

COURSE OUTLINE

Term: Spring 2014	Course no.: BFNS 052
Instructors:	Course name: Basic First Nations Studies: Lil'wat Culture and History
Section: All	Course Credits: 2
Office:	Instruction: 6 hours / week
Phone:	E-mail:

COURSE FORMAT:

Paced: This class meets twice a week for 1.5 hours lecture and 1.5 hours other mode of delivery such as field work (guest speakers, field trips, community events) for 15 weeks.

PREREQUISITE:

BENG 041 with a minimum grade of C

RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP COURSES:

FNST 102, FNST 103 - Lil'wat People and Language I and II

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

General:

Complete written work and research required in post-secondary Social Science and First Nations Studies courses.

Understand First Nations issues, with Lil'wat culture and history as a focus.

Instructional:

Practice appropriate protocols of the Lil'wat Nation, such as introducing yourself in the Lil'wat language with your name, your parents' names, and your nation or acknowledging the territory, the ownership of a song or the history of a dance.

Identify which culture, language and governance groups Lil'wat Nation belongs to and the history of those groups.

Compare Lil'wat creation stories with those of other cultures.

Explain the significance of traditional languages and oral traditions in First Nations culture in general, and in Lil'wat culture, and explore current language preservation strategies.

Analyze the effects of colonization on First Nations people in general, and on the Lil'wat Nation, for example: reserve system, band elections, and residential school.

Explore key issues regarding First Nations rights and titles, focusing on Lil'wat traditional territory and land use.

Investigate Lil'wat traditional technologies for fishing, hunting, plant gathering, etc.

Explain the Lil'wat relationship with the natural and spiritual world and the ceremonies involved.

Analyze Lil'wat traditional ways of child rearing and teaching.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Kennedy, D., & Bouchard, R. The Lil'wat World of Charlie Mack
Vancouver: Talonbooks, 2010.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Package of course readings from various Lil'wat Nation and other sources.

COURSE CONTENT:

This is an intensive paced course in Lil'wat culture and history which includes general First Nations content as well. Students will study the following topics:

- 1) First Nations Identity
- 2) The Land and its Resources
- 3) First Nations Title and Rights
- 4) Protocols
- 5) Traditional Language
- 6) Storytelling
- 7) Colonization, including Residential School
- 8) Technology
- 9) Spirituality and Ceremony
- 10) Child Rearing

**EVALUATION
PROFILE:**

Student evaluation will be based upon the learning outcomes for ABE Provincial Level First Nations Studies which is articulated in the *Adult Basic Education British Columbia's Public Post-Secondary Institution Articulation Handbook*.

Credit will be determined by evaluation as follows:

In-Class Assignments (x3)	30%
Exam	10%
Quizzes (x2)	10%
Oral Presentation	10%
Research Paper	25%
Group Project	10%
Attendance and Participation	5%

	100%

GRADING PROFILE:

A+	90-100%	B+	77-79%	C+	67-69%	D	50-59%
A	85-89%	B	73-76%	C	63-66%	F	0-49%
A-	80-84%	B-	70-72%	C-	60-62%	NC	*

*Students not completing course work by the end of the term may receive a grade of NC (Not Complete) if they have made continuous and significant progress.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

- Examinations:** Students may rewrite any examination without penalty.
- University Policies:** Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.
- Participation:** Participation means regular attendance and good preparation demonstrated in class discussions.
- Attendance:** Regular attendance is required. If you must miss a class, make arrangements with a classmate to hand in any homework due and to explain work required for the following class. You are responsible for all materials and submission of work during your absence.
- Call your instructor if you cannot come to class.
- Missed Exams:** All missed exams and quizzes will be graded “0” unless special arrangements are made with the instructor **prior** to the date of the exam or quiz.
- Cheating/Plagiarism:** All forms of cheating including plagiarism are serious offences. The instructor has the right to assign a “0” on the assignment or a grade of “NC” on the course. A second offence in any course may result in expulsion from the program.
- Computer use policies:** The misuse of a computer system (such as unauthorized access to other computer accounts or unauthorized use of system software) is not only unfair to other students but can result, at the instructor's discretion, in suspension of the offender's computer access in a course, which may result in an “NC” grade. Repeated offences may result in a permanent revoking of all computer privileges.
- Emergency Procedures:** Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.