110 The School of Native Studies

Vision
To develop the School of Native Studies at the University of Alberta into the preeminent Native Studies program in Canada.

Mission
To provide a common ground for Native and non-Native students to learn, research, explore and critically examine the historical and contemporary relations that concern Native peoples and communities.

Values
The School of Native Studies values:
- our autonomy as a Faculty within the academy
- interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches
- the relevance of Native perspectives and Indigenous knowledge
- the contribution of Elders to teaching, research and sense of direction
- the interactions and connections with Native communities
- the promotion of Indigenous languages
- the scholarly standards of the academy for the creation and dissemination of knowledge

History of the School
Establishing an academic unit focusing on Native Studies had been discussed within the University of Alberta since 1972, when such a unit was proposed in a University Senate Committee meeting by representatives of the Indian Association of Alberta.

In 1978, 20 recommendations were made to the University Senate by their task force regarding improved service to Native people and a more coherent involvement in Native Studies. In that year, University of Alberta GFC established a Standing Committee on Native Studies consisting of University of Alberta faculty members and students and representatives of the Native community at large.

After several years of research, discussion, and consultation with interested individuals and groups from inside and outside the University, the Committee on Native Studies opted for an ambitious program of Native Studies.

The Committee on Native Studies proposed the establishment of a School of Native Studies that would be multidisciplinary in character, instead of a small department that would confine itself to Native history, language and culture. The
School would offer a wide range of courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native Studies, as well as minor concentrations for students in other Faculties. Faculty members and students would engage in research with special attention to language and land use. Though not parochial in its outlook on Native Studies, the School would pay particular attention to Native peoples—Indian, Inuit, and Métis of the Canadian West and North.

The establishment of a School of Native Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies were approved by GFC and the Board of Governors of the University in Spring 1984. In the same year, the Universities Coordinating Council also approved the School and the degree. In 1988, the GFC and the Government of Alberta approved a program of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies.

The School of Native Studies is an academic unit concerned primarily with teaching and research. As such, it is separate administratively and functionally from the Office of Native Student Services.

111 The Professors

111.1 Teaching and Scholarship

Two distinct yet related themes underlie the School’s Program of Studies. The first theme is respect for indigenous knowledge systems, including languages, cultures, and philosophies. The second theme is the University’s emphasis on research excellence. Together, the themes focus on the School’s developing a research capability to address issues affecting Indian, Inuit, and Métis people today. In this context, the students’ program of study centres on developing knowledge, and analytical and research skills suited to address problems of current Native interest.

The objective is to provide students with interdisciplinary academic experience that is integrative. Land, language and self-governance are among the most vital issues identified by Native communities in the Canadian West and North. These issues and the emphasis on research of the University and the Native communities have shaped course development. At the same time, Native communities are dynamic, and the School intends to respond to these changes and to developments in the broader Canadian society. With academic excellence as the standard, the School’s courses are interrelated and may be grouped in the following key areas of study:

(1) Language and Culture
(2) Land and Resources
(3) Self-Governance
(4) Community-Based Research and Applied Skills

111.2 Members of the School

Officers of the School

Director
E Bielawski, PhD
Administrative Assistant
B Findlay
Administrative Professional Officer
B Karpinski, MSc

Academic Staff

Professor
F Tough, PhD
Associate Professors
J Dempsey, PhD
P McCormack, PhD
Assistant Professors
C Andersen, MA
D Paskemin, MEd
Adjunct Professors
L Main Johnson, PhD
C Voyageur, PhD
Professor Emeritus
R Price, MA

111.3 Members of the School Council

Ex-officio Members
President and Vice-Chancellor
R Fraser, PhD
Registrar of the University
CP Byrne, MBA
Director, School of Native Studies
E Bielawski, PhD

Members of the Faculty
C Andersen, MA
J Dempsey, PhD
B Karpinski, MSc
P McCormack, PhD
D Paskemin, MEd
F Tough, PhD

Native Community Representatives
Six Representatives

University Community Representatives
(1) Non-Academic Staff
B Findlay, School of Native Studies
(2) Representatives from Other Faculties
H Blair, PhD, Elementary Education
P Boutilier, PhD, Rural Economy
D Cullen, PhD, Organizational Analysis
G Ens, PhD, History and Classics
M King, PhD, Pulmonary Medicine
WJ Page, PhD, Biological Sciences
(3) Student Representatives
a. Aboriginal Student Council, Three Representatives
b. Native Studies Student Association, Three Representatives
(4) Native Studies Alumni Association, One Representative
(5) School of Native Studies Sessional Staff, One Representative
### 112 School Regulations

The General Faculties Council (GFC) policies and regulations that apply to all Faculties and schools apply to the School of Native Studies.

