



Course Information

Prefix & number	Title
EDST 545 (021)	Indigenous Inquiry and Research. Winter Term 1, 2024
Instructor	Prerequisites or restrictions (if any)
Dr. Cash Ahenakew	None

Focus or Content

This course offers a broad overview of Indigenous research methods, methodologies and protocols of research engagement with Indigenous communities. The course includes outlines of qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods, participatory, land-based and other culturally sensitive research approaches. The course introduces philosophical and theoretical understandings of different ways of knowing and being (onto-epistemologies) that inform mainstream and Indigenous research.

Goals, Objectives or Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, students will be able to: Identify the general impact of colonialism on knowledge production and the unique challenges faced by Indigenous peoples in the settler-colonial context of Canada when trying to have their voices heard in and through research; compare and contrast Indigenous and non-Indigenous approaches to research; assess the challenges and responsibilities of one's positionality as a researcher in the settler-colonial context; and discern between problematic and ethical ways of engaging with Indigenous ways of knowing, relating, and being in research.

Assignments or Assessment Process

Students are expected to participate in the sessions and complete two assignments.

Notes/Other

Some of the content of this course may be uncomfortable as it refers to settler-Indigenous relations and the violence of settler-colonialism. Different students will also likely experience this course differently.