

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE LEGISLATION I
PROGRAM: NATIVE COMMUNITY WORKER
CODE NO. NSA 102!-3
SEMESTER: THREE
AUTHOR: NATIVE EDUCATION and TRAINING
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1991

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PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:

This course is designed to heighten the students' awareness of past and present legislation pertaining to First Nations, This will include the structure and process of Band government.

The goals of this course are to provide the students with an overview of the development of Band government and provide a general knowledge of the stages of the development. Customary Law, Treaties, Indian Act, Aboriginal Rights and Band structure are specific areas which will be studied. With this knowledge the students should be more effective in their work in their community and place of employment.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this course are to:

1. provide the students the opportunity to delve into a complicated ever-changing area of Native life, both on and off the Reserve;
2. to allow the students the opportunity to develop an understanding of present day issues which affect them, such as aboriginal rights and the impact of Bill C-31;
3. to develop the students' learning skills pertinent to the application and interpretation of laws as it affects their lives -

REQUIRED STUDENT RESOURCES:

Drum Beat, Summrhill Press (Available in Bookstore)

Reference Material : In Learning Resource Centre

Aboriginal Peoples and the Law, Carleton University Press

Pathways to Self Determination, University of Toronto Press

EVALUATION;

Attendance and Participation	20%
Written Assignments	10%
Mid-Term Test	20%
Project (To Be Discussed)	30%
Final Exam	<u>20%</u>
Total.	.iWI

COLLEGE GRADING SYSTEM:

- A+ - 90 - 100%
- A - 80 - 90%
- B** » 70 - 79%
- C « 60 - 69%
- R = Under 60 (Must Repeat Course)

Students will be expected to write the mid-term test and final exam on the prescribed date.

Assignments are due **on time** or marks will be deducted.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED;

1. Aboriginal and Constitutional Rights

Origins of Aboriginal rights - International Law, Royal Proclamation.

The Constitution, the First Ministers Conferences, and Meech Lake.

Court decisions, federal, provincial and First Nations views on Aboriginal rights.

2, Treaties

Legal status and significance of treaties.

"Spirit and Intent" - the interpretation of treaties.

Treaty harvesting rights - First Nations, governments and judicial views.

Topics to be covered.....continued

3. The Indian Act

Historical development of the Indian Act-
Bill C-31 and First Nations Citizenship codes
Band Councils - elections and structures.

Band Council Powers

Overview.

Surrenders and leases of reserve lands.

Taxation of individuals and businesses.

By-law powers.

Election.

Application of Federal and Provincial Laws on Reserve

Self-Government

Existing arrangements.

Current options for Bands, child welfare; economic development; natural resources and food harvesting; education; courts, policing and corrections.