What to do with a degree in
INTERNATIONAL
INDIGENOUS STUDIES

International Indigenous Studies examines the experiences, culture, artistic endeavors, and current status of Indigenous people around the world. This program combines instruction in both Indigenous and Western worldviews, and is designed to attract both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. During the course of your studies you’ll gain creative thinking skills, research and analytical capabilities, written and verbal communication skills, and cross-disciplinary understandings.

Key Skills & Knowledge

Knowledge of Aboriginal present day & historical challenges - Indigenous and Western worldviews; Explore the similarities and differences experienced by Indigenous societies within their community and around the world

Logical, critical & creative thinking - Examine own knowledge and experiences from different perspectives; Process and understand large amounts of information

Research - Social research, qualitative interviewing and fieldwork, as well as quantitative method; Capable of working independently and as part of a team

Understanding and appreciation of the nature of Aboriginal societies - Demonstrate cultural competence; Understanding of Aboriginal world views, philosophies, cultures, languages and histories

Communication - Writing and analyzing multiple dimensions of a problem, clearly presenting ideas in written format; Public speaking and oral communication skills

Sample Job Titles

Aboriginal Issues Coordinator
Advocate
Communications Officer
Community Educator
Community Service Worker
Correctional Services Worker
Counsellor
Crime Victim Services Worker
Crisis Intervention Worker
Employment Counsellor
Environmental Advisor
Group Home Worker

Mediator
Policy Advisor/Analyst
Program Developer/Evaluator
Public Administrator
Rehabilitation Counsellor
Researcher/Research Assistant
Residence Life Coordinator
Teacher/Professor
Volunteer Coordinator
Writer
Youth & Family Service Worker

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: abo-peoples.org
- Alberta Indigenous Relations: indigenous.alberta.ca
- Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers: edo.ca
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada: canada.ca/en/indigenous-northern-affairs.html
- Indigenous Services Canada: aadnc-aandc.gc.ca
- Indigenous Works: indigenousworks.ca/en
- National Aboriginal Forestry Association: nafaforestry.org
- Native Women’s Association of Canada: nwac.ca
- Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC): otc.ca
- Ontario Métis Aboriginal Association: omaa.org
- Ontario Native Education Counselling Association: oneca.com

Potential Industries

- Consulting
- Creative Arts
- Education
- Environment
- Government
- Foreign Affairs
- Indigenous Organizations
- Mass Media
- Museums
- Non-profits and NGOs
- Oil & Gas
- Post-Secondary
- Public Health
- Public Relations
- Research
- Social Service Agencies
- Tourism

Career Services

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

Connect with us:
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T: 403.220.8020
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CareerLink: ucalgary.ca/careers

Indeed: https://ca.indeed.com/
Aboriginal Career & Employment Guide: ammsa.com/
UofC Native Centre: ucalgary.ca/nativecentre
LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com
CareerLink: careerlink.ucalgary.ca

Job Boards

City of Calgary Aboriginal Agencies and Services Guide
Careers in Community Development
Making a Living While Making a Difference
Opportunities in Public Relations Careers

Additional Resources

Faculty Contact
Social Sciences 102
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W: www.ucalgary.ca/indg/
W: ucalgary.ca/admissions/programs

Aligned Majors:
- Anthropology
- Canadian Studies
- History
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Social Work