

Course	CDNS 5001 Conceptualizing Canada
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COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Welcome to grad school! This is the core MA course in the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies. It is designed to introduce you to key debates of the field, and to prepare you as a researcher and a contributor to critical discourses related to Canadian society. This course will examine key events in the creation of Canada and their various and conflicting narrations. We will explore how original scholarly research is done, including the processes, issues, and challenges involved. This course is designed to equip you with a basic understanding of the mechanics, ethics, dilemmas and rewards of scholarly research on Canada. The course begins with some history of Canada and of Canadian Studies as orientation. It then turns to the nuts and bolts of research: planning a project, reviewing the literature, methodology, research methods, etc. This course will 1) introduce students to the field of Canadian Studies and the major approaches that have informed the field; 2) help them to develop their own research projects in relationship to the field; and 3) develop a sense of membership in a learning community. *This is a blended online course.*

EVALUATION

Reading presentation 5	Reading discussions 10
Annotated Bibliography 10	Research Proposal 10
First version (formative)	Second version 20
Oral presentation and power point 15	Panel discussion 10
Reflection 10	Feedback to your peers 10

TEXT

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