

# Aboriginal Education & Community Connections

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## Community Connections

Camosun College serves the communities that are in the traditional territories of the Esquimalt, Lekwungen, Malahat, Pacheedaht, Pauquachin, SC'Inew, Tsartlip, Tsawout, Tseycum, and T'Sou-ke peoples. We acknowledge our traditional hosts and thank them for their welcome to us.

Camosun College is supported by an Aboriginal Advisory Council. Since 1991, this Council has provided advice and direction regarding the needs of Aboriginal students and communities in the region. The Council advises the President on all Aboriginal programming and services at the college.

Camosun College has long-term partnerships with Saanich Indian School Board, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, and Songhees Nation. For information on partnering with Camosun, please contact our Community Liaison, Marcey Louie, at 250-370-3341.

## Aboriginal Services

Advisors: Suzanne Bate  
Faye Martin

Aboriginal Services offers academic, financial, and cultural support services to current and prospective Aboriginal students. We offer assistance in:

- educational planning,
- applying for Band, Métis or AHRDA funding; and,
- cultural activities and learning.

*Camosun College considers any student who is a descendent of the Indigenous peoples of North America to be an Aboriginal student.*

*Welcome to all!*

## Bursaries and Awards

- Aboriginal Nursing Student Fund
- Allen and Loreen Vandekerckove Family Foundation
- Anthony Dawson Justice Award
- Canadian Diabetes Association Jean Moseley Fund
- Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Saanich Peninsula Branch, Award
- Coast Salish Employment and Training Society Award
- Dorothy Price Treasure Box of Awards for Aboriginal students
- Eulau Howard Memorial Award
- First Unitarian Church of Victoria Award
- In the Spirit of Laughter Award
- M'AKola Housing Society Award
- Rimer Family Aboriginal Trades Award
- Saanich Indian School Board Award
- Tsa Qwa Support Award
- University of Victoria, Office of Indigenous Affairs Award
- Winona Wood Memorial Award

## Aboriginal Limited Priority Admissions Process

Camosun College, for a limited time each year, sets aside 5% of seats in the Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Early Childhood Care and Education programs for qualified Aboriginal applicants. For more information, please contact the AECC department Chair at 250-370-3163.

Please note that Camosun College application forms have a space for students to indicate Aboriginal ancestry. Students who share this information allow the Aboriginal Education & Community Connections department to better plan and communicate its services, programs and events.

## Indigenous Programs

### Aboriginal Academic Upgrading

Aboriginal students may complete academic upgrading at Aboriginal partnership sites, including the Songhees Learning Centre, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, and the Saanich Adult Education Centre. Students at these sites can study Fundamental to Provincial level English, mathematics, and computer studies. Students at the Saanich Adult Education Centre can also take college prep-level Indigenous Studies courses.

### Indigenous Business Leadership

The two-year Diploma in Business Administration — Indigenous Business Leadership (IBL) program provides Aboriginal students opportunities to explore and apply Indigenous perspectives in management and leadership while gaining a broad business education.

### Indigenous Family Support

*(Formerly First Nations Family Support Worker)*

The 10-month Indigenous Family Support program provides students of Indigenous ancestry with opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and values necessary to work with Indigenous families and individuals in schools and communities. The program provides opportunities for the student to reflect, develop self-awareness and pride as an Indigenous person.

### Indigenous Health Care Assistant

*(Formerly First Nations Home Support/Resident Care Attendant)*

This 35-week certificate program trains Aboriginal students to be care providers for elders in community or long-term facilities. The program includes Indigenous Studies and English upgrading.

## Indigenous Human Services Career Access

This 12-month program is designed for Aboriginal learners who are interested in careers in human/social/community service. Students will explore educational opportunities within the fields of Human Services and Health while simultaneously developing an understanding of their interests, abilities and potential, in an environment which supports the development of healthy Indigenous self-identities.

### Indigenous Studies (Formerly First Nations Community Studies)

This two-year diploma program examines Aboriginal issues from an Indigenous community leadership perspective.

## Other Training Opportunities

Camosun College offers Aboriginal organizations the opportunity to develop programs or services on a contractual basis. For more information please contact the AECC department Chair at 250-370-3163.

## Indigenous Courses

In addition to our Indigenous program offerings, we offer university transferable and other courses, that can be taken for credit or audit, that contain Indigenous content. Most courses are available to all Camosun students.

The list below is indicative of courses typically offered that contain Indigenous content:

ANTH 104	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH 140	Prehistory of Pacific Cultures
ANTH 232	Language/Culture/Communication
ANTH 240	Archaeological Method & Theory
ANTH 241	Prehistory of British Columbia
ART 106	Indigenous Studio Arts
CRIM 236	Indigenous People and Justice
ENGL 164	Indigenous Literature
HIST 110	Canada Before Confederation
HIST 112	Canada After Confederation
HIST 214	BC History
HIST 230	United States History to 1865
IFS 100*	Exploring Indigeneity
IST 116*	Indigenous Studies in Canada 1
IST 117*	Indigenous Studies in Canada 2
IST 220*	Indigenous Art Studies
IST 232*	Indigenous Political Science
IST 234*	Land and Language
IST 241*	Gender & Identity
IST 243*	Comparative Indigenous Issues
IST 244*	Language Revitalization
SOC 104	Indigenous People and Canada 1
SOC 106	Indigenous People and Canada 2
SOC 112	Minority Relations in Canada
SOC 230*	Indigenous Research Methodology
TMG 271*	Indigenous Tourism Perspectives

\*A percentage of seats may be reserved for participants in the related program.

