

Course	INDG 2015 Indigenous Ecological Ways of Knowing
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COURSE DESCRIPTION / INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course will provide an overview of diverse Indigenous cosmologies and perspectives on land, water, atmospheres, and more-than-human beings. We will draw on Indigenous knowledge from nations/societies/communities around the globe. The aim of the course is to encourage students to be able to, in writing and in oral presentation work: identify plural Indigenous ecological perspectives, identify local environmental issues in the unceded Algonquin Territory the class takes place in, analyze popular media and academic narratives of human-environmental issues, apply critical Indigenous Studies discourses to understanding a) relationships between humans and their environment and b) how these relationships are shaped by, and understood through, dynamic and diverse socio-cultural factors/lenses throughout the world.

This online course will be offered in an asynchronous format.

EVALUATION

35%: Watershed Activity and Reading Reflections (2 assignments total)
5%: CUPortfolio Topic Proposal
45%: CUPortfolio on Indigenous Environmental Issue
15%: Participation

TEXT

Kimmerer, Robin Wall. (2013). Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and Teachings of Plants. Milkweed Editions.