Focus or Content

EDST 546 *Indigenous Epistemology and Methodology* is an introduction to Indigenous methodological research design that includes a discussion of Indigenous epistemology, Indigenous ethics and axiology, Indigenous community engagement, and the researcher self-in-relation. The course explores specific design aspects of Indigenous research methodology including: design of a relevant; purposeful research question; holistic preparations for research; Indigenous theory and theorizing; the role of story and conversational method; interpreting and learning from story; the use of metaphoric framing for presenting finding; knowledge mobilization with a focus on oral dissemination; and the significance of capacity-building and giving back to community. Embedded within an anti-colonial, anti-racist ethos, this course focuses on Indigenous methodologies through a qualitative approach.

Goals, Objectives or Learning Outcomes

This course provides the opportunity to achieve the following objectives listed below.
- critically appraise upon one’s own assumptions about research practice
- apply Indigenous methodologies within an anti-colonial approach to research
- distinguish the relationship between Indigenous research and Indigenous methodologies
- explain the connection between Indigenous epistemology and Indigenous methodology research design
- critically analyze theory and apply Indigenous theoretical framing in Indigenous methodological design
- assess the role of axiology and ethics within Indigenous research practices
- underscore the role of Indigenous community in Indigenous methodologies
- relate how story functions in Indigenous methodologies
- communicate how metaphor functions in Indigenous methodologies
- define the role of analysis, representation, and presentation of findings within Indigenous methodologies
- identify the significance of reciprocity and oral dissemination in Indigenous methodologies

Assignments or Assessment Process
EDST 546 (Indigenous Epistemology and Methodology) is a face-to-face course with several of the 13-week sessions being delivered through zoom. More information on the course schedule will be provided at the beginning of the course.