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Welcome to SDS 411R: Decolonization and Social Action: Indigenous & Non-Indigenous Relationships Against, Within, & Beyond Settler Colonialism!

Winter 2019

Course Code: SDS 411R (Section 001) W

Course Title: Decolonization and Social Action: Indigenous & Non-Indigenous Relationships Against, Within, & Beyond Settler Colonialism

Class Times/Location: Wednesdays, 2:30-5:20pm; REN2918

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Course Description

This course introduces students to processes of decolonization, resurgence, unsettling, and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island. The course uses lectures, seminars, and project-based learning to explore issues such as: Settler-Indigenous relations, sovereignty, treaties, solidarity movements, appropriation, and how to engage in contemporary struggles against settler colonialism.
**Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, successful students will be able to:

A. Describe the history, current state, and possible futures of Indigenous-non-Indigenous relations in Canada;

B. Analyze how dominant national narratives circulate to elide past and present colonial relationships, as well as how such narratives can be interrupted by deliberate interventions to redefine how Canadians view themselves and Canadian society;

C. Outline the colonial assault on Indigenous lands, cultures, and communities;

D. Discuss the possibilities and challenges for decolonization and reconciliation, according to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives and at personal, social, cultural, and governmental levels;

E. Describe the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous peoples against and in spite of this colonial assault, and how such movements inform Indigenous-settler relationships now and in the future;

F. Convey an understanding of Indigenous worldviews, values, and ways of knowing, especially as they apply to Treaties, diplomacy, and peace building;

G. Reflect critically and reflexively on their own positionalities, personal histories, and responsibilities in light of ongoing histories of colonization and decolonization; and

H. Apply theories and practices of allyship, relationship building, and solidarity, particularly in support of Indigenous land defence and in light of the TRC Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Through a range of activities, discussions, and assignments, we will work together to meet these outcomes.

**Required Texts**


These books are available at the bookstore.

**Highly Recommended Texts Available at the Bookstore and Course Reserve**


**Other recommended Texts Available on Course Reserve or Online**


**LEARN**

Course schedules, assignments and activities, additional readings, and announcements are all posted on LEARN. You must become acquainted and proficient in LEARN in order to access some readings and to submit all of your assignments.

What is LEARN? LEARN is an easy-to-use learning management system that your instructor uses to supplement a face-to-face course or deliver a complete online course. LEARN allows you to access course materials online, communicate with others in your class, and submit assignments.

LEARN can be accessed at [UW Learn](https://learn}). Click on SDS 411R 001 to access our page.

**Required Readings Available On Course Reserve**


Truth and Reconciliation Commission Canada. (2015). Reconciliation. In What We Have Learned: Principles of Truth and Reconciliation (pp. 113-26). Winnipeg,


Recommended Readings on Course Reserve


Course Requirements and Assessment
All assignments must be completed to receive a grade in this course. Detailed descriptions of these assignments will be introduced and discussed in class, as well as posted on LEARN.

**How We Will Learn**

In this course, we will learn analytically, reflectively, experientially, emotionally, and collaboratively. Along with engaging extensively with the scholarship and cultural works of Indigenous scholars, activists, and filmmakers, the course will consider works from Indigenous studies, history, sociology, peace studies, critical race studies, and settler colonial studies. We will also use a range of learning modalities; while class discussion of readings will be our primary way of engaging, the course also incorporate personal reflection, case studies, in-class exercises, arts-based activities, presentations by guest speakers and students, community engagements, and films. Meeting in a circle format, the classroom will be a place of collaborative investigation, critical reflexivity, analytical skill building, respectful dialogue, professional and activist engagement, and personal challenge and growth.

**Assessment Schedule**

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Assignment Descriptions

Assessment 1: Class Participation (10%)

Active, respectful, and critical engagement is essential in this course. Collaborative learning demands that each person come to class prepared for substantial engagement and committed to listening, speaking, and working collectively to support and further each other’s learning. Weekly preparation of readings is key for class discussions, activities, and group and individual assignments to be effective for all.

