INDIGENOUS STUDIES (IS)

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DEGREES and PROGRAMS OFFERED

3-Year BA 4-Year BA Honours BA

Joint Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Governance Degree/Diploma (RRC/UW): This program is not being offered currently. If you've completed the diploma at RRC Polytech, you can apply to UW and receive the transfer credit.

MA in Indigenous Governance - Please see Graduate Studies Academic Calendar.

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Indigenous Studies/IS (formerly the Aboriginal Governance Program) is grounded in the intellectual and cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the globe. Students from all backgrounds and disciplines develop critical thinking and cultural competency skills through interdisciplinary coursework offered by the IS faculty. The Department recognizes and honors the central role of language as carrier of culture, conveyor of tradition and knowledge, and signifier of individual and community identity by supporting the teaching of the indigenous languages Ojibwe and Cree. The relationship of the department with Indigenous peoples in Canada and abroad is one of reciprocity and support. The preparation of students includes the introduction of alternative world views involving interrelated themes of land, self-determination, cultural preservation and revitalization, indigenous knowledge and natural resources, historical agency, and representations of Indigenous peoples.

We recommend that undergraduate students in the major meet with an Academic Advisor and/or Indigenous Studies faculty to design a major that meets their needs and interests. Students who wish to combine knowledge on indigenous topics with other majors are encouraged to pursue the Minor in Indigenous Studies.

The Department of Indigenous Studies also offers land-based learning courses in close collaboration with local Indigenous communities, knowledge holders and elders.

The Department of Indigenous Studies participates in the Thematic Major in Indigenous Languages. For eligible courses, please see Indigenous Languages in this Calendar.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	Students must consult with an Academic Advisor for program planning.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	90 credit hours (this includes 45 credit hours from the ASGA Red River College program if applicable)
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT Degree: Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours Minimum 18 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT Humanities: Science: Writing: Indigenous: Maximum Introductory Courses:	 12 credit hours (may be met with IS language courses) 6 credit hours Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing (This requirement is waived for students who hold the ASGA Diploma from Red River College.) 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses. Students in the Joint Degree/Diploma Program may only use a maximum of 18 credit hours at the 1000 level. Minimeg. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution:	Minimum of three (3) credit hours from five (5) different subjects.
MAJOR REQUIREMENT Single Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours. Minimum of 12 credit hours with the IS designator.

Normally minimum 33 credit hours in the Department of Indigenous Studies and specified number of credit hours in other Major; may vary depending on Interdisciplinary courses completed as they may be able to be credited to both Majors.

Students may take a maximum of 6 credit hours of Directed Reading towards the major requirements. Students may <u>not</u> count the same course for more than one of the above categories. Courses worth 6 credits meet the 3 credit requirement in the required course categories; any additional credits accrued will count toward the IS major credit hours.

Required Courses:

IS-1016(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Art, Culture and History AND

IS-1017(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Politics and Governance

3 credits of Indigenous Cultures and Histories – may be met by taking IS-1101, IS-1201, IS-2040, IS-2050, IS-2101, IS-2201, IS-3100, or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS/HIST-3590, any HIST electives accepted for the 3-Yr BA.

3 credits of Indigenous Sciences* and knowledge systems – may be met by taking

IS/UIC-1010, IS-1101, IS-1201, IS-2012, IS-2101, IS-2201, IS-3012/ANTH-3170, IS-3204, or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS 3010, IS-3201, IS-3901 with permission of IS Chair.

* The majority of these courses do not meet the Science General Degree Requirement.

3 credits of Indigenous Politics/Governance – may be met by taking, IS-2040, IS-2050, IS-2060, IS-2402, IS-3100; or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS-3901 with permission of IS Chair.

Students are advised that a 3-Year BA is not normally sufficient for admission to graduate studies.

3-YR BA ELECTIVES: (with Required Courses, to total 36-48 Credit hours)

