

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (IS)

Updated Feb 5, 2023

Chair: S. Shukla (Acting), Associate Professor; Professor: G. Nemogá; Associate Professor: J. Romanow; Assistant Professor: J. Fontaine; S. Penner, Lecturer: D. Courchene
Department Assistant: Crystal Moore, Please call 204-786-9305

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.

Minor

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 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 participates in the Interdepartmental Minor in Comparative Literature. For eligible courses, please see Comparative Literature in this Calendar.

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:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 18 credit hours
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 (This requirement is waived for students who hold the ASGA Diploma from Red River College.)
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. 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 from The University of Winnipeg. 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.

Double Major: 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 not 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 Studies

IS-1101(6) Introductory Cree
IS-1201(6) Introductory Ojibwe
IS-2001 (3 or 6) Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
IS-2012 (3) Indigenous Science
IS-2040 (3) Indigenous Women and Resilience
IS-2050 (3) Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources
IS-2060 (3) Ago'idiwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtle Island)
IS-2101 (6) Intermediate Cree
IS-2201 (6) Intermediate Ojibwe
IS-2401 (3) Indigenous Food Systems Field School
IS-3001(3 or 6) Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
IS-3010(3) Protecting Indigenous Knowledge
IS-3012(3) Ethnoecology: A Research Approach
IS-3100(6) International Rights of Indigenous Peoples
IS-3102 (3) Indigenous Policy
IS-3105 (3) Advanced Cree I
IS-3106 (3) Advanced Ojibwe I
IS/IL-3107 (3) Advanced Ojibwe II
IS-3201(3) Indigenous Ethnobotany Field School
IS/HIST/WGS 3523(3) Aboriginal Women's Twentieth Century History
IS-3901(3 or 6) Directed Readings

Anthropology

ANTH-2103(3) Ethnography of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the US
ANTH-2202(3) Archaeology of North America
ANTH-2210(3) Rise of the New World Civilization
ANTH-2214(3) Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required)
ANTH-2220(3) Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required)
ANTH-3120(3) Indigenous Peoples of Arctic Canada
ANTH /HIST-3126(6) Material Culture in the History of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada
ANTH 3127 /HIST- 3518(3) History of Indigenous Peoples of the Northern Plains
ANTH-3128 /HIST-3528 History of Eastern and SubArctic Algonquin Peoples

ANTH-3132 /HIST(3) History of the Iroquoian Peoples
ANTH-3203(6) Archaeological Field School (IS Chair permission required)

Conflict Resolution Studies

CRS/IDS-2443(3) Conflict & Development Issues in Indigenous Communities

English

ENGL-2722(6) Postcolonial Literatures: an Introduction
ENGL/IS-3717(3/6) Indigenous Literatures and Cultures (3 or 6)
ENGL/IS-3723(3) Topics in Indigenous Texts and Cultures (experimental)

History

HIST-2509(6) History of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada
HIST-2510(3) Indigenous Peoples in Canada to 1815
HIST-2511(3) Indigenous Peoples in Canada since 1815
HIST-2516(3) History of Indigenous Education: Residential Schools and Beyond
HIST-3119(3) Indigenous Peoples and Christian Missions
HIST/ANTH-3515(6) Material Culture in the History of Indigenous Peoples of Canada
HIST-3518/ ANTH-3127(3) History of the Indigenous Peoples of the Northern Plains
HIST-3519(3) Indigenous Peoples and Treaties
HIST /WGS/IS-3523(3) History of Indigenous Women's
HIST-3525(3) History of the Métis in Canada
HIST-3528(3) History of Eastern and Subarctic Algonquian Peoples
HIST-3532(3) History of the Iroquoian Peoples
HIST-3544(3) History of Winnipeg
HIST-3814(3) Aboriginal Arts

International Development Studies

IDS/ANTH-2160(3) Indigenous Peoples & the Industrial State

Linguistics
LING-4103/IS-3104 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, Spiritualities & 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 Knowing
UIC-2001/IS-2301(3) Community Development
UIC/IS/POL-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous Peoples
UIC/IS/BUS-2030(3) Management and Financial Administration for Community Leadership
UIC/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: Minimum 60 credit hours
Major: 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: 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. 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-3901, 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 6) Seminar in Selected Topics
IS-4204 (3) Nibwaakaakendamowaad: Intellectual Sovereignities
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 /HIST-4526(3) Ethnohistoric Methods and Theory

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 Indigenous 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

3 credit hours of Indigenous 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 Indigenous 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'diwinan 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 Topics with permission of IS Chair.
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'diwinan miskwaadesi-miinising (Treaties on Turtle 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 (6)	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)	Ojibwe Field School Part I
IS-1301 (3)	Special Topics in Introductory Indigenous Languages I
IS-1401 (3)	Intro Michif I
IS-1402 (3)	Intro Michif II
IS-1501 (6)	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>