



FACULTY OF ARTS

## INDIGENOUS STUDIES

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**The Department of Indigenous Studies is grounded in the intellectual and cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples in Canada (including First Nations, Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis) and around the globe. Students from all backgrounds and disciplines explore the unique complexities and broad, diverse cultures associated with Indigenous studies.**

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IS maintains at its core a focus on policies, acts, and treaties that have and continue to affect the lives of Indigenous peoples and communities. Our professors have backgrounds in politics, economics, anthropology, sociology, human ecology, natural resources management, and law.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year or Honours)** with a Major in Indigenous Studies. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Indigenous Studies as a secondary area of interest.

The department also offers a Joint Indigenous Studies/Self-Government Administration degree/diploma with Red River College, as well as a Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance – see *separate fact sheets for these two programs*. Employees of Red River College who are interested in the special RRC Cohort Stream to earn a BA in Indigenous Studies from UWinnipeg should consult RRC Human Relations for guidance and funding.

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### SAMPLE COURSES

**Indigenous Ways of Knowing** - This course offers an introduction to Indigenous ways of knowing through active participation in strategies that facilitate the production of Aboriginal knowledge and through comparisons with Euro-American ways of knowing. By taking part in basic ceremony and related practices, students gain an understanding of how First Peoples of Manitoba relate to each other, to the land, to other animals, and to the world.

**Management and Financial Administration for Community Leadership** - As small-scale and not-for-profit structures, community-based and Aboriginal organizations often face unique challenges and political/cultural realities in terms of overall management and operations. This course provides students with a good understanding of the key facets of management and administrative structures within the community and Aboriginal sectors in particular.

**International Rights of Indigenous Peoples** - This course examines current developments at the international level with respect to the rights of Indigenous peoples, particularly the right to self-determination.

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## MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Indigenous Treaties in Canada
- Indigenous Justice Issues
- Indigenous Women and Resilience
- Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources
- Community Development

## SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

IS-1010(3) Indigenous Ways of Knowing  
IS-1016(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Art, Culture & History  
IS-1017(3) Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Politics & Governance  
IS-1101(6) Introductory Cree or IS-1201(6) Introductory Ojibwe  
RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities, or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)  
12-15 credit hours Electives

*NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

## TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM

The highly supportive Transition Year Program (TYP) helps Aboriginal students make a successful transition from their community to an urban university. 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.

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***“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.

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## REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

## HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:  
[uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply)

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:welcome@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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