

**The Senate Indigenous Course Requirement Committee - Annual Report to Senate  
May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023**

The Senate Indigenous Course Requirement Committee (SICR) membership for 2022-2023 was:

	<b>Role</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
1)	Faculty Member – Humanities	Cathy Mattes	2024
2)	Faculty Member – Social Sciences	Darren Courchene, Co-Chair	2024
3)	Faculty Member – Sciences	Nora Casson	2023
4)	Faculty Member at Large as defined in table 1	Melanie O’Gorman, Co-Chair	2023
5)	Faculty Member	Chantal Fiola	2023
6)	Faculty Member	Jan DeFehr	2023
7)	Indigenous Engagement Lead (Acting)	Angeline Nelson	Ex Officio
8)	Member of UWSA Executive	Jonathan Henderson	Ex Officio
9)	Registrar	Colin Russell	Ex Officio
10)	Library Representative	Danielle Bitz	Ex Officio

We thank all members of the 2022-23 SICR for their hard work and insights this year. The Committee consists of members with diverse academic backgrounds and interests and we feel this contributed to strong consensus decision-making. We especially thank the out-going members for their 2 years of service!

We are also very grateful for all the hard work and expertise Ramona Hallett (Administrative Officer, Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic) brings to the SICR. Her institutional memory is crucial to the success of the ICR!

The Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) was in its 7<sup>th</sup> year in 2022-23. The duties of the SICR are to:

1. review and approve new, revised or transferred undergraduate courses proposed as satisfying the ICR;
2. establish parameters for reviewing/waiving ICR requirements based on Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) or other circumstances;
3. review and approve cases for waiving of the ICR on the basis of PLAR or other circumstances

In 2022-23, the following courses were recommended to Senate for the ICR designation:

- ANTH-2409 - Introductory Michif I
- ANTH-2410 - Introductory Michif II
- UIC-3010 – Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, & Indigenous LGBTQ Realities

The following course was approved as meeting ICR requirements based on PLAR:

- SWRK 4220 A02, *Social Work and Aboriginal People* – approved as transfer credit from the University of Manitoba.

The Committee spent a lot of time reviewing and editing the ICR Course Consult form. This form is the main document that is used to evaluate courses for the ICR designation. It was developed by previous ICR Committees, so we were building on previous work. The main edit to this form recommended by our Committee is a new section evaluating ICR instructor qualifications. This section seeks to ensure that ICR instructors are Indigenous scholars and/or have deep knowledge of Indigenous content. We also consulted with Chairs of Departments with ICR courses and others on this revised form. This revised form will be brought to Senate in June 2023.

The Committee also introduced a 5-year review form for all ICR courses. As efforts towards decolonization and reconciliation proceed, the purpose of this form is to ensure that ICR courses keep pace with such processes. Thank you in particular to Nora Casson and Danielle Bitz for their contributions to this form. This form will also be brought to Senate in June 2023.

This year, Ramona went through the list of ICR courses to confirm which are still active. This has been updated on the ICR website: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/indigenous/indigenous-course-requirement/icr-approved-course-list.pdf>

We also met with a team of researchers, led by Dr. Helen Lepp Friesen, which is starting work on a project evaluating the impact of the ICR at the University of Winnipeg. We reviewed this group's previous study entitled "We Are All Relations: An ICR requirement as Part of a Good Way to Reconciliation".

Sincerely,

Darren Courchene and Melanie O'Gorman, Co-Chairs, SICR