



JOINT PROGRAM

## INDIGENOUS STUDIES/ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE

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**The joint program in Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Governance 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.**

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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 is a combined degree/diploma program in cooperation with Red River College. Diploma graduates are granted a block transfer of 45 credit hours towards a 3-year, 4-year or Honours degree in Indigenous Studies and must complete an additional 45 (3-Year) to 75 (4-Year & Honours) credit hours. Students can expect to complete the combined degree/diploma program in approximately 4 to 5 years.

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### 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.

### 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 milieu 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 self-determination 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.

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## 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](mailto:r.white@uwinnipeg.ca) to find out more about TYP.

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## STUDY PATTERN

**Students in this program complete their diploma at Red River College and then complete their degree at The University of Winnipeg:**

**Year 1-2 – Red River College**

**Year 3-4 – The University of Winnipeg**

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## REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

## HOW TO APPLY

Students wishing to pursue this program must apply to Red River College to complete their two-year diploma, and then apply to The University of Winnipeg to complete their degree.

**Step 1:** Apply to Red River College:  
[www.rrc.mb.ca](http://www.rrc.mb.ca)

**Step 2:** After completing the diploma, apply to The University of Winnipeg: [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca)

Note: Students are required to pay an application fee at both institutions.

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