

Secondary Courses with Indigenous Focus

English First Peoples 10, 11, 12 BC

First Peoples 12

Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

- ✓ Favourable on university applications and scholarship when pursuing academic and career goals.
- ✓ Academically enriching with course taught rigorously and holistically:
 - Learn about local Traditional territory and “place”
 - Learn about the past, present and future with local context, connection to the land and story.
 - Learn from experiences, fieldtrips and from Elders.
 - Learn from teachers passionate about the course
- ✓ Supports every career. Beneficial knowledge to better understand the context of the workplace:
 - Academic professions
 - Trades
 - Business
- ✓ Indigenous students can see themselves represented in the BC Curriculum and non-Indigenous students will begin to understand their connection to colonization and develop the mindset of a global citizen.
- ✓ Supports global citizenship:
 - seeing the world from various perspectives
 - respecting diversity
- ✓ Learn about the full history of Canada and the history of the First People of Canada who’s stories have previously been excluded.
- ✓ Part of the district’s commitment to Equity, Truth and Reconciliation
 - Supports the commitment statement
 - Supports the Enhancement Agreement for Indigenous Students
 - Supports the district vision, goals and strategic plans

Descriptions:

English First Peoples 12 builds upon and extends students’ previous learning experiences in ELA and EFP 10 and 11 courses. English First Peoples 12 offers students an alternative to English Studies 12, offering more student choice. The course is designed for all students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who are interested in delving deeply into First Peoples oral and written literature and visual texts in a range of media. The course focuses on the experiences, values, beliefs, and lived realities of First Peoples as evidenced in various forms of text, including oral story, poetry, song, performance, film, and prose.

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BC First Peoples 12 focuses on the diversity of the cultures of British Columbia's Indigenous Peoples emphasizing the languages, cultures, and history of First Nations and Métis peoples. You will study First Nations people of British Columbia in four main areas: Relationships to the Land, the Historical Journey (contact, colonialism, and resistance), Leadership and Self-Determination, and Cultural Expressions. Career and Life Links: This course is recommended for every BC citizen and related to a diverse range of careers and professions.

Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 explores varied cultures and worldviews of different Indigenous Peoples in Canada and around the world. Students will consider the relationships and inequalities between different indigenous groups and governments around the world. Other topics considered will include the resilience and survival of indigenous people in the face of colonialism as well as economic development and community partnerships. Using First Peoples Principles of Learning (holistic, experiential, reflective, and relational) students will learn in a variety of ways, including the opportunity to engage with and learn from local knowledge keepers, and participate in various activities to encourage respectful consideration of various contemporary indigenous issues