#### 112.1 Admission and Transfer

For general University admission and transfer requirements, see §§13 and 14. For specific information about admission to the School of Native Studies, see §116.9.

#### 112.2 Registration and Changes of Registration

Deadlines are strictly observed. See §12. For further information, see §22.1.

1. **Student Responsibility**: Students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their registration and for ensuring their programs are in accordance with degree specifications. Read the Calendar carefully, and if you are in doubt about the regulations pertaining to your program, please consult the School office.

2. **Failure to “drop” a course**: Students who do not formally withdraw from a course but who are absent from the final examination without excuse (see §23.5.3) are given a mark of zero (0) on the final examination. The final grade in the course is then determined by combining the appropriately weighted term grade and the assigned zero in the final examination.

3. **Course Load Requirement**: Normally, students in the School of Native Studies take a full course load, i.e., ★30, during the Fall/Winter. In exceptional circumstances, and following completion of the first ★30, acceleration to the maximum of ★36 per Fall/Winter may be permitted. In the BA in Native Studies program, students are permitted to take less than a full course load.

#### 112.3 Classification and Selection of Courses

1. **Course Definitions**
   a. **Course Designation**: Each course is designated by its computer abbreviation and a number.
   b. **Units of Course Weight**: A unit of course weight indicates the instructional credit assigned to a course and is designated by the ★ symbol after the course number and name. Units of course weight are used to measure the portion of the degree requirements and are also used in calculating a student's Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).
   c. **Full Course Weight (FCW)**: A full course weight (FCW) is a single course or a group of courses whose combined course weight is ★6.
   d. **Full Course**: A course with a weighting factor of six or greater.
   e. **Half Course**: A course with a weighting factor of less than six that normally extends over two consecutive University terms.
   f. **Normal Course Load**: A normal full academic course load is ★30 during Fall/Winter.
   g. **Options**: Courses taken from other Faculties approved for use by the School as partial fulfillment of the School's graduation requirements.
   h. **Courses Extra to the Degree**: Courses taken during the student's tenure in the School which, with the approval of the Director of the School, are not being used for degree credit are designated as courses extra to the degree.

2. **Junior English**: ★6 of ENGL 101, 111, 112, 113, 114 or equivalents are required for the Native Studies BA degree program.

3. **First Year**: Mandatory first-year requirements in all programs include a junior English course and a course to clear a deficiency (where applicable). Other first year requirements are listed in §113.1.2.

4. **Restricted Enrolment Courses**: The School of Native Studies strives to accommodate all students wanting to enrol in a given course when it is appropriate to the student’s program. However, classes in some courses must, for academic reasons, be restricted in size. Such courses will be labelled “restricted enrolment” in the timetable. If such a course is found to be oversubscribed, students whose programs do not require that course, or who do not have the prerequisite, may be required to delete it from their registration.

5. **Junior Courses**: In all programs, normally no more than ★48 at the 100-level may be taken for degree credit. In no case will this limit be extended to permit a student to make up a matriculation deficiency for degree credit or to include a “free” option at the junior level.

#### 112.4 Academic Record

Students should be aware that their academic record (i.e., transcript) is continuing in nature and that all matters relating to courses, grades, academic standing, probation, etc., appear permanently on the academic record.

#### 112.5 Credit by Special Assessment

See Credit by Special Assessment, §14.2.5, for further important information.

Credit by Special Assessment permits students to receive degree credit in specified courses without actually registering in and taking courses if the student can demonstrate an acceptable mastery of the course content.

Please consult, §14.5 Credit by Special Assessment in the Faculty of Arts for specific information regarding the following:

1. **Basis of Application**
2. **Limits**
3. **Deadline for Completion**
4. **Grading**
5. **Transfer of Credit by Special Assessment**, and
6. **Fees**.

#### 112.6 Academic Standing

The School’s general academic standing regulations apply to all students and are listed here. Additional promotion and graduation requirements for individual degree programs are noted in the specific program sections.

