

University of Waterloo School of Architecture

ARCH 285/ARCH 520/ENVS 274 - Pre-contact land sustainability in the Carolinian Zone: Practical knowledge for a changing climate. - Spring 2020

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to pre-contact Indigenous land sustainability practices in the Carolinian Zone (South Western Ontario). For generations Indigenous peoples of the region relied on sophisticated traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) to transform their world. Creating complex and dynamic ecosystems that sustained their civilizations, cultural wisdom, and an array of interconnected flora and fauna. Learn ways these relationship are established and maintained through practical experiences on the land and how that relationship can address food security, sustainable design, and land restoration.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

There is a long and complex history of Indigenous relationships, occupations, treaties, and land stewardship in South Western Ontario. We acknowledge the ancestors of this land, both past and present. Our goal is to peacefully restore the land and we thank all our relations in this process.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Part 1- Lecture

Part 2 - Small and Large Group dialogue

Themes by week

Weeks 1-3 Minerals and Winter

Weeks 4-6 Plants and Spring

Weeks 7-9 Animals and Summer

Weeks 10-12 Humans and Fall

Weekly Agenda

MINERALS - Weeks 1 to 3

Week 1

Part 1: Class Outline

Part 2: Assigning Groups

Required Reading: Judge, A, (2018). Indigenous land based sustainability practices: A Method for Thriving and Reconciliation. *Unpublished*.

Week 2

Part 1: Lecture - Overview of Sustainable Habitat Design, Climate Change, Winter Teachings

Part 2: Small group meetings (Please find your small group breakout room)

Due this week

Required Reading: Wallace-Wells, D. (2020). Earth's Climate Future. *Journal of International Affairs*, 73(1), 267–272.

Week 3

Part 1: Lecture - Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Steps 1&2.

Part 2: Large group dialogue (find your cluster)

Assignments:

1. Reflective Writing 1 (submit online by 5pm prior to class)
2. Large Group Dialogue (participate via zoom)

Required Reading:

McGregor, D. (2005). Traditional ecological knowledge: An Anishnabe woman's perspective. *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture & Social Justice*, 29(2), 103-109.

PLANTS and TREES - Weeks 4 to 6

Week 4 - Plants

Part 1: Lecture - Spring Teachings, Plants of the Carolinian Forest, and Steps 3&4

Part 2: Small group meeting

Assignments:

1. Resource Gathering and Sharing Assignment (5 resources and bibliography)

Required Reading:

M. Sharon Jeannotte (2017) Caretakers of the Earth: integrating Canadian Aboriginal perspectives on culture and sustainability into local plans. *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, 23(2), 199-213.

Week 5 - Trees

Part 1: Lecture - Trees of the Carolinian Forest

Part 2: Small Group meetings

Required Reading:

Waldron, G. E. (2003). Trees of the Carolinian forest. Boston Mills Press. (p. 15-49)

Assignment:

Week 6 - Food Sovereignty

Part 1: Lecture - Food Sovereignty

Part 2: Large Group dialogue

Assignments:

1. Reflective Writing Assignment 2 submit online by 5pm (prior to class)
2. Large Group Dialogue Assignment (participation via zoom)

Required Reading:

Coté, C. (2016). "Indigenizing" food sovereignty. Revitalizing Indigenous food practices and ecological knowledges in Canada and the United States. *Humanities*, 5(3), 57.

ANIMALS - Weeks 7 to 9

Week 7 - Anthropocene

Part 1: Lecture - The Anthropocene and Steps 5-6 (Harvesting, Preparing, Preserving, and Storing Harvest and Seed)

Part 2: Small group meetings

Part 3: Discussion

Assignments:

1. Resource Gathering and Sharing Assignment (5 resources and bibliography)

Required Reading:

Lewis, S. L., & Maslin, M. A. (2015). Defining the anthropocene. *Nature*, 519(7542), 171.

Assignment: Resource Gathering and Sharing Assignment (5 resources and bibliography)

Week 8 - Animals of the Carolinian Forest

Part 1: Lecture - Summer Teachings, and Step 7

Part 2: Personal reflection time

Required Reading: Brubacher, D., & McGregor, D. (1998). *Aboriginal forest-related traditional ecological knowledge in Canada*. Contribution to the 19th Session of the North American Forest Commission, Villahermosa, Mexico, 16-20.

http://www.nafaforestry.org/forest_home/documents/Brubacher-McGregor1998.pdf

Week 9 - Land as Pedagogy

Part 1: Land as Pedagogy

Part 2: Large Group dialogue

Required Reading:

Simpson, L. B. (2014). Land as pedagogy: Nishnaabeg intelligence and rebellious transformation. *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society*, 3 (3).