What are the standards for participation? Each of us:

• Sets and actively pursues our own learning goals in the classroom;
• Shows up every week, prepared to engage in dialogue;
• Participates fully in classroom activities, learning exercises, and assignments;
• Identifies and employs our own learning styles and gifts for enriched personal and peer learning;
• Practices active and respectful listening, building constructively on the ideas of others;
• Displays evidence of careful reading and thorough preparation; and
• Provides original, relevant, and thoughtful contributions to the class.

Assessment 2: Critical Reflections on the Readings (4 weeks X 5% = 20%)

Due: At the beginning of the relevant class

You are invited to choose 4 weeks of the course (excluding Weeks 1 and 12) in which to prepare a critically reflexive response to the readings, to be submitted before the beginning of each relevant class. The aim is to consolidate and deepen your learning and foster your own perspective and position in relation to the issues raised that week. Beyond simply summarizing the articles, you are encouraged to prepare an integrative and creative analysis that traces and explores critical questions, concepts, and implications for practice as they interweave across the readings.

For these assignments, keep your use of direct quotations to a strict minimum, and focus instead on paraphrasing in your own words the ideas you wish to consider; draw on outside sources only when absolutely necessary. While these responses are not personal reflections per se, they do require personal reflexivity: How do you intersect with what you are reading? Where do you affirm or challenge the author(s) work, and where do you find yourself affirmed, implicated, or challenged? How might you apply, adapt, or extend these concepts or themes in your broader work? Throughout, you are encouraged to locate your assessment in relation to your own worldview, positionality, assumptions, and cultural geography.
**Length:** 350-500 words

**Format:** MS-Word document, double spaced; you do not need to reference the readings unless you use direct quotations or draw from other works (which again, you should do sparingly). If applicable, use APA Publication Manual (6th edition) for formatting of citations and references.

**Submit:** Via LEARN by the beginning of the relevant class. Dropboxes can be accessed by clicking Submit and then Dropbox on the course navigation bar.

**Grading:** Based on accuracy of paraphrasing and summarizing, quality of argumentation, use of evidence, clarity and depth of insight, effectiveness of organization, and writing style and grammar.

**Assessment 3: Reflective Essay: What is My Colonization Story? (10%)**

**Due:** January 23

Write a 3-4 page personal reflection on your relationship to colonialism, and that of your family and ancestors, if you know them.

You may have been impacted by colonialism in multiple ways and in different countries: it may be part of your birth or adopted family history as either colonizers or colonized (or both); it may affect what you do or don’t do, who or what you know, and how you see yourself or others in the present. It may be something that is talked about in your family or among your social circle or not talked about.

If you or your family or ancestors emigrated to what is now called Canada, think about where your family has been most connected to land, and whose territory you or your ancestors came to when they moved here. By what processes and histories did your family come to be here? Whose territory do you now live on, if you have moved to attend university? If you don’t know, think about why you don’t know.

If you are of Indigenous ancestry, you may wish to reflect on your people’s traditional territory and if you and your family are still connected to it.

If you don’t know your ancestry because of adoption or other reasons, please reflect on your own experience of colonialism in Canada and what you learned about it through your adopted family, friends, and society at large.

You do not have to disclose that you are adopted or any other personal information you don’t feel comfortable sharing.
Finally, reflect on how your own experiences of colonialism may influence your learning about Indigenous peoples and Indigenous/non-Indigenous relations in Canada. What do you bring to this course? What questions does this assignment bring up for you? How might your personal and familial history and its connection to the land under your feet contribute to your challenges and opportunities for allyship? There will be many different answers.

As this is a personal reflection, you do not need to do research or provide footnotes. You can write about personal experiences and emotions as well as facts, if they affect how you relate to colonialism, the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada, and the land you currently live on or claim as home. The point of the assignment is to become more conscious of your own perspectives and the ways that various social and historical factors may influence them.

