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Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies

I. High School Applicants

Subject Requirements

High school applicants will be considered for admission based on their matriculation average on five subjects noted below. See [High School Applicants](#) for minimum grade and admission average requirements.

1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B and/or C. A maximum of one Group B may be presented for admission. In order to maximize their future program and course choices, all students are encouraged to present a broad range of subjects across Group A and C.
3. Mathematics 30-2 may be used for admission, though Mathematics 30-1 is a prerequisite for required courses in some minors (see Notes below). Only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes.

Notes

1. Students who wish to present a native language to fulfill a Group A admission requirement should contact the Faculty before applying for admission for further information. Proficiency is measured either by a test, administered by the University if such can be arranged, or by boards of examiners appointed by the University. Candidates having passed the required test of an Aboriginal language have their averages calculated on the remaining four matriculation subjects.
2. Advanced Placement: Applicants who do not hold credit in prerequisite courses, but who feel they have sufficient knowledge, may be permitted registration in an upper level course. A placement test may be administered. These tests are normally conducted for language courses (e.g., Cree). See also [Advanced Placement](#).
3. For a minor in **Political Science** students should present Social Studies 30 or 30-1.
4. For a minor in **Psychology** students should present Mathematics 30-1 or Mathematics 30-2.
5. For a minor in **Economics** students should present Mathematics 30-1. Mathematics 31 is recommended. Mathematics 30-1 does not have to be included as one of the five 30-level courses for admission, but the minor requires courses for which Mathematics 30-1 is a prerequisite.
6. For a minor in **Mathematics** students should present Mathematics 30-1. Mathematics 31 is recommended. Mathematics 30-1 and Mathematics 31 do not have to be included in the five 30-level courses used for admission, but

the discipline requires courses for which Mathematics 30-1 and Mathematics 31 are prerequisites.

7. Students intending to declare a **Business** minor should present Mathematics 30-1. Mathematics 30-1 does not have to be included as one of the five 30-level courses for admission, but some of the courses required for admission to the Faculty of Business require Mathematics 30-1 as a prerequisite.
8. For a minor in **Environmental and Conservation Sciences** students should present Mathematics 30-1 and Biology 30. Mathematics 30-1 and Biology 30 do not need to be included as subjects for admission, but the minor requires courses for which Mathematics 30-1 and Biology 30 are prerequisites.

II. Transfer Applicants

Transfer from Other Faculties: Students in good standing in their past year's work in another Faculty at the University of Alberta may transfer to the Faculty of Native Studies by submitting an Application for Readmission/Internal Transfer to the Office of the Registrar. Refer to [Admission and Readmission Deadlines](#) for Faculty deadlines. Transfer credit for coursework already taken that is applicable to the Native Studies program will be given. Transferring students must clear any matriculation deficiencies specific to the Faculty of Native Studies. This may be done by taking a suitable course or courses at the 100-level. Students must register in these courses in the first year in the Faculty. The Dean (or designate) will decide whether courses will be accepted for degree credit, depending on the nature of the deficiency.

Students with unsatisfactory standing in their past year's work in another Faculty will not normally be considered for admission without completing ★24 of transferable credit at another postsecondary institution and achieving a minimum GPA of 2.0.

For regulations regarding Transfer of Credit, refer to [Transfer of Credit](#).

III. Nonmatriculated Applicants

Subject Requirements

1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Subject from Group A or C or Aboriginal Studies 30

Other Requirements

1. An interview with the Dean (or designate) of the Faculty.

IV. Applicants Who Have Previously Been Required to Withdraw

Applicants who have been twice required to withdraw from any postsecondary program(s) or institution(s) will normally not be considered for admission or readmission to the Faculty of Native Studies.

BA (Native Studies) Honors

I. General Admission Requirements

Admission to the Honors program normally occurs at the end of the first year. Students planning to apply to the Honors program should consult the Honors/Academic advisor before applying.

Admission to Honors requires a 3.0 AGPA on ★24, and a 3.3 GPA in all courses in the major. (Refer to [Postsecondary Transfer Applicants](#) for information on AGPA calculation.) Admission at the end of the second or third year requires a 3.0 GPA on all previous courses and a 3.3 GPA on all Native Studies courses taken. All applicants must also present the high school subject requirements specified for the BA NS program (see [BA in Native Studies](#)).

1. **High School Requirements:** There is no admission directly from high school.

2. **Transfer Applicants:** Refer to general admission requirements, above.

3. **Nonmatriculated Applicants:** There is no direct admission. Admission to the BA NS program (see [BA in Native Studies](#)) and completion of the first year meeting general admission requirements, above, is required.

BA (Native Studies)/BEd Combined Degrees

The Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies/Bachelor of Education Combined Degrees program allows students to complete both degrees in a five-year program consisting of ★150. Students may select either the Secondary or the Elementary program. The program is open to both Native and non-Native applicants. However, to correct an historic disadvantage and in recognition that the demand for students of native identity is significant, Native students are especially encouraged to apply.

