

Department of Arts, Commerce and Education

Grande Prairie Regional College

NT1521 - INTRODUCTORY CREE 1

Fall 2003

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Hours of Instruction: Lecture: 4 hours; Lab: 1 hour

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Cree 100 is a general introduction to the Plains Cree (Y Dialect) grammar and vocabulary. There will be an emphasis in speaking Cree and working in the language laboratory. No prior knowledge in Cree is assumed.

Course Objectives:

Students will be able to comprehend simple sentences written in Standard Roman Orthography (SRO), through their knowledge of vocabulary, word agreement, word order and association. This course will give students a basic understanding of the “Y” dialect with a limited vocabulary. Students will be expected to be able to form simple sentences and to speak with some competency. This course will provide preparation for intermediate Cree.

Evaluation:

Mid-term:	15%
Final Examination:	30%
Class Project:	15%
Home Assignment/Quizzes	10% (2 quizzes x 5%)
Language Lab/Participation:	20%
Oral Presentation:	10%

Class Project: Students will complete a class project.

Language Laboratory: Language lab tapes and CDs will be available for student use. Attendance is critical and is included in as portion of the lab grade.

Guest Speakers: There will be emphasis to bring in an Elder to tell stories and share aspects of the oral tradition.

Quizzes: There will be one in-class quiz, and one take-home assignment.

Required Textbooks:

Introductory Cree, Part 1, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. Revised Edition, 1999, E. Hunter/B. Karpinski. & B. Mulder

Supplementary Materials:

Plains Cree Grammar Guide and Glossary, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta, December 2001. Editors: L. L'Hirondelle, Memnook, S. Warr, & D. Paskemin