Academic standing is assessed based on a student’s GPA. (Rules for computing the GPA are listed in §23.4(6).) Students are expected to maintain a 2.0 minimum GPA. Students who do not maintain this level of academic performance may be permitted to continue under academic warning or may be required to withdraw.

An initial review of academic performance will be conducted for each student at the end of Fall/Winter, covering the previous calendar year’s work; subsequent reviews will be conducted at the end of each Fall/Winter.

The assignment and reassignment of categories of academic standing is based on a student's performance in a minimum of ★12. If, at the time of review, a student has attempted fewer than ★12 since the last assignment of academic status, the assignment of academic standing will be deferred and the academic standing assigned at the last review will remain in effect until the next review.

1. **Application of Academic Standings**
   a. **First-Class Standing**: First-class standing in a given year is awarded to any undergraduate student who obtains a GPA of not less than 3.5 while enrolled in a full, normal academic course load in that year. For the sole purposes of determining first-class standing, a full, normal academic course load for the School shall be at least ★24 successfully completed during the Fall/Winter.
   b. **Satisfactory Standing** (GPA 2.0 and above): Students who maintain a satisfactory standing may continue their studies in the School of Native Studies subject to meeting the specific requirements of their degree program and the general requirements of the University of Alberta.
   c. **Marginal Standing** (GPA 1.7 to 1.9 inclusive): Students receiving the first assessment of marginal standing are permitted to continue under academic warning until the next assignment of academic standing to raise the GPA to 2.0 or higher, if their specific degree requirements
112.7 Reexamination

See §23.5.5.

112.8 Graduation

(1) Application: Students wanting to receive a School of Native Studies degree at an upcoming Convocation must obtain an Application for Degree form from the School Office and submit it in accordance with the deadlines specified in §11. Also see §23.7.

113 Programs of Study

113.1 Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies (BA NS)

113.1.1 General Program Requirements

(1) Duration: For this program with ★120, students must secure credit in at least ★36 in Native Studies courses. Students normally complete ★30 in each academic calendar year and normally complete the program in four academic calendar years.

(2) Residence Requirements: Students taking a program of ★120 in the School must have credit for at least ★10 from the University of Alberta. The final ★30 of the program must be taken at the University of Alberta campus.

113.1.2 School Common Core (★48)

(1) ★6 Junior English

(2) ★6 Humanities Core:
CLASS 110/HIST 110 (★3/★3) HIST 120 (★6)
C LIT 100 (★6) PHIL 101/102 (★3/★3)
HIST 111/112 (★3/★3)

(3) ★6 Humanities at the 200-level or higher:
Arabic
CANST (See Note 1) Korean
Chinese
Latin
Christian Theology Norwegian
Classics (excluding CLASS 363, 364, Religious Studies
367, 368, 369, 370, 373, 374)
Comparative Literature Romance Linguistics
Cree (NS 252/352) Russian
English
Scandinavian
Film and Media Studies Slavics
German (excluding GERM 306, Spanish
307, and 308) Swedish
Greek
Swedish
Hebrew
Tibetan
Italian
Ukrainian
Japanese

113.1.3 School Core Courses (★120)

(1) ★8 Social Science Core:
ANTHR 101 (★3) LING 101 (★3)
CANST 100 (★3) LING 102 (★3)
ECON 101 (★3) POL S 100 (★6)
ECON 102 (★3) PSYCO 105 (★3)
EAS 100 (★3) SOC 100 (★3)
EAS 191 (★3) SOC 102 (★3)
HECOL 100 (★3)

(2) ★8 Social Sciences at the 200-level or higher:
Anthropology
CANST (See Note 1) Linguistics (excluding LING 205, 310)
CLASS 371, 372, 376, 377 Political Science
Economics
Psychology (excluding Science
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
PSYCO courses)
(excluding Science EAS courses)
GERM 264, 274
Slavic and East European
HIST 200, 201, 268, 360, 461, 462 Studies
HECOL 200, 201, 268, 360, 461, 462
History

112.9 Appeals

Formal and informal grade appeal and academic appeal procedures and regulations are available from the School of Native Studies.

112.10 Academic Offences

A breach of the Code of Student Behavior, for example, plagiarism or cheating, may result in penalties. For further information refer to §30 of the GFC Policy Manual.

