



NBE3UR Course Outline
Languages Department
Earl of March Secondary School



English: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices, Grade 11, AP

This course explores the themes, forms, and stylistic elements of a variety of literary, informational, graphic, oral, cultural, and media text forms emerging from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures in Canada, and also examines the perspectives and influence of texts that relate to those cultures. In order to fully understand contemporary text forms and their themes of identity, relationship, and self-determination, sovereignty, or self-governance, students will analyse the changing use of text forms by Indigenous authors/ creators from various periods and cultures in expressing ideas related to these themes. Students will also create oral, written, and media texts to explore their own ideas and understanding, focusing on the development of literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life. The course is intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 12 English university or college preparation course.

In the **Advanced Placement** stream, an additional focus is to provide students with a comprehensive survey of the development of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit literature, including poetry, prose, and drama. AP students will be evaluated according to the same criteria as regular U-level students, but will work with an enhanced body of material at a brisk pace and will participate in extensive discussion. Excellent reading skills and work skills are essential.

[Link to Curriculum Document](#)

What course do you need to enroll? ENG2D

What you can take after this course: ENG4U or ENG4UR, EWC4U

What you will be learning:

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT PERSPECTIVES AND TEXT FORMS IN CANADA

1. Exploring: explore themes related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit identities, relationships, and self-determination, sovereignty, or self-governance; as reflected in text forms created in Canada, formulating questions and comparing perspectives to stimulate a well-reasoned exchange of ideas about these topics;
2. Deconstructing: demonstrate an understanding of how representations of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals, communities, and cultures in text forms created in Canada are influenced by perspectives related to or shaped by historical period, cultural background, and social and political conditions and events, including perspectives related to gender and the role of women;
3. Reconstructing: demonstrate an understanding of the role of contemporary and historical text forms created in Canada in representing the diversity of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit lives, cultures, and world views, and assess the impact on Canadian society of efforts to challenge colonialist views and incomplete or inaccurate representations.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

1. The Oral Tradition: demonstrate an understanding of text forms, figures, and practices associated with the oral traditions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, explaining how these traditions communicate meaning and how they are used in contemporary communities, and demonstrate the use of culturally appropriate listening practices;
2. Listening to Understand: listen to oral texts from and/or related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures in order to understand and respond appropriately in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes;
3. Speaking to Communicate: use speaking skills and strategies appropriately to communicate with different audiences, for a variety of purposes, about themes, ideas, and issues related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures;
4. Reflecting on Skills and Strategies: reflect on and identify their strengths as listeners and speakers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in oral communication contexts related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures.

READING AND LITERATURE STUDIES

1. Reading for Meaning: read and demonstrate an understanding of a variety of literary, informational, and graphic texts from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, and, as appropriate, relevant texts from non-Indigenous sources, using a range of strategies to construct meaning;
2. Understanding Form and Style: identify a variety of text forms, text features, and stylistic elements in texts from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, and, as appropriate, relevant texts from non-Indigenous sources, and demonstrate an understanding of how they help communicate meaning;
3. Reading With Fluency: use knowledge of words and cueing systems to read fluently;
4. Reflecting on Skills and Strategies: reflect on and identify their strengths as readers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful before, during, and after reading texts from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, and, as appropriate, relevant texts from non-Indigenous sources;
5. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices in Contemporary Literature: identify various contributions of individuals, organizations, and initiatives, including technological initiatives, to the development of contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit literature, and analyse the social and cultural influence of those contributions.

WRITING

1. Developing and Organizing Content: generate, gather, and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience on subject matter related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures;
2. Using Knowledge of Form and Style: draft and revise their writing, using a variety of literary, informational, and graphic forms and stylistic elements appropriate for the purpose and audience;
3. Applying Knowledge of Conventions: use editing, proofreading, and publishing skills and strategies, and knowledge of language conventions, to correct errors, refine expression, and present their work effectively;
4. Reflecting on Skills and Strategies: reflect on and identify their strengths as writers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful at different stages of writing texts on subject matter related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures.

MEDIA STUDIES

1. Understanding Media Texts: demonstrate an understanding of a variety of media texts from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, and, as appropriate, relevant media texts from non-Indigenous sources;
2. Understanding Media Forms, Conventions, and Techniques: identify some media forms and explain how the conventions and techniques associated with them are used to create meaning in the context of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures;
3. Creating Media Texts: create a variety of media texts on subject matter related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, for different purposes and audiences, using appropriate forms, conventions, and techniques;
4. Reflecting on Skills and Strategies: reflect on and identify their strengths as media interpreters and creators, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in understanding and creating media texts on subject matter related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures;
5. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices in Contemporary Media: identify various contributions of individuals, organizations, and initiatives, including technological initiatives, to the development of contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit media production, analysing the social and cultural influence of those contributions and the role of media literacy.

How you will demonstrate your learning and be evaluated: The course will be evaluated as follows: The total course work based on overall expectations will be worth 70%, and the remaining 30% will be based on the Summative evaluation(s). A variety of assessment tools will be used to assess students' learning, including literary and non-fiction analysis tests, reports and/or essays including research and documentation, reflections, presentations, a summative and an exam.

Students will have the opportunity to write the AP English Language Exam. This exam is separate from the course, and will not be part of the course evaluation.