**Length:** 3-4 pages (750-1000 words)

**Format:** MS-Word format document, double spaced

**Submission** Via LEARN at the beginning of the class on January 23rd

**Grading:** Based on clarity and depth of insight, thoughtfulness of reflection, and writing effectiveness.

**Please note:** During class on January 23rd, you will be invited (but not obligated) to share as much as you would like of this learning process.

*I am grateful to Dr. Victoria Freeman for her generosity in sharing this assignment with me and allowing me to use it for our class.*

**Assessment 4: Group Case Study Presentation & In-Class Facilitation (20%)**

**Due:** Assigned Week (See Sign-Up Sheet: Case Study Presentations)

In groups of four or five, you will prepare and present in class a case study offering a critical summary and analysis of an issue or event that has relevance to the topic area of your assigned week. This case study can analyze and explore: 1) a manifestation or issue of Indigenous-non-Indigenous conflict relevant to the class topic, in a specific context or locale; 2) the work of a particular nation, community, group, or organization in addressing such conflict; or 3) a specific initiative or movement towards decolonization, reconciliation, and/or resurgence.

Groups must indicate their case study topics, via email to the instructor, at least two weeks prior to their assigned week. Case study topics will be approved by the instructor on a first come, first served basis, and must be other than those already explored in depth through course materials.
In preparing the case study, group members must draw upon at least three academic articles or book chapters, along with other sources of information including popular articles, websites, films, and personal contacts. Case studies must also apply key course concepts and draw direct connections with relevant course readings, particularly those from the assigned week.

In presenting case studies to the class, students are encouraged to incorporate a range of creative means, including audiovisual resources, arts-based activities, and diverse adult learning exercises to effectively communicate the content and critical implications of your study and to engage your colleagues in thought-provoking and critical dialogue and contemplation.

Your case study should:

- Detail the case study’s objective and outline, as well as your group’s approach and methodology;
- Outline the context and relevant issue or initiative;
- Apply concepts from our readings to help us understand the case;
- Highlight key findings, strengths, limitations, insights, and continuing questions; and
- Consider how your case study intersects with UNDRIP and/or the TRC Calls to Action.

In addition, your in-class presentation should:

- Be built on a written session plan;
- Employ an effective range of adult learning approaches;
- Be a maximum of 30 minutes long, plus 10 minutes for discussion;
- Use a full range of learning tools (e.g., do you want your colleagues to preview any materials? Engage in any exercises prior to or during the presentation?).

Before your presentation, your group will submit via LEARN (in MS-Word format where appropriate) one copy of:

- Your group’s overall session plan (1-2 pages);
- Each member’s presentation notes;
- Powerpoint or other presentation aids that you developed/used for your presentation, including links to relevant media sources or video clips;
- A complete reference list of resources that you used.

Possible topics include:

- Native Caravan and Constitutional Express
- James Bay, Great Whale, and the Politics of hydroelectricity in northern Quebec
- Death of Dudley George and the Ipperwash Inquiry
• Resource Rights in the Maritimes: Solidarity around Burnt Church or Anti-Fracking
• Caledonia: Haudenosaunee land and sovereignty struggles
• Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) and Ardoch First Nation: Struggles against Mining on Traditional Territories
• Algonquins of Barriere Lake and the Trilateral Agreement
• Grassy Narrows Blockade/ Mercury Poisoning
• BC First Nations and the pipeline debate
• Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
• *Idle No More
• Responses to the TRC Calls to Action (eg. KAIROS, Reconciliation Canada, Project of Heart)
• *Responses to Canada 150: #UnsettleCanada150 and #DecolonizeCanada150
• Working towards decolonization in education or social work
• Indigenous Suicide Crisis

Length: 30 minutes in-class presentation, plus 10 minutes discussion; 1-2 page session plan

Format: Interactive presentation including audiovisual, experiential, and dialogue components; submission of presentation materials in PDF (for powerpoint) or MS- Word format

Submission Prior to your presentation, submit via LEARN session plan, individual presentation notes, powerpoint presentation, class readings (if applicable), and other materials shared in class

Grading: Based on depth of analysis, clarity and accuracy of summary, depth of analysis and insight, level of student engagement, and overall effectiveness of presentation.