## Certificate Program

### Indigenous College Prep (Formerly First Nations College Prep)

This eight-month program will prepare students to enrol in post-secondary programs requiring English 12 and Math 10 or their equivalents. In addition, students will explore issues of Indigenous identity, wellness and community, and will be supported to develop personal, academic, and career goals.

Courses are delivered at the Saanich Adult Education Centre, and students are encouraged to interact with Aboriginal community members.

**Length:** Eight months  
**Location:** Saanich Adult Education Centre  
**Starting:** Fall  
**Program Code(s):** INDPREP

#### Admission Requirement(s):

- Submit proof of "C" in English 10, or assessment.
- Submit proof of "C" in MATH 034, or assessment.

#### Program Completion Requirement(s):

- Students must successfully complete all program courses with a minimum of a "C".

Academic Term 1 (Fall)		Credits
ENGL 092	Provincial English Composition	3.0
IST 092	Intro to Indigenous Studies	3.0
IST 171	Ways of Wellness - Learning	3.0
MATH 052	Intermediate Mathematics 1	0.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9.0</b>

Academic Term 2 (Winter)		Credits
ENGL 096	Provincial Indigenous Literature	3.0
IST 104	Indigenous Ways of Knowing	3.0
IST 172	Ways of Wellness - Community	3.0
MATH 053	Intermediate Mathematics 2	0.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9.0</b>

## Diploma Program

### Indigenous Studies

#### (Formerly First Nations Community Studies)

The Indigenous Studies program is a two-year (16-month) diploma program that provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary education respectful of the cultures, history, and experiences of Indigenous peoples in and around Canada. Students examine the historical, cultural, social, political, and economic circumstances of Indigenous people in order to broaden their understanding and develop skills for living and working in diverse cultural environments. Students are encouraged to explore relevant topics and conduct critical analysis from Indigenous perspectives.

The Indigenous Studies program values the physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual well-being of each student. Students are supported in their learning and personal growth and are encouraged to make connection with and contribute to community.

Graduates of the program are prepared to take on a variety of employment options including leadership roles within Aboriginal communities or the large public/private sectors. Most IST courses transfer into a variety of university degree programs including: Indigenous Studies, Social Work, Education, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

Courses are delivered mostly at the Lansdowne Campus, with some classes and special project work completed in Aboriginal community settings.

**Length:** 16 months  
**Location:** Lansdowne Campus  
**Starting:** Fall  
**Program Code(s):**

INDST1 Year 1  
INDST2 Year 2

#### Admission Requirement(s):

- Submit proof of "C+" in English 12, or EFP 12, or TPC 12; or "C" in ENGL 092 and 094; or ENGL 092 and 096; or ENGL 140; or ELD 092 and 094; or ELD 097; or assessment.

#### Program Completion Requirement(s):

- Students must successfully complete all program courses including four (4) university transferable electives and obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in order to qualify for a Diploma in Indigenous Studies.

### Year 1

Academic Term 1 (Fall)		Credits
ANTH 104	Introduction to Anthropology	3.0
ENGL 150	English Composition	3.0
IST 104	Indigenous Ways of Knowing	3.0
IST 111	Circle Seminar 1	1.0
IST 116	Indigenous Studies in Canada 1	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective*		3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16.0</b>

Academic Term 2 (Winter)		Credits
ENGL 164	Indigenous Literature	3.0
IST 112	Circle Seminar 2	1.0
IST 117	Indigenous Studies in Canada 2	3.0
IST 220	Indigenous Art Studies	3.0
SOC 106	Indigenous People and Canada 2	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective		3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16.0</b>

## Year 2

Academic Term 3 (Fall)	Credits
CRIM 236 Indigenous People and Justice	3.0
HIST 214 BC History	3.0
IST 211 Circle Seminar 3	1.0
SOC 230 Indigenous Research Methodology	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective	3.0
IST 243 Comparative Indigenous Issues	3.0
<i>OR</i>	
IST 244 Language Revitalization	3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Academic Term 4 (Winter)	Credits
IST 204 Special Projects	3.0
IST 212 Circle Seminar 4	1.0
IST 232 Indigenous Political Science	3.0
IST 234 Land and Language	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective	3.0
IST 241 Gender & Identity	3.0
<i>OR</i>	
IST 242 Environment & Stewardship	3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16.0</b>

### Required electives:

*Students are required to complete four (4) electives as part of the program. These electives can be any first or second year university transfer courses. Electives may be taken any time during the program, including during the spring or summer semesters. Students may use transfer credit or Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit toward their elective requirements.*

*Students will be coached and encouraged to choose electives that help them meet their specific educational goals.*

# Aboriginal Education & Community Connections Faculty Listing

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