



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Governance

The Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Governance program offers you the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree in Indigenous Studies from The University of Winnipeg and a Self-Government Administration diploma from Red River College.

The Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Governance Program is a multidisciplinary program grounded in the intellectual and cultural heritage of indigenous peoples in Canada and around the globe. We welcome students from all backgrounds and disciplines to explore the unique complexities and broad, diverse cultures associated with indigenous governance and studies. Join us as we examine this rich topic through coursework in aboriginal governance, anthropology, history, religious studies, politics, and conflict resolution studies. This major ideally complements other majors including Politics, Psychology, Environmental Studies, Economics, History, and Biology.

SAMPLE CAREERS: Graduates may find employment in the public/government or private sectors, with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations. They will serve as leaders in the broad sense of the term, as facilitators, managers, entrepreneurs, and policy-makers who may work in community-based organizations serving Indigenous peoples in Canada and abroad.

Students who complete the diploma in Self-Government Administration at Red River College are granted 30 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree in Aboriginal Governance at The University of Winnipeg.

The University offers a three-year degree, a four-year degree, or an Honours degree.

For the three-year degree option, you would complete an additional 60 credit hours including the following:

- 21 credit hours of required courses from Business and Administration, Conflict Resolution Studies, and Politics;
- 18 credit hours of optional courses from Indigenous Studies, Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, History, International Development Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies, or Sociology;
- 12 credit hours in the humanities; *AND*
- 6 credit hours in science.

Please refer to the University Course Calendar for descriptions of the other degree requirements.

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

IS-1015(6) Introduction to Indigenous Studies

CRS-1200(6) Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required - not required for students entering with a Red River College diploma)

3 credit hours in Humanities such as History, French, Classics, or Religious Studies.

15 credit hours of Electives, such as courses in Cree or Ojibway, Anthropology or Sociology.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Indigenous Studies consists of three primary themes: the diversity of Indigenous cultures; historic and contemporary interactions between the nation-states and Indigenous peoples; and representations of Indigenous peoples in literature and other artistic forms. The course explores varied

meanings and definitions of indigenism in the milieus of the personal, social, political, academic, and economic. Identity, power, ownership knowledge, and tensions surrounding authenticity all serve to complicate this topic. While the topic is global, there is particular focus on Canada.

Aboriginal Politics in Manitoba examines selected issues of importance to Aboriginal peoples in Manitoba, including self-government, northern development, urbanization, Aboriginal women, land claims, and others.

International Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a third-year course which examines current developments at the international level with respect to the rights of Indigenous peoples; issues such as the right to selfdetermination

and decolonization are considered. Students will review issues related to land and treaty interpretation, cultural rights, and Canada's current policy in maintaining a strong colonial relationship.

OTHER SAMPLE COURSES*

Aboriginal Peoples and Newcomers

Canadian Politics

Conflict and Culture

Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities

Crime, Victimization, and Justice in Aboriginal Communities

Restorative Justice

Race, Ethnic, and Aboriginal Relations

* Please contact us for details of new courses being developed.

TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM

For some students the decision to leave one's home or community to attend an urban university may be difficult or intimidating. The Transition Year Program (TYP) has been developed to be highly supportive in assisting Aboriginal students to make the transition a success. The TYP Coordinator assists students with their applications, course selection, and registration process. First-year students are matched with returning Aboriginal students - mentors who provide support and familiarize new students with the campus. Contact Randy White at 204.786.9983 or r.white@uwinnipeg.ca to find out more about TYP.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

Please note: the application fee will be waived for students who already hold the Red River College diploma.

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