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## Grade 11 English Course: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices

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Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, all Grade 11 students of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will be taking a compulsory new Grade 11 English course: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices (NBE 3C and NBE 3U). This course replaces the previous compulsory Grade 11 English course (ENG 3U and ENG 3C).

"This new course of study will provide students with opportunities to read, write and discuss the works of Indigenous authors and creators, and to critically engage in Indigenous issues," says Chris Kehoe, Superintendent of Education. "Studies will explore the elements of a variety of literary, informational, graphic, oral and media text forms emerging from First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, in what we now know as Canada. The course will also examine the perspectives and influence of texts that relate to those cultures."

"Students will engage in experiential learning and have opportunities to learn directly from Indigenous partners," says Cortnee Goure, Indigenous Education Lead for St. Clair Catholic. "Students will also explore their own ideas and understanding of Indigenous issues, with a focus on the development of the literacy, communication, critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success."

Through these first-hand experiences and learning opportunities, our students will have greater cultural competency and better understanding of Indigenous issues.

Learn more by watching the video.

As a prerequisite course, this course will prepare students for the compulsory Grade 12 English course.

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