School of Native Studies

The final ★30 of the program must be taken at the University of Alberta campus.
(6) ★6 Fine Arts at the junior or senior level:
   Art
   Art History
   CLASS 352, 353 (★3, ★3)
   Design
   Drama
   FMS 200, 205 (★6, ★3)
   Music
   NS 260 (★3)

(7) ★12 Natural Sciences (★3), Formal Studies (★3), Science and Technology (★3), and (★3) from a, b, or c.
   a. ★3 Natural Sciences:
      ANTHR 390 (★3)
      ASTRO 120 (★3)
      ASTRO 122 (★3)
      BOL 107 (★3)
      BOL 108 (★3)
      BOL 207 (★3)
      BOT 201 (★3)
      BOT 202 (★3)
      CHEM 101 (★3)
      CHEM 102 (★3)
      CHEM 161 (★3)
      EAS 104 (★3)
      EAS 102 (★3)
   b. ★3 Formal Studies:
      CMPUT 101 (★3)
      CMPUT 114 (★3)
      CMPUT 115 (★3)
      ECON 299 (★3)
      LING 310 (★3)
      MATH 113 or 114 (★3)
      MATH 115 (★3)
      MATH 120 (★3)
   c. ★3 Science and Technology:
      AREC 200 (★3)
      AREC 214 (★3)
      AREC 323 (★3)
      AREC 333 (★3)
      AN SC 110 (★3)
      AN SC 200 (★3)
      AN SC 310 (★3)
      AN SC 311 (★3)
      AN SC 374 (★3)
      ANTHR 393 (★3)
      ENCS 201 (★3)
      ENCS 203 (★3)
      ENCS 260 (★3)
      ENCS 352 (★3)
      FOR 100 (★3)
      FOR 322 (★3)
      FOR 323 (★3)
      FOR 340 (★3)
      HECOL 150 (★3)
      HECOL 170 (★3)
      HECOL 300 (★3)

Notes
(1) CANST may meet either the senior Humanities or senior Social Sciences requirement. It may not meet both requirements.
(2) W ST 201/202: The ★6 may meet either the senior Humanities or senior Social Sciences requirement. It may not meet both requirements.

113.1.3 Native Studies Major (★36)
(1) ★3 Native Studies Introductory Skills and Methods:
   NS 100
   Note: Students who transfer to the School from other University Faculties or other postsecondary institutions with a minimum of ★3/4 which are transferable are exempt from the NS 100 requirement. These students must take ★3 of Native Studies coursework at the senior level to replace the NS 100 requirement.
(2) ★6 Native Language:
   NS 152 (★6)
   NS 155, 153 (★3, ★3)
   NS 252 (★6)
   NS 352 (★6)

(3) ★6 Issues Courses:
   NS 210 (★3)
   NS 211 (★3)

(4) ★3 Research Methods Course:
   NS 390 (★3)

(5) ★9 Native Studies Courses at the 200/300-level.

(6) ★9 Native Studies Courses at the 400-level.
Cross-listed Courses: The following courses contain a strong Aboriginal component and may be taken for Native Studies credit from these departments. Only ★6 may be applied to the Native Studies major. Students may apply to the Director for other non-Native Studies courses to be approved for the degree.
   Anthropology: ANTHR 246, ANTHR 250, ANTHR 256, ANTHR 340, ANTHR 446, ANTHR 474
   Education-Policy Studies: EDPS 432, EDPS 474
   History: HIST 368/369, HIST 479
   Political Science: POL S 432
   Religious Studies: RELIG 378, RELIG 379
   Sociology: SOC 422

113.1.4 Minor (★12–★24)
At least ★6 at the 300- and 400-level (including prerequisites) is needed for a minor. A minor shall be taken in any Faculty offering a suitable range of courses open to students in the School of Native Studies. Students are able to take their minor concentration through departments in the Faculty of Arts; Business; Science; and Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics. See §54.1 to 54.3 for additional specific minor concentration requirements for departments in the Faculty of Arts. See §173.1.3(3) for additional specific minor requirements for departments in the Faculty of Science. Students may choose to take a series of recommended options in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation (in lieu of a minor).
   (1) Human Ecology Minor
      ★18 with at least ★3 at the 300-level and at least ★3 at the 400-level.
   (2) Business Minor
      ★18 in Business courses at the 300-level or above. In order to be permitted to take this minor, Native Studies students must have completed the prerequisites of ENGL 101, ECON 101, ECON 102, MATH 113, or MATH 114 and have an overall GPA of 2.7. In addition, for those students wishing to take Finance or Management Science courses in business, they will also be required to take STAT 151 as a prerequisite.
   (3) Environmental and Conservation Sciences Minor
      ★21 for a minor in Environmental and Conservation Sciences. Stipulations: ★6 must be at the 300 or 400-level, additional ★6 must be at the 400-level, ★15 must be courses taught in the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, specifically AREC, ENCS, FOR, INT D, REN R, SOC, and courses that are listed under the program core, major core, major electives, or approved program elective boxes for any of the ENCS majors, ★6 may be taken outside of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, and must be approved by an Environmental and Conservation Sciences advisor. Native Studies BA majors must maintain a GPA of 2.0 overall in the courses applied to their Environmental and Conservation Sciences minor. Note: NS students will need to have completed Mathematics 30 and Biology 30 to take this minor.