Assessment 5: Participant-Observation of a Local Decolonial Event (10%)

Due: By last class (April 3)

During the course of the term, each student will identify, attend, participate in, reflect on, and analyze a local community event that is organized around the theme of decolonization, reconciliation, and/or resurgence. Events attended by students may include: political events to challenge settler colonial structures or practices; direct actions led by Indigenous peoples to assert rights, sovereignty, and jurisdiction; educational or cultural events highlighting histories of colonization, treaty relationships, or Indigenous life ways, knowledges, rights, and sovereignty; or events aimed at building local Indigenous-non-Indigenous alliances and solidarity relationships. Beyond being instances of cultural exchange, the events chosen must be ones that are specifically envisioned as efforts to build momentum towards decolonization, reconciliation, and/or Indigenous resurgence.
In response to this experience, each of you will write a **2-3 page (500-750 word) reflection and analysis** of the event and your participation. In your paper, you will include a brief description of the event, outline its main objectives and approach, and analyze its effectiveness and impact by drawing on course themes and materials. Your response will also consider the questions that the event raises for you, the emotional reactions and personal reflections that it sparks for you and others, and what the event conveys to you about practices and relationships towards decolonization. In your response, you do not need not come up with definitive answers, but you are encouraged to ask good questions.

Students will also be invited to share their responses in class the week following their participation in their events.

**Length:** 500-750 word review; sharing of reflections in class

**Format:** MS-Word format, double spaced

**Citations:** Use of course materials should be properly cited and referenced using APA Publication Manual (6th edition)

**Submission** Via LEARN to the Participation-Observation Drop Box by beginning of last class (April 3 at 2:30pm)

**Grading:** Based on clarity of summary, depth of analysis and insight, effectiveness of writing, and quality of in-class reflection.

**Final Research Project: Theory or Practice (30%)**

**Proposal Due:** February 13

**Informal Class Presentation:** April 3

**Final Paper Due:** April 9 at 11:55pm

Students have two options for completing their Final Research Project:

1. Planning and executing a community-based action towards decolonization (Group Assignment); or
2. Researching and writing a Final Paper (Individual Assignment).

**Proposal: Due February 13**

A 1-2 page proposal for the final project/paper is be submitted via LEARN by the beginning of class on February 13th. Please note that you will need to read some initial material in your intended area in order to develop a solid proposal. Effective project proposals should:
• Justify your choice to write a research paper or develop a project;
• Identify your topic, and carefully articulate the issues at stake;
• Develop a clear, defined, edgy question or action idea;
• Delineate your rationale for choosing this topic and approach, drawing explicit links with the course’s themes and objectives;
• List your learning outcomes for the project or paper;
• Outline your methodology, approach, and format; and
• Include initial possible reference list and resources.

**Option 1: Community-Based Project Towards Decolonization (Group Assignment)**

Students may work in groups of 2-4 to plan, carry out, and analyze a community-based project, either creative or social action-oriented, that actively engages with Indigenous and/or non-Indigenous communities and contributes to processes of decolonization, reconciliation, and/or resurgence in some way. Students are encouraged to do something that is practical, substantial, meaningful and relevant; wherever possible, students are also encouraged to support the initiatives of and work in partnership with local Indigenous organizations, groups, and communities.

Each group will prepare a **Final Report** about the project that outlines its context, rationale, intent, methodology, and outcomes, engaging extensive with course readings and themes. For this report, each student in the group is expected to contribute at least **8-10 pages of original writing** to the project (excluding Title, Table of Contents, Group Charter, and List of References). More details about this assignment will be discussed in class.

