

## COURSE OUTLINE - Fall 2025

### NT2030(A2): Indigenous Ways of Knowing - 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30-3:00 PM

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** An introduction to Indigenous Peoples' philosophies and regeneration of ways of knowing, indigeneity, cultural and ceremonial life.

**PREREQUISITE(S):**  
None

**COREQUISITE(S):**  
None

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**  
None; all required texts will be available on our myClass course page.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** On-Campus

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Demonstrate how to seek perspectives of elders & knowledge keepers teachings
- Recall Indigenous ways of knowing concepts & themes from readings
- Ability to identify and engage respectfully in Indigenous ceremony and events
- Apply knowledge of Indigenous elders and scholars drawing strength from old ways in our contemporary times

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferralberta.alberta.ca>

\*\* For courses with alpha (letter) grading, a grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

## EVALUATIONS:

Participation - 20%

Reading Annotations - 20% (*due every Tuesday at 10 AM*)

Reflection Papers - 20% (*due October 3 and December 12*)

Course Project - 40% (*proposal 10% due October 31; project 30% due November 28*)

## GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most institutions will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

### Grading Chart

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

## COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week	Topic	Assignments
W1: Sept 2-5	Course Introduction	
W2: Sept 8-12	Language and Terminology	

W3: Sept 15-19	Community Acceptance and Belonging	
W4: Sept 22-26	Positionality	
W5: Sept 29-Oct 3	Relationality	Reflection Paper #1 DUE Oct 3 at 5 PM
W6: Oct 6-10	Protocol and Ceremony	
W7: Oct 13-17	Obligations and Responsibilities	
W8: Oct 20 - 24	Indigenous Law and Governance	
W9: Oct 27-31	Indigenous Education	Course Project Proposal DUE October 31 at 5 PM
W10: Nov 3-7	Indigenous Research	
W11: Nov 10-14	FALL BREAK	
W12: Nov 18-21	Indigenous Science	
W13: Nov 24-28	Indigenous Art	Course Project DUE Nov 28 at 5 PM
W14: Dec 1-5	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	
W15: Dec 8-12	Course Reflections	Reflection Paper #2 DUE Dec 12 at 5 PM

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assigned readings and course content should be completed before attending class. Attendance at all classes is required and is necessary for student success in this course. Please notify the instructor immediately in case of illness or emergency.

If you are experiencing challenges in this course or facing barriers to completing readings and assignments, please contact your instructor immediately for assistance.



It is expected that students maintain a professional demeanor during class and in communications pertaining to the course.

Additionally, use of generative AI in lieu of completing written assignments is strictly prohibited and will result in an automatic fail in assignments.

## **STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:**

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/polytechnic-leadership/policies-directory>.

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Assignment descriptions will be discussed in class and will be available on the myClass page.
2. All readings will be available on the myClass page.
3. Some classes may take place at the on-campus Friendship Centre, outside, and in other spaces. Location changes will be communicated to you ahead of the class.