



CENTRE FOR

**WORLD INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH**



WANT AN EDUCATION?

WANT IT IN YOUR COMMUNITY? BAND OFFICE? MÉTIS LOCAL? FIRST NATION, MÉTIS OR INUIT ORGANIZATION?

Athabasca University (AU) has programs and courses that are relevant, transferable, and of the highest academic standards. AU offers education that is useful, meaningful and available to any learner in your family, community, institution or nation.

You can have AU education in your home, community, organization, or nation in these ways:

Individualized Study

Almost all AU courses are available as distance education courses. This means you can complete entire degrees in your home, at your own pace, and according to the busy life you lead. Imagine studying nursing, governance, Indigenous studies or administration from the comfort of your home or community.

Technology-Assisted Distance Education

Groups of students can study via teleconference or videoconference in almost every community in the country. This means that, with sufficient student numbers, students can pursue diplomas, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees in locations where university education is not ordinarily offered.



Grouped Study

Do you have a group of learners in your community, institution or nation who are interested in a particular course, credential or degree? If so, please contact the Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research at AU. Not only will we be able to recommend options that suit the needs of your community, organization, institution or nation, but we will also make sure that the delivery of courses is suitable for your audience. There is generally a minimum number of learners required for this form of delivery. Contact us for more information.



COURSE WORK

Athabasca University offers over 600 courses as well as more than 45 undergraduate and graduate degrees and university certificates and diplomas. Many of these are offered in locations where traditional post-secondary education is not available or not flexible enough to accommodate the goals of learners.

AU offers or has offered courses at Blue Quills First Nations College, Yellowhead Tribal College, Northern Lakes College, Aurora College and other locations with a large number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

In the Indigenous context there are close connections between history, spirituality, governance, law and health. Because of these close connections between world view and culture, Indigenous education is understood to be a lifelong process that quite often includes non-educational understanding, traditions, elements and ideals that are not ordinarily reflected in educational settings or institutions.

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Culturally based education at AU makes sense. The role of the family and community in the education and training of Indigenous scholars makes Indigenous education a natural fit for distance education. Past educational practices have focused on educating Indigenous people about unfamiliar topics with unfamiliar pedagogy. Culturally based education ensures success in Indigenous Nations.

Athabasca University offers these Indigenous Studies (formerly Native Studies) courses in a variety of delivery modes (see last page for more information on delivery modes):

INST 111	Introductory Cree I
INST 112	Introductory Cree II
INST 203	Indigenous Studies I
INST 205	Indigenous Studies II
INST 211	First Year University Cree
INST 212	First Year University Cree II
INST 357	Contemporary Aboriginal Issues in Canada
INST 358	Aboriginal Women in Canadian Contemporary Society
INST 368	History of Canada's First Nations to 1830
INST 369	History of Canada's First Nations from 1830
INST 370	The Métis

INST 377	Topics in Aboriginal Government
INST 426	Aboriginal Law and Government
INST 390/391	Individual / Group Research Projects
INST 348	Aboriginal Justice
INST 430	Indigenous Governance
INST 490	Advanced Topics in Indigenous Studies: Aboriginal Women
INST 493	Individual Directed Research in Governments and Laws

In addition, Athabasca University offers or will offer several courses of interest to those working with Indigenous nations and/or organizations. These courses are written by First Nation, Métis or Inuit authors:

INST 440	Principles of Indigenous Business
INST 450	Financial Management for Indigenous Nations and Organizations
INST 460	Management of Indigenous Nations and Organizations
INST 470	Leadership of Indigenous Nations and Organizations
INST 480	Comparative International Indigenous Models of Government



MISSION STATEMENT

At the Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research, our aim is to foster the intellectual growth of our students through quality post-secondary education that is determined by the philosophies and values of Indigenous peoples. We call this *education that makes a difference*.

Our objective is to allow for the full participation of Indigenous peoples and to ensure equitable access to and success in post-secondary studies and to enable students to study and learn in environments which reflect their true heritage and culture.

We will promote an education that is valuable, meaningful and beneficial for Indigenous students and their communities in Canada and around the world.

We will draw our educational philosophy from the teachers we know best: our elders, leaders, and traditional knowledge holders in Indigenous communities.

Indigenous education at Athabasca University includes the following mandates:

- Develop nationally recognized online research capacity
- Examine education requirements of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people
- Develop research databases (including online research databases for remote, isolated or economically isolated First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Indigenous people)
- Ensure protocol and respect are evident in course development
- Develop scholarships for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples' training and education
- Provide training opportunities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students
- Develop Indigenous specialty areas of research such as environmental law, Métis self-determination, and First Nations law and government
- Examine most useful sources of information for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people and develop related research
- Collaborate with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Nations, communities, organizations, institutions and individuals to determine long-term research strategies and projects that are beneficial to First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples
- Develop courses and programs that are respectful of and relevant to Indigenous peoples



HOW TO REGISTER

For more information or to register in a Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research course or program, contact:

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