Students pursuing this option will also be responsible for ensuring that they can work together effectively in their team; the Instructor is available to consult but not to not intervene to mediate internal group dynamics. As a part of this assignment, each group is required to draft a **250 word Group Charter** that outlines the roles, expectations, and accountability mechanisms that each group will use to guide its collaborative work, and describes how they will manage or mediate conflicts or differences of opinion. This Charter should be included in the final report as an appendix. To prepare the Charter, students are encouraged to consult the following sources:

- Jumpstart Team Success: Create a Team Charter. Claros Group, n.d.
- **Sample Group Charter**: Collaborative Leaders Network, n.d.

Students participating in a group project are also required to submit an ungraded **250 self and peer review** identifying their specific role in the group and evaluating the contributions of all other group members. This paper will be
submitted individually via LEARN and is due on the same day as the major assignment.

Length: 8-10 pages (2000-2500 words) of original work from each student in the group, excluding title, table of contents, and references; Group Charter (250 words); document from each student outlining individual contributions to the overall project (250 words each)


Submission: On **April 9 at 11:55pm**, groups will submit one copy of the Final Project Report and Group Charter via LEARN; each student will also individually submit their own paper on contributions.

Grading: Based on accuracy of summarizing issue, quality of analysis and argumentation, clarity and creativity of insight, effectiveness of project, report organization, writing style and grammar.

**Option 2: Final Paper (Individual Assignment)**

Students may individually prepare a major research paper on a topic directly related to an issue pertinent to the course, with the agreement of the instructor. The anticipated length of the paper is **10-12 pages** (excluding Title, Table of Contents, and Reference list). The purpose of this project is to challenge students to explore a topic of particular interest.

More details about this assignment will be discussed in class.

Length: 10-12 pages (2500-3000 words), excluding title, table of contents, and references


Submission: Via LEARN by **April 9 at 11:55pm**

Grading: Based on accuracy of summarizing issue, use of evidence, quality of analysis and argumentation, clarity and creativity of insight, effectiveness of organization, and writing style and grammar.

**Please note:** If your project involves interviewing people, it may require a research ethics protocol, which will be prepared in consultation with the course instructor. To pursue this option, please contact the professor as soon as possible.
## Weekly Schedule

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- TRC Calls to Action  
- UNDRIP |
| 2    | Jan 16 | Naming the Settler Colonial Past and Present | Assigned Reading  
*Merging fires*, Chapter 2 (**pp. 52-70 only**)  
*Settler*, Chapter 2 (pp. 24-47)  
*Reconciliation Manifesto*, Chapters 1-5 (pp. 48-74)  
Recommended Reading  
Alfred, T. (2011). Colonial stains on our existence (pp. 3-11) [Course Reserve]  
Anaya, J. The situation of Indigenous peoples in Canada (pp. 1-22). [Course Reserve]  
Regan, P. (2010). *Unsettling the Settler*, Chapter 3 (pp. 83-110) [Online]  
|      |      | Class Activity  
*KAIROS Blanket Exercise*  
*Marjorie Paleshi Henriette Thompson* | |

