





# Anthropology (ANTH) 362

## First Peoples of Canada (Revision 5)

**Status:**

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

**Delivery mode:**

Individualized study online 

**Credits:**

3

**Areas of study:**

Arts or Social Science

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 275 or HIST 224 or HIST 225 or INST 203 or INST 205

**Precluded:**

None

**Challenge:**

ANTH 362 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:**

[Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

## Overview

ANTH 362 provides an introduction to the diversity of cultures in Canadian First Peoples, including those people who identify as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. Students will be exposed to ethnographic content through textbooks, ethnographic texts, and film. This course is divided into geographical linguistic and culture areas, providing students with a wide breadth of precolonization, colonization, and current perspectives, including truth and reconciliation, from case studies across the country. An introductory course in cultural or social anthropology is a recommended prerequisite for this course.

## Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of ANTH 362: First Peoples of Canada, students should be able to do the following:

- Recognize the complex cultural and linguistic diversity of First Peoples of Canada
- Dispel stereotypes and overgeneralizations about First Peoples of Canada
- Use ethnographic materials to support anthropological arguments about First Peoples of Canada
- Provide cultural and historical insight into current political conflicts regarding First Peoples' rights in Canada
- Understand the context and content of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report



## Outline

The course consists of the following ten units:

- Unit 1: Introduction
- Unit 2: The Arctic
- Unit 3: The Eastern Subarctic
- Unit 4: The Western Subarctic

- Unit 5: The Eastern Woodlands
- Unit 6: The Plains
- Unit 7: The Plateau
- Unit 8: Northwest Coast
- Unit 9: Conclusion
- Unit 10: Truth and Reconciliation

## Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for ANTH 362, you must complete and submit two assignments and a series of study journals, achieve a minimum grade of 50 percent on each of the examinations, and achieve an overall grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  for the course. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight	Complete by
Study Journals	10%	At the end of each unit
Midterm Exam	25%	After Unit 4
Event Observation	15%	After Unit 6
Research Term Paper	25%	After Unit 10
Final Exam	25%	After Unit 10 and after all assignments have been completed and submitted
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

The **midterm and final examinations** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person

invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

## Materials

Ghostkeeper, Elmer. *Spirit Gifting: The Concept of Spiritual*

*Exchange*. Raymond, AB: Writing on Stone Press, 2007. (Print)

Wilson, Roderick C., and Christopher Fletcher, eds. *Native Peoples: The Canadian Experience*, 4th ed. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press,

2014. (Print)

## Other Materials

All other course materials can be found online.

## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [challenge for credit](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

### Evaluation





To [receive credit](#) for the ANTH 362 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** on the examination.

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Activity	Weight
Examination	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- > [Academic advising](#) 
- > [Program planning](#) 
- > [Request assistance](#) 
- > [Support services](#) 

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