

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (IS)

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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 and cultural competency 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 also offers land-based learning courses in close collaboration with local Indigenous communities, knowledge holders and elders.

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:	

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 Cultu

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-

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 b()Jj- 4w 0.955 0 Td(-)Tj-0s C &

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