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<td><strong>Assigned Reading</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Settler</em>, Chapter 1 (pp. 1-23) and Chapter 4 &amp; 5 (pp. 69-107)&lt;br&gt;Jafri, B. (2012). Privilege vs. complicity: People of colour and settler colonialism [Course Reserve]&lt;br&gt;<strong>Recommended Reading</strong>&lt;br&gt;Phung (2012). Are people of colour settlers too? [Course Reserve]&lt;br&gt;Regan, <em>Unsettling the settler within</em>, Chapter 1 (pp. 19-53) [Online]</td>
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*Settler*, Chapt. 3 (pp. 48-68)  
*Reconciliation manifesto*, Chapters 7-8 (pp. 82-93) and Chapters 10–14 (pp. 100-125).  
Recommended reading  
Simpson, L. (2018). Land as pedagogy: Nishnaabeg intelligence and rebellious transformation [Course reserve]  
• Simpson, *As we have always done*, Chapt. 9 (pp. 145-173)  
Waziyatawin (2013). Chapter 13: A serpent in the garden. [Course reserve] |
| 6    | Feb 13| Imagining (and Institutionalizing) Decolonization | Assigned Reading  
Tuck & Yang (2012). Decolonization is not a metaphor (pp. 1-28 only) [Course Reserve]  
Walia, H. (2012, January 1). Decolonizing together: Moving beyond a politics of solidarity toward a practice of decolonization. [Course Reserve]  
Recommended Reading  
*Settler*, Chapter 6 (pp. 108-123) |
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Merging fires, Chapter 3: Cape Croker: Fishing rights, anti-racism and community activism (pp. 78-112).  
Reconciliation manifesto, Chapters 31-39 (pp. 215-258; especially Chapter 31, 32, & 35)  
Recommended Reading  
Bédard (Mzinegiizhigo-kwe). Keepers of the water: Nishnaabe-kwewag speaking for the water (pp. 89-106). [Course Reserve]  
Sherman, P. (2008). The Friendship Wampum: Maintaining traditional practices in our contemporary interactions in the valley of the Kiji Sìbì. In L. Simpson (Ed.), Lighting the Eighth Fire: The liberation, resurgence, and protection of Indigenous nations (pp. 111-125) [Course Reserve] |
| 9    | Mar 13| Addressing racialized, gendered, and heteronormative violence and exclusion | Assigned Reading  
Green, J. (2006). From Stonechild to social cohesion: Antiracist challenges for Saskatchewan (pp. TBD) [Course reserve]  
Reconciliation manifesto, Chapters 24-25 (pp. 174-184)  
Recommended Reading  
Lawrence, B., & Dua, E. Decolonizing anti-racism, pp. 120-143 |
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| 11   | Mar 27 | Recognizing and Enacting Sovereignty: Indigenous Resurgence          | Assigned Reading

*Reconciliation manifesto*, Chapters 19-23 (pp. 150-173) & Chapter 27 (pp. 191-198)

Simpson (2017). Chapter 3: The attempted dispossession of kwe. In *As we have always done* (pp. 39-54) [Course Reserve]


**Recommended Reading**

Sherman, P. (2010). Picking up the wampum belt as an act of protest. (pp. 114-130) [Course Reserve]

Simpson (2017). Chapter 2: Kwe as resurgent method. In *As we have always done* (pp. 27-38) [Course reserve]
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| 12   | April 3 | Decolonizing relationships and alliances | *Class Activity*
*Informal sharing of final projects*
*Course closure*

Assigned Reading

Christian, D., & Freeman, V. (2010). The history of a friendship, or some thoughts on becoming allies (pp. 376-390). [Course Reserve]

Irlbacher-Fox, S. #IdleNoMore: Settler Responsibility for relationship [Course Reserve]

AWEA. (2010). Resources for working as allies. [Course Reserve]

*Merging fires*, Chapter 3: Grassy Narrows: Clear-cutting and the politics of trust (pp. 113-136)

Recommended Reading


Hiller, C. (2017). Tracing the spirals of unsettlement: Euro-Canadian narratives of coming to grips with Indigenous sovereignty, title, and rights. [Course reserve]

McLeod, A., & Arnold., J. Hidden truths: Learning from the land and each other (pp. 145-147). [Course Reserve]

Class Policies

Late Work
Late assignments will be accepted up to a week beyond the deadline at a penalty of 2% per day. After the fifth day, late assignments will not be accepted for any reason except those outlined in the University of Waterloo calendar (e.g., medical or family emergencies, or some other such event) and will receive a grade of 0. To request an extension, you must contact me 48 hours in advance of the deadline of the assignment. If an extension is negotiated, you are expected to submit your assignment at the agreed-upon time and date, with the appropriate documentation (if applicable). Please review the Waterloo policy regarding accommodation for illness for unforeseen circumstances.

