgrounds. It emphasizes authentic language-learning experiences and the application of a range of language learning strategies. Okanagan Language 11 is required in order to obtain full language acceptance for some universities. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.

OKANAGAN LANGUAGE 12

PREREQUISITE: Okanagan Language 11

This course meets the "Elective" graduation requirements

Okanagan Language 12 connects language skills with real life situations, further exploring indigenous cultures within the local community and beyond. Increased language proficiency will allow students to gain deeper cultural and personal awareness. Through inquiry, students will explore creative works that will promote connections between language and culture. Students will be exercising their development of their Okanagan language skills through authentic activities that include songs, writing stories, and communicating with Indigenous speakers. This course is part of the Academy of Indigenous Studies.