**Course name: *Grade 12 (40S) Current Topics in First Nations, Metis & Inuit Studies: A Foundation for Implementation***

**Course summary and expectations:**

*Grade 12 Current Topics in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies: A Foundation for Implementation supports the empowerment of students through the exploration of the histories, traditions, cultures, worldviews, and contemporary issues of Indigenous peoples in Canada and worldwide. Students gain knowledge and develop the values, as well as the critical thinking, communication, analytical, and inquiry skills, that will enable them to better understand past and present realities of Indigenous peoples. Additionally, exploration of topics such as self-determination, self-government, and language and cultural reclamation allows students to understand and work towards the post-colonial future envisioned by Indigenous peoples.*

**Goals:**

* *To enhance understanding and appreciation of the cultures and traditions, as well as the contemporary realities and aspirations of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures in Manitoba, Canada, and the world*
* *To develop a knowledge of the history of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Canada in order to better understand the present*
* *To develop a sense of comfort and confidence in interactions with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people*
* *To develop an understanding that First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and cultures are an integral part of Canadian society*
* *To recognize the ongoing role of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in shaping Canadian history and identity*

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**Modules:**

**Module 1: Image and Identity**

* The Ghosts of History
* From Time Immemorial
* Worlds Colliding

**Module 2: A Profound Ambivalence: First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples and Government**

* Setting the Stage
* “As Long as the Rivers Flow”: The Numbered Treaties
* Legislated Discrimination: The Indian Act
* O-Tee-Paym-Soo-Wuk (The Métis): The People Who Own Themselves
* Defining Our Place: Modern Treaties and Rights

**Module 3: Toward a Just Society: Social Justice Issues**

* Education
* Health: Living in Balance
* Justice and Legal System
* Economic and Resource Development:  
  Wicehtowin

**Module 4: Indigenous Peoples and the World**

* One World

**Module 5: Image and Identity II: A Celebration of Learning**

* Looking Forward, Looking Back

**Evaluation/grading summary**

**Assignments:** 20 module assignments weighted at 100%.

*There are no tests or exams in this course.*