<http://whereareyouquetzalcoatl.com/mesofigurineproject/EthnicAndIndigenousStudiesArticles/Simpson2014.pdf>

Assignments:

1. Reflective Writing Assignment 3 submit online by 5pm (prior to class)
2. Large Group Dialogue Assignment (participation via zoom)

HUMANS - Weeks 10 to 12

Week 10 - Health

Part 1: Lecture - Fall teachings and Social Determinants of Health (past, present, future)

Part 2: Final assignment preparation time

Required Reading:

Reading, C., Wien, F. (2013). Health inequalities and social determinants of Aboriginal peoples health. *National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health*. Retrieved from, http://www.nccah-ccnsa.ca/Publications/Lists/Publications/Attachments/46/health_inequalities_EN_web.pdf

Assignments:

1. Resource Gathering and Sharing Assignment (5 resources and bibliography)

Week 11 - Polyphasic Consciousness

Part1: Lecture - Altered states and connecting back to our place of origin

Part 2: Final assignment preparation time

Required Reading:

Lumpkin, T. (2001). Perceptual diversity. Is polyphasic consciousness necessary for global survival? *Anthropology of Consciousness*, 12(1-2), 37-70.

<https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Perceptual-Diversity%3A-Is-Polyphasic-Consciousness-Lumpkin/9903baf59d603b5c11323237eba90522917c2e26>

Week 12

Part 1: Closing circle

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course will prepare you to actualize land-based sustainability practices in the Carolinian Zone. It will offer a comprehensive understanding of several aspects of sustainable habitat design from an Indigenous perspective. Some of the objectives you will gain from taking this course include the following:

1. Engage in critical dialogue around Indigenous land-based sustainability practices.
2. Explore several facets of sustainable habitat design and implementation.
3. Experience in the processes of collaboration on a group project with multiple deliverables.
4. Reflect on the ways your own behaviour impacts the environment and all the interconnected beings found in creation.

SCHEDULE

The course begins May 12, 2020 and will be offered in on online format each Tuesday for 12 weeks from 6-8:30pm.

EVALUATION

The following four assignments will be due throughout the course, some with multiple components. Two of the assignments are independent exercises and two are based on group collaboration. All assignment guidelines can be found in LEARN.

A1. Reflective Writing - 45% (3x15%)

A2. Large Group Dialogue - 15%

A3. Resource Gathering - 15%

A4. Sustainable Habitat Design - 25%

ASSESSMENT

Assessments are heavily based on participation in the course during the scheduled class time. Failure to participate in scheduled class dialogues will result in an inability to complete this course. Assessments can be found in assignment guidelines in LEARN.

HAND-IN AND SUBMISSIONS

Each group must complete assessments to an acceptable level and obtain a passing average in order to receive credit for this course. As the course is based on collective work, active participation and engagement with the larger group for the purpose of completing the projects will be the benchmark for successful participation in the course.

LATE WORK

All the work of the various groups will need to be completed in a timely manner, to ensure necessary coordination of the production of the project deliverables. Requests for extensions of agreed upon deadlines must be made as early as possible to the course instructor and must be made in advance of the given completion dates.

COURSE ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to fully participate in all class sessions. Course grades will be partly assessed on attendance and contribution by each student to the work of their assigned group.

COMMUNICATION WITH COURSE COORDINATOR

During the course communications to participants will be done through LEARN. It is required that each student confirm email address and other identification details are up to date both on LEARN and with the Undergraduate Student Service Coordinator, during the first week of class. Any correspondence to the course instructor should be sent to the following email address: andrew.judge@uwaterloo.ca

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Please see above course Agenda for all recommended readings. Readings can be accessed via LEARN

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Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity [check www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/] to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence,

or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71, Student Discipline, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm. For typical penalties check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/guidelines/penaltyguidelines.htm.

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 (Student Petitions and Grievances) (other than a petition) or Policy 71 (Student Discipline) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72 (Student Appeals) www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm.

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