Indigenous Stu IS-1101(6) IS-1201(6) IS-2001 (3 or 6) IS-2012 (3)	dies Introductory Cree Introductory Ojibwe Special Topics in Indigenous Studies Indigenous Science	ANTH-3132 /HIST(3) ANTH-3203(6)	History of the Iroquoian Peoples Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required)
IS-2040 (3) IS-2050 (3) IS-2060 (3)	Indigenous Women and Resilience Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources Ago'idiwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtle Island)	Conflict Resolu CRS/IDS-2443(Communities	Ition Studies 3) Conflict & Development Issues in Indigenous
IS-2101 (6) IS-2201 (6) IS-2401 (3) IS-3001(3 or 6) IS-3010(3) IS-3012(3) IS-3100(3)	Intermediate Cree Intermediate Ojibwe Indigenous Food Systems Field School Special Topics in Indigenous Studies Protecting Indigenous Knowledge Ethnoecology: A Research Approach International Rights of Indigenous Peoples	English ENGL-2722(6) ENGL/IS-3717(3 or 6) ENGL/IS-3723(3 (experimental)	
IS-3102 (3) IS-3105 (3) IS-3105 (3) IS/IL-3107 (3) IS/IL-3107 (3) IS/HIST/WGS 3523(3) IS-3901(3 or 6)	Indigenous Policy Advanced Cree I Advanced Ojibwe I Advanced Ojibwe II Indigenous Ethnobotany Field School Aboriginal Women's Twentieth Century History Directed Readings	History HIST-2610(3) HIST-2611(3) HIST-2616(3) HIST-3619(3) HIST-3615/ANT HIST-3616/	Indigenous Peoples in Canada to 1815 Indigenous Peoples in Canada since 1815 History of Indigenous Education: Residential Schools and Beyond Indigenous Peoples and Christian Missions TH-3129(6) Material Culture in the History of Indigenous Peoples of Canada History of the Indigenous Peoples
Anthropology ANTH-2103(3) ANTH-2202(3) ANTH-2210(3)	Ethnography of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the US Archaeology of North America Rise of the New World Civilization	ANTH-3127(3) HIST-3617(3)	of the Northern Plains Indigenous Peoples and Treaties 523(3) Indigenous Women's History History of the Métis in Canada
ANTH-2214(3) ANTH-2220(3) ANTH-3120(3) ANTH /HIST-3126(6) ANTH 2127	Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required) Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required) Indigenous Peoples of Arctic Canada Material Culture in the History of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada		
ANTH 3127 /HIST- 3518(3) ANTH-3128 /HIST-3528	History of Indigenous Peoples of the Northern Plains History of Eastern and SubArctic Algonquin Peoples	Linguistics LING-4103/IS-3	104 Indigenous Languages of South America

Philosophy

PHIL-3500(3) Philosophical Perspectives (Prerequisite waived for Indigenous Studies students)

Political Science

POL-3411(3)	Indigenous People in Canada & the Law
POL-3415(3)	Indigenous Justice & Canadian Law

Religion & Culture

REL-2801(3)	Introduction to Indigenous Spirituality
REL-2802(3)	Indigenous & Christian Encounter
REL-2803(3)	Indigenous Sacred Narratives
REL/IDS-2804(3) Global Perspectives on Aboriginal
	Societies, Spiritualties & the Environment
REL-3802(3)	Indigenous Healers
REL-3803(3)	Indigenous Women's Teachings
REL-3804(3)	Indigenous Spirituality: Research Methods

Sociology

SOC-2105(6) Race, Ethnic and Indigenous Relations SOC-3123(3) Crime, Victimization and Justice in Aboriginal Communities

(Prerequisite waived for Indigenous Studies students)

Urban and Inner-City Studies

UIC/IS-1010(3)Indigenous Ways of KnowingUIC-2001/IS-2301(3)Community DevelopmentUIC/IS/POL-2020(3)Colonization and Indigenous PeoplesUIC/IS/BUS-2030(3)Management and Financial Administration
for Community LeadershipUIC/IS-3125(3)The Intergenerational Legacy of
Residential Schools

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Students must consult with an Academic Advisor in planning their studies. Students must have completed at least 30 credit hours in Indigenous Studies.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	Minimum 120 credit hours
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree: Major:	Minimum 60 credit hours Minimum 30 credit hours
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours (may be met with IS language courses)
Science:	6 credit hours
Social Science:	12 credit hours
Writing:	3 credit hours
Indigenous: Maximum Introductory Courses:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum of 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects.
MAJOR REQUIREMENT	
Single Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours/maximum 66 credit hours. Maximum 18 credit hours at the 4000 level from the Indigenous Studies 4-Year BA/Honours 4-Year BA Electives. Remaining courses from 3-Year BA Electives. Minimum 21 credits with IS designator.
Double Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours in Indigenous Studies and specified number of courses in other Major.
Combined Major:	Minimum 60 credit hours from each of two different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject.
Students may take a maximum of 12	credit hours of Directed Reading towards the major requirements.
Required Courses:	IS-1016(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Arts, Culture and History AND
	IS-1017(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Politics and Governance
	3 credits of Indigenous Cultures and Histories – may be met by taking IS-1101, IS- 1201, IS-2040, IS-2050, IS-2101, IS-2201, IS-3100, IS-4023, IS/HIST-3590, HIST electives accepted for the IS major including cross-listed electives; or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS- 3901 or IS-4200 with permission of IS Chair.
	3 credits of Indigenous Sciences* and knowledge systems – may be met by taking IS/UIC-1010, IS-1101, IS-1201, IS-2012, IS-2101, IS-2201, IS-3010, IS-3012/ANTH-3170, IS-3201, IS-3204, IS-4020, IS-4021, IS-4022, IS-4024; IS-4026 or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS-3001, or IS-4200 with permission of IS Chair

* The majority of these courses do not meet the Science General Degree Requirement.

