



**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2020**

**NT1521 (A2): Introductory Cree I - 3 (4-0-1) 75 Hours for 15 Weeks**

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Introductory Cree I is a general introduction to Plains Cree (Y dialect) grammar, and vocabulary with an emphasis in the practice in speaking and working in the language laboratory.

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None. No prior knowledge of Cree is assumed.

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

- Edited by Memnook, M., Hunter, E., Karpinski, B., Introductory Cree, Part I, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. Revised Edition, 1999.
- Edited by Memnook, M., Hunter, E., Karpinski, B., Introductory Cree, Part II, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. Revised Edition, 1999.
- L.LiHirondelle, Warr, Memnook & Paskemin, Grammar/Glossary 2001, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. 2001.
- Edited by Earle Waugh. *Alberta Elders' Cree Dictionary: Alperta Ohci Kehtehayak Nehiyaw Otwetamakewasinahikan*. The University of Alberta Press, Duval House Publishing: Edmonton, Alberta. (2002).

**Recommended Texts:**

- H.C. Wolfart, Chris and Freda Ahenakew, Student's Dictionary of Literary Plains Cree, Winnipeg, MB, 1988.
- Wolvengrey, Arok, Nehiyawewin: Itwewina. Cree: Words, Canadian Plains Rresearch Center, University of Regina, Regina, SK, 2001 (Volume 1 and 2).

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lectures, Discussions, & Video Conference

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** This Course introduces students to:

- Students will be able to comprehend simple sentences written in Roman Orthography, through their knowledge of vocabulary, word agreement, word order and association.
- Students will also be able to interpret and write in Cree Syllabics. Individual projects will be done both in written and presented orally in class. There will be in class and some take home assignments throughout this term. Often the structure is provided for you through class lectures.
- Attendance and participation are very important in this course. Students will not be allowed to reschedule missed quizzes or assignments unless they provide a valid reason.
- This course will provide preparation for the intermediate Cree NT1522.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** As a result of taking this course, students will gain the abilities to:

- Comprehend simple sentences written in Roman Orthography through their knowledge of vocabulary, word agreement, word order and association
- Interpret and write in Cree Syllabics
- Present projects both in written and presented orally in class.
- **Demonstrate and understand simple sentences written in Roman Orthography, and Cree Syllabics through their knowledge gained of the vocabulary, word agreement, word order and association.**
- **Recognize words written in Roman Orthography.**
- **Identify and incorporate Cree words into simple sentences by translating them into English.**
- **Demonstrate basic level understanding of the Cree language.**
- **Apply and evaluate their knowledge of basic terms written and spoken in Cree.**

**TRANSFERABILITY:** UA, UC, UL, AU, Augustana

**\*Warning:** Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide at <http://transferalberta.alberta.ca/transfer-alberta-search/#/audienceTypeStep>

**\*\* 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:**

1. Quiz #1	September 30	10%
2. Field Trip	TBA	5%
3. Midterm	October 30	15%
4. Quiz #2	November 13	10%
5. Assignment #2 Children’s Cree Book		
Part A Written in Cree/English (750 words)	Nov 25	10%
Part B Oral Presentation	Nov 27 (Dec 2 if needed)	10%
6. Final Exam	TBA	30%
7. Participation	Sept – Dec	10%

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**Important Note on Assignments:** Deadlines for assignments will be strictly observed. All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date they are due. LATE assignments are penalized 5% PER DAY that they are late to a maximum of five days (25%); after five days late assignments will not be accepted. Only in extremely special cases will extensions be granted. The instructor will not be responsible for any assignment handed in to anyone other than the instructor. It is expected that all assignments will be typed (except for in-class exams). Assignments are not handed back until all assignments are in. The final paper will be handed back at the last class or at the final exam. Student assignments remaining at the Faculty of Native Studies 90 days after the semester ends will be shredded.

**Projects:** Students will complete two projects:

1. A short story or book written in Roman Orthography or Cree Syllabics, which must be presented in class;
2. a) essay on topic of interest in language or culture;  
b) oral presentation on any structural aspect of the language or culture.

**Language Laboratory:** Language lab tapes are available for student use. Attendance is critical and is included as a portion of your lab grade.

**Guest Speakers:** Upon availability and time permitting.

**Quizzes:** Attendance is imperative as quizzes are given a high percentage in final grading of the course.

- a) 2 take-home assignments per term
- b) 3 in-class quizzes and a mid-term per term
- 3) Cultural Participation

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

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

<b>Alpha Grade</b>	<b>4-point Equivalent</b>	<b>Percentage Guidelines</b>		<b>Alpha Grade</b>	<b>4-point Equivalent</b>	<b>Percentage Guidelines</b>
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A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	66-69
A	4.0	90-94		C	2.0	63-65
A-	3.7	85-89		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	80-84		D+	1.3	54-59
B	3.0	75-79		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-74		F	0.0	00-49

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

### **Topics: (Weekly Breakdown)**

- Units A - 4    Take home assignment #1 by October 22
- Units 5 - 9    Review for midterm by October 23.
- Units 10-13    Assignment #2 written in Cree/English by November 20
- Last assignment presentations November 27
- Review for final December 4
- Class Poll – Final Exam (3 hours)

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The assigned readings and exercises for each class should be completed before attending that class, except for the first class. As this course will depend heavily practice exercises, attendance at all sessions is required and is critical to the student's success in the course. In case of illness or emergency, notify the instructor as soon as possible. If you find yourself having difficulty in this course, please contact the instructor immediately for assistance. If you simply want more discussion with the instructor about any aspect of the course, please visit my office during office hours or at a more convenient pre-arranged time.

If a student is unable to attend an in-class test or quiz, the instructor must be advised before the test/quiz is administered. Voice mail or e-mail notification is fine. The test/quiz will usually then be written at a later time at the testing centre or pre-arranged location. Failure to notify the instructor of an absence will result in a grade of 0 on that test/quiz.

It is expected that all students will display a professional attitude and behaviour in the classroom. This includes reliability, respect for and cooperation with your fellow students and the instructor, attention to fellow student questions and instructor's response, determination to achieve first-class work while meeting deadlines, and constructive response to criticism.

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the section on Plagiarism and Cheating in the College policy titled Student Misconduct: Academic and Non-Academic at (<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=68>).

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments. **Instructors also reserve the right to ban the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, tablets, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during class and during exams.**

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

### **Additional Information**

1. The format of each exam will be discussed in class.
2. Exam grades are final and there is no substitute work for your poor exam grade.
3. The nature and topics of your written paper will be discussed in class.
4. It is your responsibility to read each and every chapter and assigned reading (if any) and attend all lectures.
5. Lectures will not always cover material in your chapters. Lectures may cover topics and include materials that are not covered by your textbook. It is therefore imperative that you attend every class as your exams may include materials from the lectures that are not covered by your textbook.
6. It is expected that students will display a professional attitude and behaviour. These attitudes and behaviours are many and will be discussed in class. Any violation or misconduct may result in dismissal from the class.
7. Talk to me if you have concerns or you are experiencing difficulties that may have a negative impact on your academic performance.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance is recorded daily. A medical note from a Medical Physician is required when absent from exams.