113.1.5 Options (★12–★24)
(1) Options are courses that do not fulfill the School Common Core requirements, the Native Studies major requirements, or the minor requirements. The number of required option credits depends on the minor credit requirements and should make up the difference to the maximum of ★120 required to graduate.
(2) Students may take a maximum of ★12 from any one area of concentration. Courses not accepted for a minor may be placed in the Options section up to the ★12 maximum.

113.1.6 Graduation
(1) Academic Performance for Graduation: Students must present credit (with a minimum grade of 1.3 or equivalent) in a minimum of ★120, which
satisfies program requirements, with an overall graduation average of at least 2.0 and a major graduation average of 2.1. The graduation average is the quotient of (a) the total number of grade points earned by the student in courses credited to the degree, and (b) the total weight of those courses. The major graduation average is the quotient of courses used to satisfy the Native Studies major requirement specifically (see §113.1.3). When a student has attempted, as part of the program, courses at an institution for which the grades are not precisely equivalent to those of the University of Alberta, the degree is awarded at the discretion of the School of Native Studies.

(2) Degree Requirements: See §113.

To obtain a BA in Native Studies, a GPA of at least 2.0 must be attained on all courses credited to the degree. Moreover, a GPA of at least 2.2 must be attained in all courses credited to the major.

BA in Native Studies degrees With Distinction are awarded when students achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher over the last 60 taken at the University of Alberta if the student has satisfactorily completed these 60 over five consecutive terms, excluding Spring/Summer.

113.2 Bachelor of Arts (Native Studies)/Bachelor of Education Five-Year Combined Degrees (BA NS/BEd)

113.2.1 General Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies/Bachelor of Education Combined Degrees allow students to select either the Secondary or the Elementary program route. This degree program consists of 150 overall. The first three years (90) are taken in the School of Native Studies and the last two years (60) are taken in the Faculty of Education (see §165.5). Students in these Combined Degrees may choose a Cree Major or a Native Studies Major in the Secondary route. Students in the Elementary route select a minor in consultation with the School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Education.

113.2.2 Course Requirements-Cree Major

Year 1 (30)

1. Junior English (6)
2. NS 100 (3)
3. NS 152 (6)
4. NS 210 (3)
5. NS 211 (3)
6. Minor (6): choose any courses from the specified Teaching Minor
7. Natural Science (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(7)a)

Year 2 (30)

1. EDU 250 (3)
2. EDPY 200 (3)
3. NS 252 (6)
4. NS 355 or 360 (3)
5. Minor (6): choose courses from the specified Teaching Minor
6. Humanities (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(2))
7. Computing (3): choose any introductory-level Computing course

Year 3 (30)

1. NS 352 (6)
2. NS 390 (3)
3. NS 355 or 360 (6)
4. Minor (6): choose courses from the specified Teaching Minor
5. Fine Arts or Humanities (6): choose any course at the 200-level or higher (see §113.1.2(3) and (6))
6. Social Science (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(3))
7. Education Option (3): choose any course from the Faculty of Education

113.2.3 Course Requirements-Native Studies Major

Year 1 (30)

1. Junior English (6)
2. NS 100 (3)
3. NS 152 (6)
4. NS 210 (3)
5. NS 211 (3)
6. Education Major (6): choose courses from the specified Teaching Major
7. Natural Science (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(7)a)

Year 2 (30)

1. EDU 250 (3)
2. EDPY 200 (3)
3. Education Major (6): choose any courses from the specified Teaching Major
4. Native Studies (3): choose any NS course at the 300-level
5. Humanities (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(2))
7. Social Science (3): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(6))

