Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College  
COURSE OUTLINE FORM  
Updated 9/23/14

Please return this form to the college vice president of academic affairs and the chairperson of the Academic Affairs and Standards Council (AASC)

1. Prepared by: ________________________________________________

2. Date submitted: ____________________________________________

3. Date approved:________________ Date revised: 10/14/2014

4. Department/discipline: Anthropology __________________________

5. Department(s) endorsement(s):________________________________
   (Signatures of the person(s) providing the endorsement are required.)

6. Course Title: Native Skywatchers
   Abbreviated course title (25 characters or less):

7. Course Designator: ANTH

8. Course Level: 1010

9. Number of Credits: Lecture: 4_ Lab: 0

10. Control Number (on site): 40
    Control Number (online): 0

11. Catalog/Course description:

   A cross-disciplinary study of the practical and spiritual role of the sky in the Indigenous cultures of the continental Americas. Astronomical and meteorological inspired art, architecture, and mythologies will be examined, with special emphasis on the Great Lakes region. (Meets MnTC goal areas 8 & 10).

12. Course prerequisite(s) or co-requisite(s):
    Prerequisite(s): N/A
    Co-requisite: N/A

13. Course Materials (Recommended course materials and resources. List all that apply, e.g. textbooks, workbooks, study guides, lab manuals, videos, guest lecturers).

   1. Text to be determined on a yearly basis depending on availability and content. 
   2. Three-Ring Binder, Metric Ruler, Protractor, Colored Pencils
   3. Handouts, Overheads, Slides, and Videos.
14. **Course Content** (Provide an outline of major topics covered in course)

1. The Sky Dome  
2. Celestial Circles and Sky Cycles  
3. Moon Phases  
4. Sun Cycles and the Seasons  
5. Star and Planet Cycles  
6. Celestial Time Keeping  
7. Solar Calendars and Observatories  
8. Petroforms and Megaliths  
9. Maps of the Sky  
10. Sky Stories and Legends  
11. Site Interpretation

15. **Learning Goals, Outcomes, and Assessment**  
At FDLTCC we have 4 Competencies Across the Curriculum (CAC) areas. They are as follows:

A. Information Literacy (the ability to use print and/or non-print tools effectively for the discovery, acquisition, and evaluation of information)

B. Ability to Communicate (the ability to listen, read, comprehend, and/or deliver information in a variety of formats.)

C. Problem Solving (the ability to conceptualize, apply, analyze, synthesize, and/or evaluate information to formulate and solve problems.)

D. Culture (knowledge of Anishinaabe traditions and culture, knowledge of one’s own traditions and culture, knowledge of others’ traditions and cultures, culture of work, culture of academic disciplines and/or respect for global diversity.)

*Course learning outcomes will fulfill the identified competencies:*

*Course Learning Outcomes:*

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the parts of the Seasonal Round. (C, D)  
2. Conduct internet research, and present in written report form, an assigned archaeoastronomy topic. (A, B, D)  
3. Demonstrate methods used to analyze indigenous sky stories. (B, C, D)  
4. Explain three different solar observing methods used to determine annual timekeeping. (B,C)
16. **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)**: If this course fulfills an MnTC goal area, state the goal area and list the goals and outcomes below:

See [www.mntransfer.org](http://www.mntransfer.org)

**Goal Area(s): 8 & 10**

**Goal and Outcomes:**
- Goal:
- Outcome:
**Complete the following only if you are proposing a new course:**

1. Planned pattern of offering:
2. Rationale for course: If this course is an ADDITION or replacement to current offerings, add a detailed explanation of the necessity for the change.
3. Does this course overlap with any course(s) offered at FDLTCC? If so, justify such duplication or indicate other adjustments to be made. Obtain signatures from affected departments.
4. What is the apparent or expressed student need for this course?
5. If this course includes a Native American or specifically Anishinaabe component list campus resource person/s—i.e., campus cultural/spiritual resource person/s and, if necessary, elder/s—consulted and include specific comments and written responses as appropriate.
6. Are there any additional licensing/certification requirements involved?
   a. Provide a copy of the required licensing/certification standards to the AASC chair and to the vice president of academic affairs.
   b. Attach the required documentation to show course meets required licensing/certification standards.
7. What types of tutoring will be made available through the CAA to students taking this course?
8. How will the course be evaluated?
9. Special resources—e.g. faculty, space, equipment, library, etc
10. Special course fees:
11. Relationship of course to the college mission statement and goals.
12. Relationship of course to the department’s mission statement and goals.
13. Relationship of course to colleges/university offerings (include tribal colleges).

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