

Calendar Year: 2004-2005
Faculty: Arts & Science

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.

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 moves toward Aboriginal decolonization and self-government are examined from a variety of perspectives.

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. 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, the health professions, art, museology and 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 Internship in the Career Resources Centre (B610; tel. 403-382-7154) for further information.

Program Planning Guide

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This program guide is designed to help you plan your degree program. The information should help you keep track of your progress in your major, electives and all your degree requirements. Please remember that this is only a guide and not a graduation check. Students are responsible for the accuracy of their own programs. The guide should be used in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Calendar, which is the final authority on all questions regarding program requirements and academic regulations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR

The Program

The B.A. degree with a major in Native American Studies (NAS) 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 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.

How do I use the guide?

When you have met one of the requirements, place a check mark beside it. When all the requirements are checked, you should have completed the major.

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

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

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCING PLAN

B.A. - NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

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.

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 2004-2005 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (pp. 77-80) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1001 and 1002, 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 2004-2005 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 15 - Courses, p. 347). LBED 1001 and 1002 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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| YEAR TWO | FALL | SPRING |
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