Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies

General Program Requirements

1. **Duration**: This program requires 120 units with a minimum of 36 units in Native Studies courses and a maximum of 54 units. Students normally complete 30 units in each academic calendar year and may complete the program in four academic calendar years.

2. **Residence Requirements**: Students taking a program of 120 units in the Faculty must have credit for at least 60 units from the University of Alberta. The final 30 units of the program must normally be taken at the University of Alberta campus.

Faculty Common Requirements (30 units)

6 units in Junior English OR 3 units in Junior English and 3 units in Writing Studies (WRS)

No more than 6 units of junior English, or equivalent, may be taken for credit in an undergraduate program. **ENGL 125 - Indigenous Literatures** is recommended.

6 units in Fine Arts (junior or senior)

- Art and Design (ART, DES, HADVC)
- **CLASS 254, CLASS 255, CLASS 356**
- DANCE
- DRAMA
- Film Studies (FS)
- HECOL Design Courses
- MUSIC
- Native Studies Art courses (**NS 260** or relevant designated course)
- WRITE

6 units in Humanities Core (junior or senior)

- Christian Theology courses at St Joseph’s (CHRTC) and at St Stephen’s College (CHRTP)
- Comparative Literature (C LIT)
- East Asian Studies (CHINA, EASIA, JAPAN, KOREA)
- English (ENGL) Senior only 200-level and higher.
- History and Classics (HIST, CLASS), except **CLASS 254, CLASS 255, CLASS 356**
- Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS)
- Philosophy (PHIL)
- Religious Studies (RELIG)

6 units in Social Science (junior or senior)

- Agriculture and Resource Economics (AREC)
- Anthropology (ANTHR)
- Community Service Learning (CSL)
- Economics (ECON)
6 units in Scientific inquiry and applications (junior or senior)

1. Any courses offered by the Faculty of Science or recognized by the Faculty of Science as Science courses (see Details of Courses)
2. Any of the following courses from the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences:
   - Animal Science (AN SC)
   - Environmental and Conservation Sciences (ENCS) (except ENCS 352)
   - Forest Science (FOR)
   - Nutrition (NUTR)
   - Nutrition and Food Science (NU FS)
   - Plant Science (PL SC)
   - Renewable Resources (REN R) (except REN R 260, R SOC 271)
   - Soil Science (SOILS)
3. 3 units maximum of courses in Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Notes

1. No one course may satisfy more than one basic requirement.
2. Senior courses in the Major or Minor that meet a basic requirement are counted toward the Major or Minor.
3. Students in the BA in Native Studies/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences Combined Degrees must choose courses outside the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences to fulfill the Faculty common requirements in NS.

Native Studies Major (36 - 54 units)

3 units in Native Studies Introductory Skills and Methods:

- NS 290 - Introduction to Research and Inquiry

6 units in Native Language:

- NS 152 - Introductory Cree
- NS 105 (3 units)
- NS 153 (3 units)
- NS 252 - Intermediate Cree
- NS 352 - Advanced Cree

6 units in Perspectives Courses:

- NS 110 - Historical Perspectives in Indigenous Studies
3 units in Research Methods Course:

- NS 390 - Research Methods in Indigenous Studies

9 units in Native Studies Courses at the 200/300-level (excluding NS 200).

9 units in Native Studies Courses at the 400-level.

Note Cross-listed Courses

The following courses contain a strong Indigenous component and may be taken for Native Studies credit from these departments. Only 6 units may be applied to the Native Studies major. Anthropology: ANTHR 256, ANTHR 474; Christian Theology at St Joseph’s College: CHRTC 221; Comparative Literature: C LIT 426; Education-Policy Studies: EDPS 432, EDPS 474; English: ENGL 308, ENGL 309, ENGL 223, ENGL 360, ENGL 373, ENGL 481; Études Canadiennes: ETCAN 360; French Language and Literature: FREN 312, FREN 465; History of Art, Design, and Visual Culture: HADVC 257; History: HIST 247, HIST 352, HIST 359, HIST 368, HIST 369, HIST 478; Kinesiology, Recreation, Leisure, and Sport: KRLS 323; Political Science: POLS 327; Religious Studies: RELIS 378, RELIG 379; Sociology: SOC 224, SOC 225, SOC 226, SOC 260, SOC 321, SOC 370; Women and Gender Studies: WGS 255, WGS 440.

Minor (12 - 30 units)

Students are able to take their minor concentration through departments in the Faculties of Arts; Business; Faculté Saint-Jean (Degrees of Bachelor of Arts); Science; and Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. See Bachelor of Arts for additional specific minor concentration requirements for departments in the Faculty of Arts. See Bachelor of Science General for additional specific minor requirements for departments in the Faculty of Science. See Faculté Saint-Jean for additional specific minor requirements for Bachelor of Arts [Faculté Saint-Jean].

Human Ecology Minor

18 units with at least 3 units at the 300-level and at least 3 units at the 400-level.

Business Minor

18 units 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 6 units in ENGL 102, ENGL 103, ENGL 108, ENGL 125 or equivalent, 6 units in ECON 101 and ECON 102, and 3 units in MATH 154 or equivalent; 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.

Environmental and Conservation Sciences Minor

21 units for a minor in Environmental and Conservation Sciences. Stipulations: 6 units must be at the 300 or 400-level, additional 6 units must be at the 400-level, 15 units must be courses taught in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, specifically AREC, ENCS, FOR, INT D, REN R, 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 units may be taken outside the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, 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 30-1 or equivalent and Biology 30 to take this minor.

Options (15 - 42 units)

1. Options are courses that do not fulfill the Faculty basic requirements, the Native Studies major requirements, or the minor requirements. The number of required option credits depends on the minor credit requirements and makes up the difference to the maximum of 120 units required to graduate.

2. Students may take a maximum of 12 units from any one area of concentration. Courses not accepted for a minor may be placed in the
Graduation

1. **Academic Performance for Graduation**: Students must present credit (with a minimum University of Alberta grade of D or equivalent) in 120 units, which satisfy program requirements; present a graduation average of at least 2.0; present an average of at least 2.0 on all courses applied to the major; and present Satisfactory Academic Standing. 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 above). 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 Faculty of Native Studies. Courses with final grades less than C- are not transferable from other postsecondary institutions.

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