1 New Course:

**WDW105Y1: Topics in Indigenous Cultures and Societies**

**Contact Hours:**
- Lecture: 72

**Description:**

This course provides an interdisciplinary focus on key topics relevant to Indigenous communities, historically and in the present. Students will be introduced to diverse cultures, communities, and worldviews of Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (particularly Canada) and how they have been affected by colonialism. Emphasis will be placed on the ways Indigenous peoples are resisting social, economic, political, and environmental injustices, while revitalizing their identities, knowledges, and communities and creating space for the expression of Indigenous voices.

Storytelling that prioritizes the perspectives and worldviews of Indigenous peoples will guide students’ learning about course topics, issues, and concepts. Students will be encouraged to connect their own storied identities and perspectives to course themes and issues. Classes will involve a mix of interactive lectures, class discussion, student-led learning opportunities, and field trips. Class time and assignments will also be devoted to helping students build their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills towards the completion of a research-based essay due at the end of the year.

**Prerequisites:**

**Corequisites:**

**Exclusions:**

**Recommended Preparation:**

**Breadth Requirements:**
- Society and its Institutions (3)

**Distribution Requirements:**
- Humanities

**Competencies:**
- Communnication: extensively; Critical and Creative Thinking: notably; Information Literacy: extensively
- Quantitative Reasoning: none; Social and Ethical Responsibility: extensively

**Experiential Learning:**
- Research: none; Other: notably;
- Nature of "Other" Experiential Learning: none selected

**Rationale:**

This course is an addition to Woodsworth College's Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program, which offers students who do not meet the academic requirements for admission to the University of Toronto an opportunity to qualify for entry into the Honours Bachelor of Arts degree program in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Academic Bridging Program has long featured courses in Canadian History and Contemporary Canada; this new course on Indigenous Cultures and Societies complements those existing offerings while bringing a timely and important new dimension to the program, one which we anticipate will be of great interest to students, including indigenous students. The new course also represents part of Woodsworth’s commitment to realizing the recommendations of the report of U
Consultation:
We have consulted with Susan Hill, Director of the Centre for Indigenous Studies and the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science (letter of agreement dated July 10).

Resources:

**Budget Implications:** The academic unit will provide the resources required for this course from existing budget.

Overlap with Existing Courses:
None

Programs of Study for Which This Course Might be Suitable:

Estimated Enrolment:
40

Instructor: