

Aboriginal Education & Community Connections

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Community Connection

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, the Council has provided advice and direction regarding the needs of Aboriginal students and communities in the region. The Council advises all Aboriginal programming and services at the College.

Aboriginal Services

Advisors: Bate, Suzanne (Cree)
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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

- Allen and Loreen Vandekerckve Family Foundation Bursary
- Anthony Dawson Award
- Coast Salish Employment Training Society Awards (CSETSO)
- Cowichan Trading Company Award
- Dorothy Price Treasure Box of Awards for Aboriginal students:
 - Ded'l'alus TE Ten Award for Aboriginal parents
 - First Nations Studies Achievement Award
 - Mino-Ayaa Wellness Award
 - Sheli/ten Bursary
 - Songhees Nation & Camosun College Affiliation Award
 - Treasure Box Award in Memory of James Dick
 - Yaay'us Award for working student
- Eualu Howard Memorial Award for Aboriginal students
- M'Akola Housing Society
- Metis Nation of British Columbia Award
- Rimer Family First Nations Trades Bursary
- Saanich Indian School Board Award
- Tsa Qwa Supp Scholarship for Nuu Chah Nulth students
- Unitarian Church Award
- Winona Wood Award for Aboriginal Women

Aboriginal Limited Priority Admissions Process

Camosun College wishes to increase Aboriginal student enrolment in Nursing, Practical Nursing and Early Childhood Care and Education programs to help meet critical health and child care needs in rural and urban Aboriginal communities. The College has set aside, for a limited time each year, 5% of seats in these 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

Indigenous Academic Upgrading

Fundamental to Provincial level courses in math, English and computer studies are offered at the Songhees Learning Centre, the Saanich Adult Education Centre, and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

First Nations College Prep

A group of courses eligible for UCEP funding is offered at the Saanich Adult Education Centre. These include college prep level English, Math, Indigenous Studies, and optional Computer Studies courses.

Indigenous Studies

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

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 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.

The three-year Diploma in Business Administration - Chinook program is a three-year program in business foundations for Aboriginal students to gain the skills required for a career in business.

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 Human Services Career Access

The 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.

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 135	First Nations and Justice
CRIM 235	Aboriginal 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
IBL 105	Indigenous Business Context*
IBL 110	Indigenous Leadership I*
IBL 205	Indigenous Business Relationships*
IBL 210	Indigenous Leadership 2*
IBL 215	Indigenous Mentorship*
IBL 260	Current Indigenous Business Topics*
IBL 280	Community Enterprise Project*
IFS 100	Exploring Indigeneity**
IFS 110	Self, Family & Community**
IFS 120	Circle and Elder's Teaching 1**
IFS 121	Circle and Elder's Teaching 2**
IFS 140	Introduction to Practice**
IFS 141	Self in Practice**
IFS 142	Professional Practice**
IST 241	Gender & Identity
IST 243	Comparative Indigenous Issues
SOC 104	First Nations (Canada Past)
SOC 106	First Nations (Canada Present)
SOC 112	Minority Relations in Canada
SOC 230	Aboriginal Research Methodology
TMGT 270	Perspectives in Indigenous Tourism*

Related courses: ANTH 216 Anthropology of Development
 ANTH 220 Cultural & Social Anthropology
 ART 150 Cultural Uses of Photography
 GEOG 101 Human Geography
 GEOG 104 Geography of Canada
 GEOG 105 Geography of British Columbia
 GEOG 232 Cultural Geography

HIST 250	History of Human Rights
PSYC 257	Intercultural Communication
PSYC 288	Cultural Psychology
SOCIOLOGY	Various courses including:
SOC 110	Women in Canadian Society
SOCW 211	Introduction to Social Work
SOCW 212	Social Welfare in Canada

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

**Courses are restricted to those with Aboriginal ancestry.

Diploma Program Indigenous 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. Graduates are able to 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 a letter grade of "C+" or higher in English 12 or English 12 First Peoples; or a "C" or higher in English 092 and 094, or English 092 and 096, or English 140, 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 Learning	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
Total Credits	16.0

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 First Nations (Canada Present)	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective	3.0
Total Credits	16.0

Year 2

Academic Term 3 (Fall)	Credits
CRIM 135 First Nations and Justice	3.0
IST 211 Circle Seminar 3	1.0
HIST 214 BC History	3.0
SOC 230 Aboriginal Research Methodology	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective	3.0
IST 243 Comparative Indigenous Issues	3.0
OR	
IST 244 Language Revitalization	3.0
Total Credits	16.0

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 Language and Land	3.0
One (1) 1st or 2nd year UT elective	3.0
IST 241 Gender & Identity	3.0
OR	
IST 242 Environment & Stewardship	3.0
Total Credits	16.0

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.

Certificate Program

First Nations College Prep

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

The Aboriginal Education & Community Connections office provides academic, financial and cultural support to students in this program.

Length: Eight months

Location: Saanich Adult Education Centre

Starting: Fall

Program Code(s): FNPREP

Admission Requirement(s):

- Submit proof of a letter grade of "C" or higher in English 10, or assessment; and,
- Submit proof of a letter grade of "C" or higher in MATH 034, or assessment.

Program Completion Requirement(s):

- Students must successfully complete all program courses and obtain an overall GPA of at least 2.0 ("C") to qualify for a Certificate in First Nations College Preparatory.

Academic Term 1 (Fall)		Credits
ENGL 092	Provincial English Composition	3.0
IST 092	Introductory Indigenous Studies	3.0
FNS 112*	Professional Issues	*
MATH 052	Intermediate Math 1	0.0
Total Credits		6.0

Academic Term 2 (Winter)		Credits
ENGL 096	Provincial Aboriginal Literature	3.0
IST 104	Indigenous Ways of Learning	3.0
FNS 112*	Professional Issues	6.0
MATH 053	Intermediate Math 2	0.0
Total Credits		12.0

**FNS 112 is a six-credit course offered over the Fall and Winter terms.*

Note: In addition, students will have the option to complete COMP 030 Fundamental Computer Studies, and COMP 040 Intermediate Computer Studies if they choose to. (COMP 030 and COMP 040 are not required to complete the certificate.)

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