

Course	CDNS 1002: Theorizing Identity in the Canadian Context
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This year, Themes in the Study of Canada uses theories of identity to interrogate and critique political and cultural formations within the Canadian context. This course aims to help students think about their own identity claims, as well as those made by the people and communities around them, in terms of a vibrant and interesting field of scholarship. The assignments and discussions introduce the student to Indigenous and Canadian Studies as a discipline through the lens of identity by covering, in an accessible and introductory manner, a number of important thinkers and theoretical positions. Applying these concepts and models to their experience and research, the student will develop tools that will help them conceptualize the politics and cultures of the contemporary Canadian context.

## EVALUATION

As a first-year course, this is a critical tools course. It is structured so that the student will begin the semester by picking a topic of interest. As the course progresses, tutorial assignments and discussions will guide students through the planning, development, and writing of a research paper, which will then be the final assignment. Each stage of this process has a rubric that the students will consult as they complete the assigned tasks, and the tutorials will afford opportunities for guided and group discussions.