IDFC 500 - Indigenous Field Studies (3 credits) - open to students in: Social Work (MSW & BSW U2 and higher); Anthropology; Law; Medicine; and the Indigenous Studies Minor, or by permission of the instructor (*students who have taken IDFC 380 may not register for this course)

Student Fee:
There is a student fee for this course, which covers food, activities, land use, and other site expenses for Week 3 in Kahnawake (approx. $421 per student).

Course Description:
This course provides an opportunity for students from Social Work, Law, Medicine, and Anthropology to learn about Indigenous cultures and worldviews, with a particular emphasis on Iroquoian teachings and their connection to the students' areas of concentration. During this four-week intensive course (including one week in Kahnawake, Mohawk Territory), students are introduced to Indigenous customs, values and ways of life through daily activities/workshops led by an Elder from Kahnawake and other community members, with support from McGill instructors. Attention will also be given to the intergenerational effects of colonization and Canadian policies on contemporary Indigenous society.

The objective of this course is to provide a holistic approach to learning about Indigenous culture. The course contains physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual components, with the intent that the students will be immersed in cultural activities throughout the course. In Kahnawake, students will camp in tents and will participate in activities, workshops, ceremonies and hands-on learning led by community Elders and facilitators. Interdisciplinary group work is at the core of the field week experience. Activities are held both at the campsite and at various Kahnawake locations. The field portion of the course may involve rugged field conditions and varying weather for which students must be prepared and equipped. On-campus sessions prior to the field portion will provide background information and context from each of the participating disciplines, while on-campus sessions afterwards provide an opportunity to debrief.

Applying:

Application Instructions for Anthropology Students ONLY:

Anthropology honours, major and minor students in U2 or U3 are eligible. Those wishing to register for the course must submit a statement of intent (one-page or less) outlining why they would like to take the course and any relevant experience with Indigenous peoples and topics; and/or background information about your interests to Professor Colin Scott by Tuesday, March 13, 2018.
Submit your letter of intent to:
Prof. Colin Scott, Department of Anthropology
Email: colin.scott@mcgill.ca

Other Students:

Students apply to their respective faculty/department. **Students from outside the main participating disciplines, as well as those in the Indigenous Studies Minor, must apply through the School of Social Work.** All students wishing to attend this course must submit a **one page application**, which is a statement describing your reasons for wanting to take the course and experiences, if any, you have had working with Indigenous communities. Applicants should also state what you hope to get out of the course.

For more information, contact IDFC 500 Course Coordinator Ben Geboe at ben.geboe@mcgill.ca or Prof. Nicole Ives at Nicole.ives@mcgill.ca

Watch a video of the inaugural field course on the McGill YouTube channel: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nWO76m9PK8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nWO76m9PK8)

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