Year 3 (30)

1. NS 390 (3)
2. Native Studies (6): choose any NS course at the 300-level
3. Education Major (6): choose any courses from the specified Teaching Major
4. Native Education Minor (6): choose EDPS 402 or 474 and� EDPS: any course at the 400-level
5. Fine Arts or Humanities (6): choose any course at the 200-level or higher (see §113.1.2(3) and (6))
6. Social Science (6): choose any course at the 100-level (see §113.1.2(6))
7. Social Science (6): choose any course at the 200-level (see §113.1.2(6))

113.2.4 Course Requirements-Elementary Route

Year 1 (30)

1. Junior English (6)
2. NS 100 (3)
3. Natural Science (6): choose any course at the 100-level [see §113.1.2(7)a]
4. NS 152 (6)
5. Social Science Core (6): choose any courses at the 100-level [see §113.1.2(6)]
6. NS 210 (3)
7. NS 211 (3)
8. NS 212 (6)
9. NS 213 (3)

Year 2 (30)

1. EDU 250 (3)
2. EDPY 200 (3)
3. EDIF 200 (3)
4. PEDS 251 (3)
5. Junior Humanities (6): choose any course at the 100-level [see §113.1.2(2)]
6. Education Minor (6): choose any courses from the specified Teaching Minor [see Education Chart 1]
7. Native Studies (6): choose any courses at the 200- or 300-level

Year 3 (30)

1. Native Studies (6): choose any NS course at the 300-level
2. NS 390 (3)
3. Element II: Mathematics (6) [see §165.3.2(1)]
4. Element VII: Health Education (6) [see §165.3.2(1)]
5. Fine Arts (6): choose any course at the 200-level or higher [see §113.1.2(6)]
6. Education Minor (6): choose any courses from the specified Teaching Minor [see Education Chart 1]
7. Senior Humanities (6): choose any course at the 200-level or higher [see §113.1.2(6)]
8. Native Studies (6): choose any NS course at the 300-level

113.2.5 Academic Standing Regulations for the BA (Native Studies)/BEd Combined Degrees

Promotion

(1) To be eligible to continue in the program, students are required to have a grade point average of at least 2.0. The grade point average will be calculated on all courses completed in the program.

(2) Successful completion of an academic year and related promotion will also normally require students to have taken at least 18 units of course weight (18) during each regular academic year. Note: a course load of less than 18 requires the approval of the School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Education.

(3) Students who fail to meet the minimum requirements for promotion as outlined above will be required to withdraw from the BA/BEd Combined Degrees. Such students may transfer to another degree program in the School of Native Studies or the Faculty of Education, provided the entrance requirements for such a program are met.

(4) A student who has been assigned a grade of “W” or “NC” in a Field Experience course is entitled to a second registration in this course. See also §222.1.3 Reregistration in courses. Notwithstanding §222.1.3, if a student receives a “W” or “NC” in the second attempt of a Field Experience course, he/she will be required to withdraw from the Combined Degrees program.

Maintaining Registration

(1) Once admitted to and registered in the BA (Native Studies)/BEd, students must maintain continuing registration from one Fall/Winter to the next Fall/Winter and meet the normal promotion standards until their program is complete.
(2) However, students with special circumstances may apply for permission to "Stop Out" in order to temporarily withdraw without endangering their space in the program. Permission will be granted only to students in good standing and only for a specified period of time.

(3) Students who withdraw or Stop Out from the Program for more than a four-month period without permission will be required to reapply and compete for entrance with other applicants.

a. Students proceeding toward the combined BA (Native Studies)/BEd. must normally have completed at least 48 credits at the University of Alberta. Students who transfer into the BA (Native Studies)/BEd. may transfer a maximum of 60 credits applicable to the program.

b. The final year of the program will normally be taken in attendance at the University of Alberta. Exemption from this regulation can be made only with approval of the School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Education.

113.3 BA (NS) After Another Undergraduate Degree

 Applicants with a first undergraduate degree may be admitted to the BA (Native Studies) degree program. All requirements of the BA (Native Studies) degree, as in §113.1.2 are to be met, but the total number of required courses for the After Degree may be reduced by a maximum of 60 taken in the first degree. These courses from the first degree may only be from the Faculties of Arts or Science, or from any other Faculty through which students in the Native Studies degree program may take their second area of concentration (e.g., Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics). Moreover, these courses from the first degree must be appropriate to satisfy the requirements of the BA (Native Studies) degree. The After Degree program is taken under the direction of the School of Native Studies.

