

NS 161

**COUNTERING
STEREO
TYPES**



**of-
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES**



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- This course pulls the rug from underneath settler-based constructions of Indigeneity. Taking up the most prevalent stereotypes of Indigenous people, the course will provide context and reflection-based learning to give students the ability to unpack and challenge the narratives that both skew the lived experience of Indigenous peoples and allow the replication of stereotypes that reinforce colonial relationships.
- delivered online (asynchronous)
- includes media that is created by Native Studies professors and PhD students, graphic animations, external media, online readings, three multiple choice exams
 - no textbook purchases required



Course Objectives

- Multimedia literacy - develop a toolkit to critically analyze images, texts, and conversation. (cover the basics of how-to)
- Gain knowledge of the stereotypes covered in the course while also gaining skills to engage others about stereotypes.
- Experience a destabilization, an uncomfortability, on this constructive learning journey. Gain a sense of public awareness and social consciousness. Understand how persons with social capital must take responsibility and risk (of losing their social capital).
- Learn the vocabulary and resources/tools/strategies to articulate and continue dismantling stereotypes. (intervening/'standing up' constructively).
- Understand how the media has been a huge influence on destructive stereotypes/biases.

Course Outline

Week 1	Foundations: Who is Invested in Stereotypes
Week 2	“Still Deadbeats?” Canadian Benevolence and Other Myths
Week 3	“What’s Wrong with Pocahontas?” Indigenous Women
Week 4	“Don’t You Get everything for Free?” Colonialism and Political Economies
Week 5	“NDNs on the Screen”: Colonial Myths in Settler Films
Week 6	“Why are So Many of You in Prison?” Mass Incarceration as Colonial Tactic
Week 7	“Why are You Always Protesting and Messing up the Economy?” Land and Political Engagement

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Week 8	“Indigenous Peoples are One with Nature Right?” Caretaking Land
Week 9	“But Don’t Mascots Honour Indigenous Peoples?” Possession and Authenticity
Week 10	“Why is Your Family so Dysfunctional?” Current Methods of Assimilation
Week 11	“Can’t You Just Get Over It?”: Colonialism in the Present
Week 12	So What Now?

Pathways to register:

- [Beartracks](#) for UA undergraduate students
- [Open Studies](#) for university credit
- Continuing education - learn more [here](#)

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