

Indigenous Studies (INDG)

Develop social awareness and a sense of social responsibility. With Indigenous Studies you will have access to traditional Elders and ceremonies, while your studies will focus on the history and current issues facing the Indigenous people of Canada. You will also have the opportunity to gain real world experience by completing placements with Indigenous organizations and non-governmental organizations.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Indigenous Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/INDG 1050 - Introduction to Indigenous Thought	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Indigenous Studies	Any course that is not an Indigenous Studies or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Indigenous Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Indigenous Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

African Studies	Human Rights and Equity Studies
Criminology	International Development Studies
Economics	Political Science
Gender and Women's Studies	+ many more!
Health and Society	

Minor Options Include:

African Studies	Human Rights and Equity Studies
Anthropology	International Development Studies
Economics	Political Science
Gender and Women's Studies	+ many more!
Health and Society	

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- Career-Focused Services**
 Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.
- Academic Support**
 Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs, academic advising services and the Centre for Aboriginal Students are designed to help you every step of the way.
- Social & Leadership Development Programs**
 A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs including the Aboriginal Students Association to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future.



Fatima Qurban-Ali
Fourth Year Student
Indigenous Studies

"Indigenous Studies has given me the opportunity to learn about the history of indigenous peoples in Canada. Understanding Canada's colonial past helped me learn how to identify discriminatory systems in policies, laws and organizations."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Indigenous Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Indigenous Studies Course: Introduction to Indigenous Thought

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Indigenous Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals in Indigenous Studies.



Indigenous Studies Course: Indigenous Spiritualities in the Contemporary World

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Indigenous Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



Indigenous Studies Course: Metis Issues in North America

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in Indigenous Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



Indigenous Studies Course: Indigenous Theory

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Indigenous Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!