113.4 BA in Native Studies (Honors) (BA NS Hon)

The BA NS Honors degree provides further specialization within the Native Studies program. It enables students to study in greater depth, and demands a higher standard of performance, than the BA NS program. The Honors program provides excellent preparation for graduate study, especially in Native Studies.

113.4.1 General Program Requirements

(1) Residence Requirement: the Honors degree requires 120 of which

a. 66 must be courses in the School of Native Studies or Faculty of Arts,

b. 60 must be courses taken at the University of Alberta, and

c. 30 must be completed after being admitted to the honors program.

(2) Course Load Requirements

Students usually complete the Honors program in four consecutive Fall/Winter periods, with 30 in each Fall/Winter.

With the prior approval of the Native Studies Honors Advisor, a reduced course load may be taken in extenuating circumstances provided that 9 in each term. Requests to take less than 9 per term may be considered by the School’s Honors Committee in exceptional circumstances; however, a course load of less than 9 in each term will not normally be permitted in the Honors program.

All degree requirements should be completed within 5 academic years of commencing the second year of the program.

(3) Advising Requirement: In each year, each honors student’s program, and every change of registration, must be approved by the Native Studies Honors Advisor.

113.4.2 Course Requirements

The Honors degree requires 120 comprised of the following groups of courses:

(1) School Common Core (48)

BA NS Honors and BA NS students complete the same School Common Core subjects. See §113.1.2 for a list of courses that meet the common core requirements in the following areas:

a. Junior English (6)

b. Humanities core (100-level) (6)

c. Humanities (200- or higher level) (6)

d. Social sciences core (6)

e. Social sciences (200- or higher level) (6)

f. Fine arts (6)

g. Natural science, formal studies and science and technology (12)

(2) Major subject (48–60)

A minimum of 48 in the range of Native Studies courses, with a focus in one or more of the major subject areas, as defined by the School of Native Studies:

a. Language and culture,

b. Land and resources,

c. Self-governance,

d. Community based research and applied skills.

Students are advised to consult the School’s Honors Advisor for advice on subject area and course selection, and on the availability and sequencing of courses.

Required courses in the Native Studies major for all four years of the program:

a. language course in NS (6)

b. NS 100 (3)

c. NS 210, NS 211 (6)

d. NS 390 (3)

e. 12 additional 200/300-level NS courses

f. 6 NS 490, NS 4XX

g. 6 additional two courses at the 400-level of which one may be from courses cross-listed with Native Studies. (See §113.1.3)

h. NS 520 Honors Paper (or Project) (6)

(3) Minor subject (12–24)

Students may choose to do a minor. Minors are not required. A minimum of 12 is required in a minor area of specialization, with at least 6 at the 300- and 400-level. Students can take a minor concentration through departments in the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, and the Faculty of Business.

(4) Options (0–12)

Depending on the number of courses taken in the major and minor, students may also take up to 12 in options. Acceptable option courses may be taken from the credit course offerings open to Native Studies students from any U of A Faculty. (Students must adhere to the prerequisite requirements of other Faculties.)

(5) Junior courses

No more than 48 at the 100-level are permitted for credit in the program.

113.4.3 Promotion and Graduation

(1) Promotion Requirements: 3.0 GPA on all courses taken in the Fall/Winter, and 3.3 GPA on courses in the major in the Fall/Winter.

Students who do not meet the promotion requirements in Honors may transfer to the BA NS program provided they meet the admission requirements for that program. After such transfer, all requirements for the BA NS program must be met.

Students who do not meet the promotion requirements of the Honors program, and who do not meet the admission requirements of the BA NS program, will be reviewed under the general Academic Standing regulations of the School (see §112.6).

(2) Graduation Requirements

a. Graduation with Honors:

i. an overall 3.0 GPA on all courses taken in the Honors program,

ii. 3.3 GPA in all courses taken in the major, and

iii. 3.0 GPA in all courses taken in the last Fall/Winter, and 3.3 GPA on courses in the major in the last Fall/Winter.

b. Graduation with First-Class Honors:

i. 3.5 GPA in the last 60, and

ii. 3.7 GPA in all major courses within the last 60.

c. Graduation with BA NS degree:

Students who are not recommended for graduation with Honors at the end of their fourth year (i.e., after successfully completing 120), may apply for the BA NS degree. The BA NS degree will be
granted if the program and graduation requirements for that degree have been met. Students deficient in any respect must take additional courses.

