



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2010/2011

Faculty: Arts & Science

About the Native American Studies Major

The Native American Studies program at the University of Lethbridge was developed jointly by representatives of southern Alberta's Native communities and University officials. The program provides a general background for people interested in Native affairs taught from the Native perspective. For others, it creates an awareness and appreciation of cultural differences.

Expectations for Students

The Department of Native American Studies students are expected to develop familiarity with the histories and cultures of a variety of First Nations peoples. Moreover, students must become knowledgeable in the various laws and policies applied by different non-Aboriginal governments and societies in the colonization of Aboriginal lands. This study establishes the necessary background for the contemporary issues explored in many courses, where movement toward Aboriginal decolonization and self-government are examined from a variety of perspectives.

Opportunities for Native American Studies Majors

Native American Studies is a growing academic field that maintains a diverse array of contacts with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal governments and communities, the private sector, the media, other educational institutions, the medical field, the legal profession, international organizations, and museums and art galleries. Students from all backgrounds are welcomed and encouraged to participate actively in the life of the Department in all its many manifestations and expressions.

Career Opportunities

Experience has shown that education in Native American Studies helps prepare students for work, careers, and higher education in a number of sectors including

- law
- government
- politics
- journalism
- business
- health professions
- art
- museology
- teaching

Co-operative Education

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (B610 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Program Requirements

The B.A. degree with a major in Native American Studies requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of 13 courses in the major. A maximum of 20 courses offered by the Department of Native American Studies (including Native American Studies, Cree, and Blackfoot) is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Native American Studies 1000, 2300, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Native American Studies (1000 level), Native American Studies (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 20 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Native American Studies 2550 is required in your program, you could not use Native American Studies (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Program Worksheet

Name : _____ ID : _____

- _____ 1. ONE course in either Blackfoot or Cree:

- _____ 2. ONE of the following (Art and Literature):
 - _____ Native American Studies 2300 - North American Indian Art History and Theory
 - _____ Native American Studies 2350 - North American Indian Art Studio
 - _____ Native American Studies 2600 - Native American Literature
- _____ 3. ONE of the following (Culture and History):
 - _____ Native American Studies 2000 - Native American Philosophy
 - _____ Native American Studies 2500 - Canadian Indian History
 - _____ Native American Studies 2550 - U.S. Indian History
- _____ 4. ONE of the following (Law and Politics):
 - _____ Native American Studies 2100 - Aboriginal Peoples and Law
 - _____ Native American Studies 2150 - Native Rights in the United States
 - _____ Native American Studies 2800 - Native American Politics
- _____ 5. ONE of the following (Contemporary Issues):
 - _____ Native American Studies 2400 - Traditional Aboriginal Political Economy
 - _____ Native American Studies 2700 - Native American Women
 - _____ Native American Studies 3700 - Native American Health
- _____ 6-8. THREE additional courses in Native American Studies at the 3000 level:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

Note: If Native American Studies 3700 is chosen in requirement 5 (above), only two additional 3000-level courses are required. The third course can then be at any level.
- _____ 9. ONE course in Native American Studies at the 4000 level

- _____ 10-13. FOUR additional courses offered by the Department of Native American Studies:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____

In addition to the above, it is recommended that Native American Studies majors take one of the following:

- Archaeology 1000 - Introduction to Archaeology
- Philosophy 1000 - Introduction to Philosophy
- Political Science 1000 - Introduction to Political Science

Note: *Native American Studies 1000 is a prerequisite for all Native American Studies courses unless otherwise specified.*

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in four years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall Native American Studies 1000 GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring Native American Studies 2000 level One of: Archaeology 1000, Philosophy 1000, or Political Science 1000 (<i>recommended</i>) GLER course GLER course GLER course</p>
<p>Year 2, Fall Native American Studies 2000 level Native American Studies 2000 level Blackfoot or Cree GLER course Elective</p>	<p>Year 2, Spring Native American Studies 2000 level Native American Studies elective Elective Elective Elective</p>
<p>Year 3, Fall Native American Studies 3000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective Elective</p>	<p>Year 3, Spring Native American Studies 3000 level Native American Studies elective Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>
<p>Year 4, Fall Native American Studies 3000 level Native American Studies elective Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective</p>	<p>Year 4, Spring Native American Studies 4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 85) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2010/2011 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 306). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 20 courses from any one department).



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