



SEP 1996

Community & Continuing Education

Course Outline

Y

Introductory Cree - NT1110CE (6 credits)
Classes begin September 10, 1996 and end April 15, 1997.
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Welcome to Introductory Cree. This course will consist of the grammatical and oral format of the Plains Cree dialect. The Cree language is the largest single member of the Algonquian family spoken in Canada. This class will be following the Plains Cree Y dialect.

This course will introduce the sound system and the writing system of the Plains' Cree. The sound system section acquaints the readers with the correct pronunciation of the Plains Cree dialect throughout the Language Lab and oral practice. From time to time there will be an elder name Anglene Cole, who will come in and wow us with her fluency.

The book will introduce the writing system which consists of the grammatical and structural idea of Cree writing.

If you do not speak Cree or if you do not speak Cree fluently, do not expect to be fluent once you are done this course. Expect instead to know some basic conversations and how to write some basic Cree sentences. The intention of this course is to prepare the student for Intermediate Cree and Advanced Cree at the University of Alberta. This is how the course will run. There will be 29 classes, running every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with a 10 minute break at 8:30 p.m.

This course is broken up into eight sections, and at the end of each section there will be a quiz. At the end of each unit there will be an in-class exercise. There will be an oral presentation, a take home exam and a open book exam. There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

Texts: Introductory Cree (Part 1), Introductory Cree (Part 2) and Plains Cree Glossary; University of Alberta, 1994.

Prerequisite: Nil

Grading:	Attendance & Participation	5%
	Cree Conversation	5%
	Oral Presentation	5%
	Exercises	10%
	Quizzes	20%
	Mid-Term Exam	25%
	Final Exam	<u>30%</u>
	100%	

Class Schedule

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September 10, 1996

Section 1 - Exercise A (An Introduction to the Sounds of Cree)
Language lab + exercise 1 + quiz

This class is very important for it is the one that will prepare the student for the sounding system of the Plains Cree "Y" dialect. (I suggest you start a "rules" section in your notes.)

September 17, 24, October 1, 1996

Section 2 - Unit 1, 2, 3

September 17	Greeting, Food & Dinnerware - Unit 1
September 24	Animals, AI Verbs and Pronouns - Unit 2
October 1	Parts of the Body - Unit 3

Each unit will consist of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules
book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab
unit exams and/or spelling exams
section exam.

This is the beginning of a very intense section. The next five classes are very important in understanding the structure of the Cree language and how everything fits.

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996

Section 3 - Unit 4, 5, 6, 7

October 8	Kinship Terms & Basic Conversations - Unit 4
October 15	Word Derivations & Basic Conversation - Unit 5
October 22	Colours & Descriptions - Unit 6
October 29	Getting around in Cree - Unit 7

Each unit will consists of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules
book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab
unit exams and/or spelling exams
section exam.

This section is a little simpler and with fewer rules and definitions. This is the fun section. This section is not as intense as the last section. This section consists of counting and telling time, dates and money, occupations, clothing and more animals, more particles and AI verbs.

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November 5, 12 19, 26, December 3, 10, 1996

Section 3 - Unit 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

November 5	Counting & Telling Time - Unit 8
November 12	Dates & Money - Unit 9
November 19	Occupations, Clothing & More Animals - Unit 10
November 26	More Particles & AI verbs - Unit 11

Each unit will consist of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab unit exams and/or spelling exams section exam

December 3	More Transitive Verbs - Unit 12
December 10	Review - unit 13

These last two sections gather all units to make longer sentences. The rules that didn't make sense earlier will begin to come together. After the quiz on December 3, there will be a review on December 10.

December 17, 1996

Mid Term
Language Lab room
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

The mid term will be on all units, Unit 1 to Unit 12. The mid term will be during regular class time, Tuesday, December 17, 1996.

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January 7, 14, 21, 28, 1997

Section 4 - Unit 14, 15, 16, 17

January 7	Food & Preparation Terms - Unit 14
January 14	Clothing & Related Concepts - Unit 15
January 21	Natural Phenomenon & Geographic Directions - Unit 16
January 28	Months of the Year & Special Paradigms - Unit 17

Each unit will consist of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab unit exams and/or spelling exams section exam

February 4, 11, 18, 1997

Section 6 - Unit 18, 19, 20

February 4	Cree Predictions (Cultural Components) - Unit 18
February 11	Cree Etymology (Word Formation) - Unit 19
February 18	Kinship and Practice with Obviate Formation - Unit 20

Each unit will consist of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules
 book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab
 unit exams and/or spelling exams
 section exam

Reading week see you March 4, 1997

March 4, 11 18, 1997

Section 7 - Unit 21, 22, 23

March 4	Basic Health care and related concepts - unit 21
March 11	Traditional Cree Teaching Verbs - unit 22
March 18	Introduction to Cree Literature - Unit 23

Each unit will consist of: new vocabulary, some conversations, and rules
 book exercises, in-class exercises, language lab
 unit exams and/or spelling exams
 section exam

I bet you are wondering, now what???? We still have three more classes. Well, one class will be used for your oral presentations, review and we may need one more day for section two. Your final is on April 15, 1997.

April 15, 1997

Final exam
 Language Lab room
 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm