EDUC 460(25): Specialization I: Revitalizing Indigenous Languages
EDUC 460 (11): Specialization I: Elementary Social Studies
WINTER 2023

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Class Dates: January 9 - March 10, 2023

Last Day to Add/Drop/Swap: Due to the non-standard dates associated with this program, please check your Student Centre for the important dates pertaining to your section.

Pre-requisite: Due to the multiple pathways in the Bachelor of Education, please consult Undergraduate Programs in Education for questions related to pre-requisite courses.

Office Hours: By appointment only

Email: Students are required to use a University of Calgary (@ucalgary.ca) email address for all correspondence.

_Dear Revitalizing Indigenous Languages and Social Studies Friends,_

_I’m looking forward to learning together with you this term._

_COVID-19 continues to present significant challenges to the global and local communities, and for us individually and with those we love. It will take time to integrate the existential meaning of this into our own lives and experiences including what it means to be teachers and what schools are for._

_The climate emergency as well as the contemporary geopolitical state of planetary relations are also leaving many humans with a sense of being profoundly unsettled._

_Please let me know if you are experiencing significant stress, challenges, or difficulties that are affecting your participation in this course. We will work together to find the best and most healthy path for you. As a community learning together we will frame and shape this course into what we need to be in this time, and it is my intention that we move through our learning together with a sense of joy, curiosity, and friendship, always considering what is in the best interest(s) of children, the communities who love them, and the community of Life including the more-than-human others, now and into the future._

_Jackie_
**Course Description:**

The intent of the Specialization I Seminar is to introduce students to the concepts, theory, and design planning related to teaching within the specialization of discipline. Theory as connected to an understanding of practical classroom experiences will particularly inform the course curriculum and will be explored through course readings, analysis of teaching/learning artifacts, and through the design of discipline-based learning and assessment plans. Topics in teaching and learning will include teaching inclusively and addressing the needs of diverse learners, effective integration of technology, and discipline-based inquiry. Assignments will present the opportunity for students to develop an understanding of short-term instructional design and to begin to examine curriculum shifts in the province.

**Learner Outcomes:**

Students will be knowledgeable about:

- Developing a foundational understanding of the nature of discourse in the discipline, as related to teaching and learning, including specialized language, concepts, and terminology.

- Understanding teacher as designer of learning and assessment plans and use of the resources available for designing learning and assessment.

- Exploring and applying theory related to the teaching of the discipline with an emphasis on designing discipline-based tasks and assessment processes and creating an adaptive classroom learning environment to meet the needs of today’s diverse learners.

- Successfully designing short-term learning and assessment plans to deepen understanding of key ideas/concepts within the discipline.

**Additional Aims of the Course**

As future teachers of both Revitalization of Indigenous Languages and Social Studies, we will deepen our understanding of the historical, socio-cultural, and political contexts that have led to the decline in and recent re-engagement with Indigenous languages as a central component of culture. This will include examining and identifying elements of the Alberta Program of Studies for Social Studies in terms of:

- key learning perspectives named within, with an emphasis on the way this document can support Indigenous language revitalization
- the specific learning intentions detailed as learning outcomes/objectives across the elementary grade levels, with a particular emphasis on the ways in which Indigenous language revitalization can be central to those learning outcomes, including an emphasis on issues related to identity, how to meaningfully engage in Indigenous perspectives, and processes related to inquiry and historical thinking
- develop an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings that inform meaningful curriculum planning that supports Indigenous language revitalization efforts and successfully apply this knowledge to the design of meaningful activities that move language revitalization efforts forward in a positive and respectful way
**COURSE DESIGN AND DELIVERY:** This course will be delivered face-to-face on campus with possible engagement in a D2L environment.

**REQUIRED RESOURCES:**
NOTE: The Thomas King and Timothy Snyder books are available at the University of Calgary Bookstore or wherever/however you prefer to purchase books (in any format you choose). Please obtain Michelle’s Good’s novel *Five Little Indians* in whichever way you prefer (bookstore, audible, public library, etc)

*This book is on reserve in the TFDL
  *options: you can purchase this book at a local bookstore, or any way you prefer to purchase and read books, or listen to it on Audible or another ebook provider.
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*options: you can purchase this book at the bookstore, several copies are available in the library, or you may listen to Thomas King read the book at: https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-2003-cbc-massey-lectures-the-truth-about-stories-a-native-narrative-1.2946870
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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND DOCUMENT LINKS AT END OF DOCUMENT**

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<td>2. Napi and the Rock</td>
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<td>Individual</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>TBA – ongoing individual and collaborative work in class</td>
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<td>3. Creation and presentation of Short-term Learning and Assessment Plan</td>
<td>This is a two-part assignment. The first part will be completed in small groups (up to 3). Part two is an individual assignment.</td>
<td>Part 1: Group Part 2: Individual</td>
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<td>Part 1: March 3 Part 2: March 10</td>
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**Weekly Course Schedule:**

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Choose at least one of the following and be prepared to summarize its main points in class and relate them to the SS Program of Study


**Becoming Critical Educators**

**What makes a good learning design?**

**Week 3** (Jan 23-27)

**We will divide into groups and each group will READ at least one of the following pieces and present it to the classroom community:**


*Become* familiar with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and *Choose* a lesson plan that interests you and that is connected with the Program of Studies for Alberta:


- UN SDG2030 Lessons for Teachers [https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material](https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material)

**Week 4** (Jan. 30-Feb 3)

**Remainder of course reading schedule will be designed as we move through the learning together.**

**Week 5** (Feb 6-10)

**Week 6** (Feb 13-17)

**January 23**

LT#1 part 1

Group presentation / discussion on Monday, January 23

LT#1 part 2

Individual memo due on Friday, January 27 to Dropbox or any other mode agreed upon with instructor
### Changes to Schedule:
Please note that changes to the schedule may occur to meet the emerging needs and dynamics of the participants in the course.

### Learning Tasks and Assessment

There are FOUR required Learning Tasks for this course.

**Learning Task 1: Critical Reflection and Assessment (Michelle Good’s (2020) *Five Little Indians*)**

**Due date: January 23 and 27, 2022 (15% of course grade)**

Storytelling and the study of stories and literature is essential to the Humanities and Social Sciences (and to being human). This assignment focuses on Michelle Good’s (2020) multi-award winning novel *Five Little Indians*. This novel focuses on the lives of residential school survival and will ground our conversations and work through the course.

The purposes include:

- Experience reading for enjoyment as part of learning
- Becoming familiar with the possibilities for literary reading and storytelling to enhance and enliven the Social Studies curriculum.
- Learning to engage in difficult conversations, related to Social Studies learning, in ways that are life-serving, anti-racist, decolonial, and aligned with the TRC goals for education.
- Practicing critical reflection skills, both as teacher and student, and diverse ways to engage in articulating and sharing reflections
- Practicing assessment design and skills through (student) self-evaluation and (teacher) collaborative design

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<td>Week 8 (March 6-10)</td>
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PROCESS:

1) READ for enjoyment (or listen on Audible, etc.) *Five Little Indians*. We will be working with these chapters in class in relation to the P of S and to the other readings. We will determine the timeline of chapters to be read including some together in class.

2) Part I: Group discussion/presentation (Due Monday January 23)
Part II: Assessment Memo (individual) (Due Friday, January 27th to Dropbox or another agreed upon format)

Learning Task 1: Group Presentation and Individual Assessment Memo

This assignment will be assessed by self/group-assessment in consultation and collaboration with the instructor and our classroom community. We will practice summative and formative assessment practices during our learning process. This part of this assignment involves collaborative, meta-cognitive/learning about assessment that will support you in your field experience. The following document, along with the TQS, will guide our assessment design:


Thus, we will design the assessment criteria together, with an eye/mind towards what it is like to design these kinds of learning and assessment activities for/with diverse children/learners.

This project is an opportunity for you to reflect on both the design and assessment of this kind of work with children, through experiencing it for yourself and discussing it with others, and connecting it to curriculum. We will create a list of possible reflective questions as part of our assessment design process. The purpose of working through this together is to engage in the challenges and complexities of Social Studies (and other disciplinary) assessments for diverse learners (e.g. What is good work and how do we know? How do we discern what was learned? [rather than merely what was produced?]). What counts as evidence of learning? What information do we gain as teachers from children’s (and our own) work and how do we use this information to plan for day-to-day learning and growth? What kinds of documentation might we use to share with parents, children and administration? How do we engage children in assessment of their own learning and work?).

Learning Task 2: Napi and the Rock (story, land, language)
Due: TBA/variable (ongoing process work in class - 35% of course grade)

Through an interactive process we will experience and learn the Blackfoot story *Napi and the Rock* together. Our engagement with this story will support our learning about the relationships between land, language, culture, and story.

During our class times together, including with an Elder, we will
- learn Blackfoot vocabulary for animals and place names,
- learn to tell this story orally and in writing,
- learn and practice ways of integrating this kind of learning into all elementary classrooms/curriculum with a particular focus on the Social Studies curriculum.

We will be guided through our learning which will involve remembering, retelling, and rewriting. The final project will be a book that you create/design that retells this story using Blackfoot vocabulary.
Learning Task 2: Assessment

Assessment will be collaboratively designed, based on the work and learning that creatively co-emerges. It will follow a similar process as the assessment for LT #2.

Due date: This project will be ongoing guided learning in class throughout the term and will lead to the short-term learning and assessment plan (lesson planning assignment). It is vital that you attend all classes and participate in this process as you will be creating your own book with time given in class as well as homework outside of class to complete it. If you are ill, please let us know and we will work with you to help you stay on track in this project.

Learning Task 3 Part 1: Group
Creation of Short-term Learning and Assessment Plan (10%)
Presentation and Paper Copy (2-3 per group)
Due date: March 3, 2023

The purpose of this group assignment is to prepare you for Learning Task 3 Part 2.

Continuing our work with the story Napi and the Rock, each group will design a short-term learning and assessment plan for an elementary classroom. Your plan should follow a clear and comprehensive template of your choice or create your own and include a plan for learning and assessment that promotes deep understanding of a key concept or competency in Social Studies and ties this storywork into the curriculum outcomes. Your group can choose any grade from kindergarten to middle school for creating this plan.

Time will be given to working collaboratively in class. Each group will “teach” their learning plan (or parts of the plan) to the rest of the classroom community. Instructor and peer feedback will be an essential part of learning and working together.

Please post a copy of your group’s Learning and Assessment plan in D2L the day before your presentation/teaching so that everyone in the class has a copy.

We will use the same rubric for Learning Task 3 part 1 and part 2. Please see Learning Task 3 part 2 for the assessment rubric.

Your group may choose to edit your learning and assessment plan based on feedback given during and following your presentation/teaching by the instructor and peers. Please let the instructor know if you will be handing in a revised copy. The presentation/teaching part is not graded.

Learning Task 3 Part 2: Individual
Creation of Short-term Learning and Assessment Plan (40%)
Due date: March 10

Your task is to design a short-term learning and assessment plan inspired by the novel Napi and the Rock and by the work groups have done previously. You may design an entirely new learning plan or build on/amplify the learning begun in any of the plans presented to the class including your own group’s using the feedback provided. Options will be discussed as we work through these assignments together.

Your plan should follow a clear and comprehensive template of your choice or create your own and include a plan for learning and assessment that promotes deep understanding of a key concept or competency in Social Studies.
Drawing on your Pragmatics and Field Experience courses in Semester I, you are asked to prepare an annotated lesson plan related to Social Studies. You will record your thoughts and decision-making processes while creating the lesson plan. This may be done in a variety of ways and will be discussed in class. You will record on the lesson plan the reasons for the choices that you have made, how this lesson plan fits into the broader context of a unit learning plan as described in the Programs of Study, and the intended results and outcomes, as well as how you will know you have been successful.

The following elements are required:

1. **A thorough lesson plan:** utilize a lesson plan template of your choice illustrating clearly your vision for the lesson(s) and making clear the comprehensive vision you have to achieve the objectives. Your plan must include (as a minimum) the following: objectives, options for inclusion/differentiation, and formative assessment strategies that link to your objectives.

2. **Annotations to the lesson plan:** record the choices you made, the ideas you chose to include, and how this lesson fits into the curricular objectives as stated in the Alberta Programs of Study. Justify the pedagogical choices you have made by adding references to the literature you have discussed in class.

**EDUC 460 Learning Task 3 Parts I and II Rubric:**

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<td>Program of Studies (PoS)</td>
<td>Appropriate links to PoS for chosen level</td>
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<td>Links to PoS for chosen level not clear or appropriate</td>
<td>Few if any links provided between PoS and lesson elements</td>
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<td>Curricular Outcomes</td>
<td>Clear understanding of curricular outcomes as expressed in POS</td>
<td>Some PoS curricular outcomes are represented in lesson plan</td>
<td>Curricular outcomes present but not clearly articulated; little effort to integrate</td>
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<td>ESL (level 3) benchmarks with rationale</td>
<td>Appropriate selected ESL benchmark objectives for level 3 students with specific rationale.</td>
<td>Appropriate selected ESL benchmark objectives for level 3 students with general rationale</td>
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<td>Inappropriate or missing selected ESL benchmark objectives for level 3 students.</td>
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<td><strong>Instructional Plan</strong></td>
<td>Plan components</td>
<td>Plan well Informed by disciplinary knowledge; lesson highly engaging; lesson is clearly student-centered; lesson clear and well-ordered; easy to envision how lesson will unfold; all important elements included; high degree of integration among lesson sections and excellent links</td>
<td>Good evidence of carryover of disciplinary knowledge to lesson plan; lesson is somewhat engaging mostly student-centered; good attempt to integrate parts of the lesson; lesson plan mostly clear and logical flow; most important elements included</td>
<td>Some evidence that disciplinary knowledge informed creation of lesson plan; lesson is somewhat student-centered but needs to be strengthened; lesson plan flow is neither clear nor logical and is hard to follow; several important elements of good lesson plan are missing</td>
<td>Little evidence that disciplinary knowledge informed creation of plan; lesson is teacher-centred; lesson plan is missing important elements and does not flow well (hard for reader to imagine how the lesson would unfold)</td>
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<td>Understanding</td>
<td>Lesson design is highly effective for encouraging deep understanding of content objectives by students</td>
<td>Lesson design provides good opportunities to encourage deep understanding by students</td>
<td>Lesson design shows awareness of importance of encouraging deep understanding by students but not effective in achieving that understanding</td>
<td>Absence of evidence of attempt to encourage deep understanding by students</td>
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<td>Assessment</td>
<td>Appropriate assessments are clearly integrated into lesson; clearly communicates to students how individual tasks fit in. Uses a variety of effective formative assessments to inform instructional decisions and to improve practice</td>
<td>Good effort to integrate appropriate and effective assessments; Shows some variety in choices for formative assessment – most are effective</td>
<td>Some attempt made to include appropriate assessment opportunities; shows lack of understanding of what constitutes effective assessment; no communication to students of how to situate their work. Formative assessment options are limited and not particularly effective</td>
<td>Assessment lacking; no understanding shown of importance of appropriate and effective assessment; clear lack of direction for students. Unclear vision of how to include assessment, discussion of importance of assessment or how it can be used to improve practice</td>
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<td>Statement of practice improvement</td>
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<td>Annotations</td>
<td>Annotations display a sophisticated and elegant understanding and analysis of the role of planning in lesson design</td>
<td>Annotations display a competent understanding, if not analysis, of the role of planning in lesson design</td>
<td>Annotations display some understanding of the role of planning in lesson design, but lack analysis</td>
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<td>Writing quality</td>
<td>The annotated lesson plan is clearly written and stands as a superior example free of errors</td>
<td>The annotated lesson plan is relatively clearly written and contains few errors</td>
<td>The annotated lesson plan is somewhat unclearly written and contains errors that impede understanding</td>
<td>The annotated lesson plan is unclearly written and contains many errors that impede understanding</td>
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ALBERTA EDUCATION DOCUMENTS

Alberta Education. (2020) – Teaching Quality Standard (TQS)

Alberta Education - Professional Practice Standards/Applying Foundation Knowledge (FNMI)

http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/eslapb/

Alberta Education. (2013). Framework for student learning: Competencies for engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with an entrepreneurial spirit. (10 pages)
https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9780778596479

Alberta Education. (2013). Ministerial order on student learning (#001/2013). (2 pages) Retrieved from:
https://education.alberta.ca/media/1626588/ministerial-order-on-student-learning.pdf

Alberta Education. (2005). Elementary Social Studies Program of Study. (K-6)
https://www.alberta.ca/programs-of-study.aspx?
https://education.alberta.ca/social-studies-k-6/programs-of-study/?searchMode=3


UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS (re Sustainable Development Goals 2030)

UN sustainable development goals 2030
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300

UN SDG2030 lessons for teachers
https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material

Additional recommended resources for planning and assessment:

Leahy, S., Lyon, C., Thompson, M., & William, D. (2005). Classroom assessment: Minute by minute and day by day (5 pages) Retrieved from:

https://jaymctighe.com/resources/

READINGS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

*Weekly readings will be selected from the following bibliography. This list includes required readings as well as additional readings that may support you in your assignments, learning and progress throughout your program and specialization. Please note that our reading schedule is subject to change based on classroom participant interest and global events. Further readings may be added by recommendation of students or if published during our course.

