Bemidji State University

INST 4908: Indigenous Research and Writing

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: *.*
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course builds upon understanding the importance of conducting Indigenous research from an
Indigenous perspective. Students will continue developing their research skills and produce a senior thesis.
Prerequisite: INST 3810 or professor permission.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/24/2015 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Individual subject area of senior thesis
2. Indigenous research
3. Paradigm
4. Ontology
5. Epistemology
6. Methodology
7. Positioning
8. Cultural empiricism, objectivity, subjectivity, validity.
9. Social Justice
10. Writing

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. write a senior research paper that is grounded in the fundamentals of Indigenous research.
2. determine their role as an Indigenous Researcher.
3. articulate their understanding of an Indigenous paradigm, ontology, epistemology.
4. assess elements of Indigenous research methodologies.
5. explain the role of one's culture to their research.
6. compare cultural values of objectivity and subjectivity.
7. appraise the contributions of an Indigenous research agenda to social justice.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted