

This course explores the elements of research through an Indigenous lens, teaching Indigenous methodologies and methods that can be used throughout a student's academic journey. In the realm of academia and beyond, research has the potential to be engaged as a process of reclamation, revitalization, and regeneration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

This course invites students to mindfully engage in research by navigating the paradigms of critical Indigenous research methodologies and methods. This course will not only delve into the theoretical and methodological underpinnings of research within the context of settler colonialism but will also equip students with the skills needed to conduct research and effectively communicate their findings.

Students will analyze research methods and methodologies through an Indigenous framework by distinguishing connections between different lines of inquiry and exploring the root causes of methodological and epistemological differences. Course readings and assignments will emphasize the philosophical and ethical considerations preceding methodological choices, as well as the practical skills needed to engage in research with integrity and efficacy.

By the end of the course, students will develop the foundation to engage in research grounded in Indigenous values and perspectives. Students are expected to communicate their research findings effectively and deeply through critical, scholarly writing. This course is open to all students wanting to expand their research, critical thinking, and writing skills.