3 credits of Indigenous Politics/Governance – may be met by taking, IS-2040, IS-2050, IS-2060, IS-2402, IS-3100, IS-4021, IS-4023, IS-4024, IS-4204, IS-4703 or by taking IS-2001, IS-3001, IS-3901, or IS-4200 with permission of IS Chair.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed 30 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses (cumulative GPA) and 2.75 GPA (degree GPA) in non-Honours courses. The minimum 3.0 GPA will be based on all attempts (including course repeats and failures) in Honours Subject courses. The minimum 2.75 GPA in all non-Honours courses will be calculated as for the general degree (i.e., F's are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT	120 credit hours, with minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours and 2.75 in non-Honours subject courses.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	
Degree:	Minimum 60 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours at the 4000 level.
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT	
Humanities:	12 credit hours (may be met with IS language courses)
Science:	6 credit hours
Writing:	Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of 5 different subjects.
HONOURS REQUIREMENT	
Single Honours:	Minimum 54 credit hours/ Maximum 78 credit hours Minimum 21 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses, minimum 12 credits in 4000-level IS courses.
Double Honours:	Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject, minimum 9 credits in 4000-level IS courses.

4-YEAR BA/HONOURS ELECTIVES:

Indigenous Studies

IS-4000(3 or 6)	Indigenous Studies Practicum
IS-4021/7021(6)	Pathways to Indigenous Wisdom
IS-4022/7022(6)	Indigenous Research Methodologies and
	Ethics
IS-4023/7023(3)	Indigenous Peoples, Globalization &
	Development
IS-4024/7024(3)	Biocultural Diversity Conservation: Striking
	a balance between Science and
	Indigenous Knowledge practices
IS-4025/7025 (3)	Indigenous Languages: Culture, Rights
	and Conflict
IS-4026/7026(3)	Community Food Security
IS-4028 (3)	Human and Indigenous Rights in Latin
	America Field School
IS/IL-4029 (3)	Indigenous Language Mentorship
IS-4200 (3)	Indigenous Title
IS-4200/7200(3 or (Seminar in Selected Topics
IS-4204 (3)	Nibwaakaakendendamowaad:
	Intellectual Sovereignties
IS-4446 (3)	Urban Indigenous Seminar
IS-4703	Indigenous Education in the Era of
	Globalization
IS-4717 (3 or 6)	Topics in Indigenous Literary and Culture
Anthropology	
ANTH-4105(6)	Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers in
	Encounter: Selected Topics
ANTH-4117	Ethnohistoric Methods and Theory
/HIST-4526(3)	

English

ENGL-4717(3/6) Topics in Aboriginal Literature & Culture

History

HIST-4500(6) Tutorial (Independent Study) (IS Chair permission required) HIST-4570(6) Settler Colonialism

Human Rights

HR-4210 (6) Human and Indigenous Rights in Latin America

Religion and Culture		
REL-4802(3)	Indigenous Healers	
REL-4803(3)	Indigenous Women's Teachings	
REL-4804(3)	Indigenous Spirituality: Research Methods	
REL-4990(6)	Directed Readings (IS Chair permission required)	
REL-4991(3)	Directed Readings (IS Chair permission required)	

Urban and Inner City Studies

UIC-4445(3) Urban Aboriginal Seminar

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.

Minor: 18 credit hours, at least 12 credit hours of which are above the first-year level and at least 12 credit hours of which are taken at The University of Winnipeg.

Required Course:	IS-1016(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Art, Culture and History
	AND
	IS-1017(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Politics and Governance, AND
3 credit hours of Indigenou	IS Cultures and Histories – may be met by taking one of the following:
	IS-2040 Indigenous Women and Resilience
	IS-2050 Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources
	IS-3101 Contemporary American Indian Policy in Cultural Context
	IS-3901 Directed Readings
	IS-4200 Seminar in Selected Topics (Prior permission of IS Chair required)
	IS-4204 Nibwaakaadendamowaad: Intellectual Sovereignties
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3 credit hours of Indigenou	IS Sciences and Knowledge systems – may be met by taking one of the following:
	IS/UIC-1010 Indigenous Ways of Knowing
	IS-2012 Indigenous Sciences: Contributions to Contemporary Challenges
	IS-3001 Special Topics in Indigenous Studies (Prior permission of IS Chair required)
	IS-3901 Directed Readings
	IS-3010 Protection of Indigenous knowledge systems
	IS-3012 Ethnoecology: A Research Approach
	IS-3201 Indigenous Ethnobotany Field School
	IS-4021 Pathways to Indigenous Wisdom
	IS-4022 Indigenous Research Methodologies and Ethics
	IS-4024 Biocultural Diversity Conservation: Striking a balance between Science and
	Indigenous Knowledge practices
	IS-4026 Community Food Security: Indigenous and International perspectives
	IS-4200 Seminar in Selected Topics with permission of IS Chair
6 credit hours of Indigenou	IS Politics/Governance – may be met by taking 6 credit hours of the following:
-	IS-2040 Indigenous Women and Resilience
	IS-2050 Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources
	IS-2060 Ago'idiwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtle Island)
	IS-2301 Community Development
	IS-2402 Mazinaatesewin: Indigenous Representation in Film
	IS-3100 International Rights of Indigenous Peoples
	IS-3901 Directed Readings
	IS-4023 Indigenous Peoples, Globalization & Development
	IS 4200 Seminar in Selected Tonics with nemission of IS Chair