113.5 BA in Native Studies/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences Combined Degrees

113.5.1 General Information

(See §§15.1.3 and 15.9.4)

The School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics offer a five-year integrated program of 150 leading to Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degrees. A better academic understanding of the Aboriginal use of resources can prepare students to work effectively in various contexts where knowledge of Aboriginal and Treaty rights and issues is required. These Combined Degrees between Environmental and Conservation Sciences and Native Studies are a means for students to specialize in the management of Aboriginal resources. The program is open to both Native and non-Native applicants. Enrolment management procedures of the School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics will apply for all years of the program.

Students will remain in the Faculty or School to which they were admitted for the duration of their program.

113.5.2 Program Requirements

(See §34.6.1)

Courses for the BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences/BA in Native Studies Combined Degrees must be carefully sequenced throughout the five years; therefore, students should plan their programs carefully with help from Academic Advisors from both the Faculty and the School.

(1) Arts Requirements (127)
   a. ★3 Fine Arts from Art, Art History, CLASS 352 or 353, Design, Drama, FMS 200 or 205, HECOL 150, 250, 353, 354, or 454, Music, or NS 260 (See Note 1)
   b. ★6 Humanities from (CLASS 110 and HIST 110), C/nobreakspaceLIT 100, (HIST 111 and 112), HIST 120, (PHIL 101 and 102), or RELIG 101
   c. ECON 101 and 102
   d. Junior English (★6)
   e. ★3 from SOC 100 or 300 (See Note 1)
   f. SOC 315 (See Note 2)

(2) Science Requirements (★21)
   a. ★3 Organic Chemistry and ★3 from CHEM, PHYS 124, PHYS 126
   b. MATH 113 or 114
   c. STAT 151

(3) Native Studies Requirements (★30)
   a. NS 210, 211, 390
   b. ★6 from NS 152, (NS 105 and 153), or (NS 154 and 155)
   c. ★9 from NS 100, or NS courses at the 200- or 300-level (See Note 1) (See §113.1.3 Cross-listed Courses)
   d. ★6 from any NS courses at the 400-level (See §113.1.3 Cross-listed Courses)

(4) Environmental and Conservation Sciences Requirements (★61)
   a. AREC 214
   b. AREC 323
   c. AFHE 304
   d. ENSC 201, 203, 204, 260, 307, 352, 462, and 473
   e. ENCS 308 (field school) (see Note 3)
   f. HECOL 301 (see Note 2)
   g. INT D 365
   h. R SOC 355
   i. Capstone course is R SOC 450
   j. SOILS 210

(5) Electives (★21)
   a. ★18 from Approved Program Electives (APEs). The list is available from AFHE Student Services, 2-10 Agriculture/Forestry Centre, and the School of Native Studies (see Note 1).
   b. ★3 Free Elective (see Note 1)

Notes:
(1) No more than ★48 can be taken at the junior (100) level. ★42 at the junior level is required in the program. As a result, ★6 is the total 100-level allowable from all of the following combined: ★3 Fine Arts, ★3 from SOC 100 or 300, ★9 from NS 100 or any NS courses at the 200- or 300-level; the APEs; and ★3 elective.
(2) The HECOL 301 prerequisite, HECOL 100, has been waived. The prerequisite for SOC 315, SOC 210, has also been waived.
(3) ENCS 308 is normally taken in the summer between third and fourth year.

113.5.3 Academic Standing and Graduation

For information regarding the assignment of First Class Standing, Satisfactory Standing and Unsatisfactory Standing, please consult regulations in §§33.4 and 112.6.

(1) Appeals
   Students registered in these Combined Degrees can obtain consistent information for formal and informal grade appeal and academic appeal procedures and regulations from both the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, and the School of Native Studies.

(2) Graduation
   Students registered in the BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences/BA in Native Studies Combined Degrees require ★150 to graduate. The GPA and program requirements evaluation will be done in consultation with the School of Native Studies and the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics. See §§33.4 and 112.6.

114 Courses

School of Native Studies courses are listed in §211, Course Listings, under Native Studies (NS).