Electronic Device Policy
You are encouraged to keep use of electronic devices in class at a minimum, especially during circle discussions and unless they are directly relevant to a classroom activity.

Attendance
Given the central importance of class discussion, students are strongly encouraged to commit to coming to class each week. Attendance in class will be taken into account for students’ participation grades.

Accommodation for Illness or Unforeseen Circumstances:
The instructor follows the practices of the University of Waterloo in accommodating students who have documented reasons for missing quizzes or exams. See http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/students/accom_illness.html

Academic Integrity:
In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. See the UWaterloo Academic Integrity webpage (https://uwwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) and the Arts Academic Integrity webpage (https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/ethical-behaviour) for more information.

Discipline
Every student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their own 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 professor, academic advisor, or Academic Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties are imposed under the University of Waterloo Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For typical penalties check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/guidelines/guidelines-assessment-penalties). Students should also be aware that copyright laws in Canada prohibit reproducing more than 10% of any work without permission from its author, publisher, or other copyright holder. Waterloo’s policy on Fair Dealing is available here: https://uwaterloo.ca/copyright-guidelines/fair-dealing-advisory Violation of Canada’s Copyright Act is a punishable academic offence under Policy 71 – Student Discipline.

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4 (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant, who will provide further assistance.

**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 are grounds. Students who believe they have grounds for an appeal should refer to Policy 72, Student Appeals (https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72).

**Academic Integrity Office (uWaterloo):** http://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/

**Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:**
*Note for Students with Disabilities:* The AccessAbility Services office, located on the first floor of the Needles Hall extension (NH 1401), collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities, without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the AAS office at the beginning of each academic term.

**Intellectual Property.** Students should be aware that this course contains the intellectual property of the instructor, which can include:

- lecture handouts and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint slides)
• lecture content, both spoken and written (and any audio or video recording thereof)
• questions from various types of assessments (e.g., assignments, quizzes, tests, final exams)
• work protected by copyright (i.e., any work authored by the instructor)

Making available the intellectual property of instructors without their express written consent (e.g., uploading lecture notes or assignments to an online repository) is considered theft of intellectual property and subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in Policy 71 – Student Discipline. Students who become aware of the availability of what may be their instructor’s intellectual property in online repositories are encouraged to alert the instructor.

Mental Health Support
All of us need a support system. The faculty and staff in Arts encourage students to seek out mental health supports if they are needed.

On Campus
• Counselling Services: counselling.services@uwaterloo.ca / 519-888-4567 xt 32655
• MATES: one-to-one peer support program offered by Federation of Students (FEDS) and Counselling Services
• Health Services Emergency service: located across the creek form Student Life Centre

Off campus, 24/7
• Good2Talk: Free confidential help line for post-secondary students. Phone: 1-866-925-5454
• Grand River Hospital: Emergency care for mental health crisis. Phone: 519-749-433 ext. 6880
• Here 24/7: Mental Health and Crisis Service Team. Phone: 1-844-437-3247
• OK2BME: set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning teens in Waterloo. Phone: 519-884-0000 extension 213

Full details can be found online at the Faculty of ARTS website
Download UWaterloo and regional mental health resources (PDF)
Download the WatSafe app to your phone to quickly access mental health support information

A respectful living and learning environment for all

1. It is expected that everyone living, learning or working on the premises of Renison University College will contribute to an environment of tolerance and respect by treating others with sensitivity and civility.
2. Harassment is unwanted attention in the form of jokes, insults, gestures, gossip, or other behaviours that are meant to intimidate. Some instances of harassment are against the law in addition to Renison University College policy.

3. Discrimination is treating people differently because of their race, disability, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, colour, age, creed, marital status, or other personal characteristics. The Ontario Human Rights Code considers actions and behaviours rather than intentions.