To gain admission to the first three years of the Combined Degrees program, students apply to the Faculty of Native Studies (see [Admission and Readmission Deadlines](#) for application deadlines). Students are registered in the Faculty of Native Studies for the first three years of this program. All Year 3 BA (Native Studies)/BEd students will be promoted to Year 4 in the Faculty of Education provided that

1. A minimum AGPA of 2.0 has been achieved, and
2. A minimum of ★90 applicable to the BA (Native Studies)/BEd program has been successfully completed.

Spoken English Requirement: Applicants must also meet a spoken English requirement (see [Spoken English Proficiency](#)).

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1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B and/or C. A maximum of one Group B may be presented for admission. In order to maximize their future program and course choices, all students are encouraged to present a broad range of subjects across Group A and C

Notes

1. Students choosing the BA(NS)/BEd(Elementary) program may use Mathematics 30-2 for admission to the program, but only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes. Students are required to fulfill a Mathematics element for the program ([Components of the Program](#)) and may require Mathematics 30-1 as a prerequisite for a required course.
2. Students choosing the BA(NS)/BEd(Secondary) program may use Mathematics 30-2 for admission to the program, but only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes. Depending on the student's choice of teaching minor (for the Cree major) or education major (for the Native Studies major), Mathematics 30-1 may be required as a prerequisite for required courses.

II. Nonmatriculated Applicants

Subject Requirements

1. English Language Arts 30-1 (with a minimum grade of 60%)

2. One other 30-level subject from Group A: Humanities; or Group C: Sciences; or Aboriginal Studies 30

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1. Students choosing the BA(NS)/BEd(Elementary) program may use Mathematics 30-2 for admission to the program, but only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes. Students are required to fulfill a Mathematics element for the program ([Components of the Program](#)) and may require Mathematics 30-1 as a prerequisite for a required course.
2. Students choosing the BA(NS)/BEd(Secondary) program may use Mathematics 30-2 for admission to the program, but only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes. Depending on the student's choice of teaching minor (for the Cree major) or education major (for the Native Studies major), Mathematics 30-1 may be required as a prerequisite for required courses.

III. Transfer Applicants

Students may transfer into Year 1 or Year 2 of the combined degrees program provided they meet all the admission requirements, and space allows. To transfer into the combined degrees program the student must have successfully completed at least ★24 of transferable credits with an AGPA of 2.0 or better.

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

This program consists of ★150 to fulfill both degree requirements. To gain admission to the five-year program students can apply to either the Faculty of Native Studies or the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. Students will remain in the Faculty to which they were admitted for the duration of their program.

For application deadlines see [Undergraduate Application Process and Deadlines](#).

Please refer to [BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences/BA in Native Studies Combined Degrees](#) and [BA in Native Studies/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences Combined Degrees](#).

I. High School Applicants

Subject Requirements

1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Chemistry 30
3. Biology 30
4. Mathematics 30-1
5. Subject from Group A (Social Studies 30 or 30-1 recommended), B, C, or Aboriginal Studies 30, or Macroeconomics 30 and Microeconomics 30, or a minimum of five credits in Career and Technology subjects at the Advanced level from the following strands: Agriculture, Community Health, Foods, Forestry, or Wildlife.

II. Nonmatriculated Applicants

Subject Requirements

1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Biology 30
3. Chemistry 30

4. Mathematics 30-1

An interview process may be required for mature students who lack formal requirements but present academic potential and/or relevant work experience.

III. Transfer Applicants

Students may transfer into the Combined Degrees program provided that they have successfully completed at least ★24 transferable to the University of Alberta with a GPA of 2.0 or greater and meet all admission requirements [see ([Nonmatriculated Applicants](#))].

Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership

The Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership is administered by the Faculty of Native Studies and is available to students: (1) in undergraduate degree programs across the University, regardless of Faculty or program; or (2) not currently attending the University of Alberta, as a University credit certificate only.

Current University of Alberta students in a degree program wishing to pursue the Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership should contact the Academic Advisor in the Faculty of Native Studies at nsadvisor@ualberta.ca (see [The Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership](#)).

Students wishing to pursue the University Credit Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership (Stand Alone) who are not currently registered in a University of Alberta degree program must apply to the Faculty of Native Studies using the online application form.

Applicants normally present admission requirements as follows:

Subject Requirements (or equivalents):

English Language Arts 30-1;

Subject from Group A or C.

Resumé

Applicants who do not present the normal subject admission requirements may be considered for admission on the basis of relevant employment, political, volunteer, educational, business or other experience. Decisions on admissibility will be made on a case by case basis. For more information contact the Faculty of Native Studies Academic Advisor at nsadvisor@ualberta.ca.
