

Department of Indigenous Studies Reading Course Guidelines

Introduction

Reading Courses are guided independent study courses which cover topics you are interested in. They are not intended as substitutes for existing courses. The success of a reading course depends upon your own motivation to undertake such a method of study, your discipline at developing and adhering to a schedule of readings and your own intellectual curiosity about the subject. Reading courses are opportunities for you to explore, in a disciplined and rigorous fashion, a subject not normally covered or not covered in sufficient depth in existing courses.

Reading Course Guidelines

1. All reading courses must be approved by the proposed Reading Supervisor and the Department Chair, before it's commencement. The Reading Course Request and Approval Form must be completed.
2. Students who wish to undertake a practicum should first of all find a faculty member who is willing to supervise such a course and then prepare a short 2 - 5 page reading course proposal. This proposal should contain a short description of the topic you wish to read, a preliminary bibliography of at least 10 sources, a proposed reading schedule, a list of proposed assignments and a grading scheme.
3. Reading courses normally have the following requirements (or their equivalent in terms of depth of analysis and amount of work and academic rigor): for half courses, one essay and one critical analysis of one of the references; for full-courses, two essays and two critical analyses of two of the references: Fortnightly meetings with the reading supervisor are expected to occur. Papers are expected to be approximately 3,000 words; critical analyses approximately 1,000 words.
4. All material submitted must follow the Documentation Guide for Written Work in Indigenous Studies. Copies are available from the Indigenous Studies Departmental office.
5. Students are encouraged to keep a log of all the references read. This log should contain the following information: bibliographic information, short outline of what you learned from the reference and reasons for stopping reading a reference if this has happened.
6. Papers are due on a date to be agreed upon by reading supervisor and the student, but no later than the end of term.

Indigenous Studies Department Reading Course Request and Approval Form

Reading courses are intended to allow senior students (senior students are those who have completed 10 or more courses) to pursue topics of interest to them which are not part of the curriculum. This pursuit should be done under the guidance of a member of the Department of Indigenous Studies who has an interest or expertise in the proposed area. Reading courses must be approved by the Departmental Chair prior to their commencement.

Instructions

1. This form must be filled out and signed by the student, faculty supervisor and Department Chair prior to the start of the course. A reading course proposal must accompany the request.
2. Please use the Reading Course Guidelines which are available in the Indigenous Studies Departmental Office as the basis for the course proposal. I request to undertake a reading course as outlined below:

INDG 3900Y _____ INDG 3910H _____ INDG 4900Y _____ INDG 4901H _____

Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Proposed Topic: _____

Proposed Reading Supervisor: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval

Reading Supervisor: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Department Chair: _____ Date: _____

Please check the following:

Chair Signature Supervisor Signature Student Signature

Proposal Bibliography Add/Drop Form

1 copy - Department

1 copy - Registrar's Office

1 copy - Student