

NEHI – NĒHIYAWĒWIN (CREE)

NEHI 101

Introductory nēhiyawēwin/Cree I

3 Credits **Weekly (3-2-0)**

This introductory course is for students who have little or no previous background in the Plains Cree "Y" Dialect of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Emphasis will be placed upon the sound and writing system of Standard Roman Orthography, with introduction to the seven distinct vowel sounds and ten consonants. 30 hours will be spent in a lab immersion for students to gain some conversational skills, practice with fluent speakers, and interact with guest speakers. Note: Students with Native or near-Native proficiency but limited or no grammatical or reading/writing literacy in nēhiyawēwin must consult the department prior to registration. Students with a proficiency level beyond this course may be directed to a higher-level course. This includes those students with credit in Cree 30 or equivalent. An Elder/fluent Cree speaker may be invited to join for the lab portions when convenient.

NEHI 102

Introductory nēhiyawēwin/Cree II

3 Credits **Weekly (3-2-0)**

This introductory course is a follow-up to NEHI 101 with the incorporation of the 53 cahkipēhikana (syllabic) symbols that represent the sounds of nēhiyawēwin. 30 hours will be spent in a lab immersion for students to gain some conversational skills, practice with fluent speakers, interact with guest speakers and engage in land-based learning opportunities. Note: Students with native or near-native proficiency but limited or no grammatical or reading/writing literacy in nēhiyawēwin must consult the department prior to registration. Students with credit in Cree 30 or equivalent should also consult the department as they may have a proficiency level beyond this course. An Elder/fluent Cree speaker may be invited to join for the lab portions when convenient. Students will be required to participate in a land-based unit outside of regular class-time.

Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in NEHI 101.