

Welcome to BC Cultures 10

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Course Description

British Columbia Cultures 10 is a specially designed course for students who primarily speak languages other than English. The goal of this course is to help students gain proficiency in the English language while developing an understanding of Canadian culture. By focusing on Cultural Studies and Academic Literacy, students will explore diverse topics such as Canadian culture, Indigenous perspectives, multiculturalism, B.C. culture, history/geography, government structures (municipal, provincial, federal), media literacy, and significant Canadian figures. The course aims to support not only the cognitive and academic growth of English Language Learners but also their smooth transition into B.C. schools and active participation in the ongoing development of Canadian society. Through engaging with oral and written language, text analysis, and genre studies, students will enhance their language skills and cultural awareness, ensuring they are well-equipped to succeed in the broader academic context and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Extra Info:

Room: E407

Tutorial: Monday,
Wednesday, Friday @
830am-9:10am



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Class Expectations

There is a no cell phone and earbuds policy. There will be times where cell phones are permitted at the discretion of the teacher. No food is permitted during class time, but a drink in a sealed container or water bottle is acceptable. Students who arrive late to class must enter the class in a non-disruptive manner. If students expect to miss class, if possible, let me know beforehand so we can arrange a plan for missing work. Work is expected to be handed in on time. If work is repeatedly handed in late, an email will be sent out to parents and counsellors to make a support plan. Any prolonged absences should be communicated through a parent or guardian.

Student Expectations

This classroom is a safe place for all people. During this semester, there is an expectation that all students treat their peers and themselves with kindness and respect. This classroom is a space where individualism is supported and encouraged, and it is my hope that everyone who enters this classroom feels a sense of belonging. Students are expected to come to class prepared every day. This includes having a silent reading novel, pens and pencils, and a binder with lined paper. A laptop or tablet would be advantageous for this class as well.



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Units/Topics Covered

- Indigenous History & Culture in Canada
- Canadian Geography & Climate
- Canadian Government & Politics
- Famous People & Holidays

Units may change based on topical opportunities that arise throughout the semester



Plagiarism Policy

Windsor has a zero-tolerance policy against plagiarism.

Assignment will not receive a mark & students will be required to attend review & completion days to re-do work.

Because of the nature of this course being a second language course, students are encouraged to carefully choose when “translating” work is acceptable. Clear guidelines will be given per each assignment based on assessment.

