

Grande Prairie Regional College  
Department of Arts, Commerce and Education  
NT1000: Introduction to Native Studies  
Credits: 3 (3hrs) Lecture/Discussion  
Pre- and co-requisites: None

Fall, 2003

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**Course Description:** NT1000 is an introduction to both Native and university studies. Approximately two-thirds of the term will explore the history of European-Native contact, tracing the origins of modern conditions and showing the strategies for self-determination, recovery and renewal adopted by Native leaders and nations. The remainder of the course will study contemporary issues from the 1969 White Paper and self-government, to the recent Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. The course also places a special emphasis on how to study, research and write in a university environment.

**Required Texts:** (in our bookstore)

Pauline Comeau and Aldo Santin. *The First Canadians: A Profile of Canada's Native People Today*. Lorimer.

Arthur Ray. *I Have Lived Here Since the World Began*. Key Porter Books, 1996.

Rupert Ross. *Return to the Teachings*. Penguin. 1996.

Colin Norman. *Writing Essays: A Short Guide*. Queen's University.

**Assignments and Grading:** Questions will be assigned from the textbooks and lectures. Your written answers to the take-home quizzes and assignments are important, for they will help you prepare for the examinations and assignments that come later on in the course. In addition, you will write a short book review (about 10 pages) of Rupert Ross's *Return to the Teachings*, and, after the mid-term examination, you will write a brief research essay (about 8-10 pages) due towards the end of the course. There will be a final examination, scheduled in the regular examination period. ***Students must attend the majority of all classes and finish all work to complete the course successfully. Late work will be penalized.***

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| Take-home Quizzes        | 15%        |                 |
| Book Review Essay        | 15%        | Due October 27. |
| Mid Term Quiz            | 20%        | 14 November     |
| Research Essay           | 20%        | Due November 24 |
| <b>Final Examination</b> | <b>30%</b> |                 |

**Outline:**

***Friday, 5 September: Native societies—Life on the Land: a Life Worth Living.***

***READ: Ray, Chapters 1-3.***

***Monday, 8 September and Friday, 12 September: Traders, Missionaries and Colonizers, Round One.***

***READ: Ray, Chapter 4***

***NBB: Sept. 8 class is being held in a unique location! Class will be at Centre 2000 to view artifacts and displays. Please bring 2\$ for admission.***

***15 and 19 September: War and Remembrance***

***READ: Ray, Chapter 9***

***22 and 26 Sept.: British North America - Same old, Same old?***

***READ: Ray, Chapter 10.***

***29 Sept. and 3 October: The Western Fur Trade.***

***READ: Ray, Chapter 5-6, 17***

***6 and 10 October: New Peoples, New Plains***

***READ: Ray, Chapters 7, 11***

***NBB: 13 October is Thanksgiving Holiday. No Class (Yipeeeeeee!)***

***17 October: Book Review Session on Return to the Teachings.***

***20 and 24 October: Treaties, and the Last War Drum***

***READ: Ray, Chapters 13-16***

***27 and 31 Oct.: Seeds of turmoil in the West***

***READ: Ray, Chapters 8, 12, 18***

***3 and 7 November: Recovery, Rage and Renewal***

***READ: Ray, Chapters 19-20, and *First Canadians*, Chapter 1, 10***

***November 10-11 Remembrance Day Holiday. No Classes (Got your reading caught up?)***

***14 November: Mid-Term Quiz***

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***17 and 21 November: Reserves and Cities—homelands or ghettos?***

READ: *First Canadians*, Chapters 2-3.

***24 and 28 November: Self Government, Self Sufficiency and Health***

READ: *First Canadians*, 4-6

***1 and 5 December: Education, Children and Justice***

READ: *First Canadians*, 7-9

***8 December: Review and Wrap-up***

***Final Exam:*** Scheduled in December Examination block.