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IS-4703 Indigenous Education in the Era of Globalization

Other courses (including special topics with IS 2XXX and IS 3XXX numbers) may be considered with a prior permission of the Dept. Chair before registration.

COURSE LISTINGS

IS-1010 (3)	Indigenous Ways of Knowing
IS-1016(3)	Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Art, Culture and History
IS-1017(3)	Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Politics and Governance
IS-1101 (6)	Introductory Cree
IS-1201 (6)	Introductory Ojibwe
IS-2001 (3 or 6)	Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
IS-2010 (3)	Indigenous Movements & Resistance in Latin America
IS-2012 (3)	Indigenous Sciences: Contributions to Contemporary Challenges
IS-2020 (3)	Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
IS-2030(3)	Management and Financial Administration for Community Leadership
IS-2040 (3)	Indigenous Women and Resilience
IS-2050 (3)	Indigenous Peoples, Lands, and Resources
IS-2060 (3)	Ago'idiwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtle Island)

- Ago idiwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtie Island)
- IS-2101 (6) Intermediate Cree

IS-2201 (6)	Intermediate Ojibwe
IS-2240 (3)	Indigenous Justice Issues
IS-2301 (3)	Community Development
IS-2401 (3)	Indigenous Food Systems Field School
IS-2402 (3)	Mazinaatesewin: Indigenous Representation in Film
IS-3001 (3 or 6)	Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
IS-3010 (3)	Protecting Indigenous Knowledge Systems
IS-3012 (3)	Ethnoecology: A Research Approach
IS-3100 (3)	International Rights of Indigenous Peoples
IS-3104 (3)	Indigenous Languages of South America
IS-3125 (3)	The Intergenerational Legacy of Residential Schools
IS-3162 (3)	Social Enterprise in the Indigenous Context
IS-3201 (3)	Ethnobotany Field School
IS-3523 (3)	Indigenous Women's History
IS-3590 (3)	Indigenous Health History
IS-3717 (3 or 6)	Indigenous Literatures & Cultures
IS-3723 (3 or 6)	Indigenous Texts and Cultures
IS-3901 (3 or 6)	Directed Readings
IS-4000 (3 or 6)	Indigenous Studies Practicum
IS-4021 (6)	Pathways to Indigenous Wisdom
IS-4022 (6)	Indigenous Research Methodologies and Ethics
IS-4023 (3)	Indigenous Peoples, Globalization and Development
IS-4024 (3)	Biocultural Diversity Conservation Balancing Scientific and Indigenous Knowledge Practices
IS-4025 (3)	Indigenous Languages: Culture, Rights, and Conflicts
IS-4026 (3)	Community Food Security: Indigenous and International Perspectives
IS-4028 (3)	Human and Indigenous Rights in Latin America Field School
IS-4200 (3 or 6)	Seminar in Selected Topics
IS-4445 (3)	Urban Indigenous Seminar
IS-4703 (3 or 6)	Indigenous Education in an Era of Globalization
IS-4717 (3 or 6)	Topics in Indigenous Literary and Culture

Experimental Courses

IS-1202 (3) IS-1301 (3) IS-1401 (3)	Ojibwe Field School Part I Special Topics in Introductory Indigenous Languages I Intro Michif I
IS-1402 (3) IS-1501 (6)	Intro Michif II Oral Immersion in Cree I
IS-1601 (6)	Oral Immersion in Ojibwe I
IS-2407 (3)	Language Revitalization
IS-3105 (3)	Advanced Cree I
IS-3106 (3)	Advanced Ojibwe I
IS/IL-3107 (3)	Advanced Ojibwe II
IS-3204 (3)	Gibiindwewesijigemin: Documenting Indigenous Languages
IS/IL-4029 (3)	Indigenous Language Mentorship
IS-4204 (3)	Nibwaakaadendamowaad: Intellectual Sovereignties

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All course descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website: http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html