



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Overview

The Department of Indigenous Studies (IS) 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 skills through interdisciplinary coursework offered by the IS faculty. 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.

*“Obtaining a BA in Indigenous Studies has helped me gain a better understanding of the unique relationship between Indigenous Nations of Canada and the Crown. With this knowledge, I am able to understand the true spirit and intent of our Treaties and how we are to move forward towards reconciliation.”*

*– Kayla Frank, BA Indigenous Studies, who works at The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.*

Job Titles

- Social Worker (NOC 41300)
- Social and Community Service Worker (NOC 42201)
- Teacher (NOC 41221)
- Human Resource Professional (NOC 11200)
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations (NOC 11202)

- Early Childhood Educator (NOC 42202) <sup>1</sup>
- Advocate (NOC 41300, 41101)
- Youth Outreach Worker (NOC 42201)
- Policy Analyst (NOC 41403)
- Community Development (NOC 42201)
- Media Arts and Journalism (NOC 51113)
- Historian (NOC 41409)

<sup>1</sup> Government of Canada. “Aboriginal Studies (05.0202), Bachelor's degree”. Job Bank, 31 March 2020, <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/studentdashboard/05.0202/LOS05>. Jobs may require further training or education.

## Work Settings

- Community agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- School
- Government office
- Media offices

## Skills and Characteristics

- Advocacy skills
- Cross-cultural awareness
- Additional language acquisition
- Policy interpretation and analysis

## Professional Associations and Other Links

- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/indigenous-relations-reconciliation>
- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples <http://www.abo-peoples.org/en/>
- Indian Claims Commission <http://indianclaims.ca/>
- Notes on the Indian Act <http://www.bloorstreet.com/200block/sindact.htm>
- Turning Point <http://www.turning-point.ca/>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Indigenous Studies program, visit the [Department of Indigenous Studies website](#) and the [Indigenous Studies Fact Sheet](#).

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