Recommended Chapters, Articles, Video (available through the following links and/or on D2L):

**Truth and Reconciliation:**
https://canadacommmons-ca.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/artifacts/1223287/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-of-canada/1776364/#details=1


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https://canadacommons-ca.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/artifacts/1880721/haircuts-by-children/2629803/


Shipley, T. (2020). Conclusion: Decolonizing Canada. In T. Shipley (pp.503-510), *Canada in the world: settler capitalism and the colonial imagination*. Fernwood Publishing. *PFD will be posted on D2L*


**PODCAST ABOUT ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN THE ANTHROPOCENE**

Volatile Trajectories (Host). (2022, November 23). *Volatile trajectories* [Audio podcast episodes 1-6]. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmxaqKwTJv_NIHqU1MRiNMA

**INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES – ADDITIONAL READINGS AND RESOURCES (PODCASTS, WEBSITES, ETC.)**

**Websites:**


**Chapters and Articles:**


*PDF will be posted on D2L*


https://doi.org/10.14288/cjne.v22i1.195792


**Blog:**


**Video:**


**Podcasts:**


Or Listen on the CBC Listen App


or Listen on the CBC Listen App

**Interactive Internet Resources:**

Interactive Map of Indian Day Schools in Canada
https://indiandayschools.org/

Native Land Digital (maps of languages and territories globally)
https://native-land.ca/

https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/


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**THE EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL WORK**

Please review the Academic Calendar carefully. It describes the program and provides detailed schedules and important dates. It contains information on expectations for student work and professional conduct. In addition, procedures are described regarding concern about student performance in the program. Please pay especially careful attention to details and descriptions in the following topic areas:

- **The Importance of Attendance and Participation in Every Class**

As this is a professional program, experiences are designed with the expectation that all members will be fully involved in all classes and in all coursework experiences. As you are a member of a learning community your contribution is vital and highly valued, just as it will be when you take on the professional responsibilities of being a teacher. We expect that you will not be absent from class with the exception of documented instances of personal or family illness or for religious requirements.

- **Engagement in Class Discussion and Inquiry**

Another reason for the importance of attendance and participation in every class is that the course involves working with fellow students to share ideas and thinking. For example, each class you will work with a small group to engage fellow students in discussions on work being considered in class. You will also help other groups by providing ideas for scholarly inquiry in assignments. If you find that you are experiencing difficulties as a group collaborating, please inform the instructor.
EXCEPTATIONS FOR WRITING

All written assignments (including, to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. If you need help with your writing, you may use the writing support services in the Learning Commons. For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2: Writing Across the Curriculum: http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html

LATE SUBMISSIONS

All late submissions of assignments must be discussed with the instructor prior to the due date. Students may be required to provide written documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g. statutory declaration, doctor’s note, note from the University of Calgary Wellness Centre, obituary notice). A deferral of up to 30 days may be granted at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs with accompanying written evidence.

ISSUES WITH GROUP TASKS

With respect to group work, if your group is having difficulty collaborating effectively, please contact the instructor immediately. If a group is unable to collaborate effectively or discuss course materials online in a timely manner, the instructor may re-assign members to different groups or assign individual work for completion.

GRADING

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Students in the B.Ed. program must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in the semester to continue in the program without repeating courses.
Academic Accommodation
It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf. Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf. Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor.

Academic Misconduct
For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

Attendance/ Prolonged Absence
Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student.

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html

The Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act prevents instructors from placing assignments or examinations in a public place for pickup and prevents students from access to exams or assignments other than their own. Therefore, students and instructors may use one of the following options: return/collect assignments during class time or during instructors’ office hours, students provide instructors with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or submit/return assignments as electronic files attached to private e-mail messages.

For additional resources including, but not limited to, those aimed at wellness and mental health, student success or to connect with the Student Ombuds Office, please visit https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines

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