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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies (BA)

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Bachelor Degree

Options:

Major, Minor

Program Length:

4 Years

The Program

The B.A. Major and Minor in Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies are products of a collaboration between Vancouver Island University and the First Nations of Vancouver Island and Coastal British Columbia. Their purpose is to provide comprehensive, high-quality education respectful of the cultures of Indigenous peoples, while meeting their diverse needs.

The Bachelor of Arts, Major and Minor in Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies:

- explore contemporary Indigenous issues in an integrated, multidisciplinary manner;
- prepare students for living within Indigenous societies and the larger world;
- allow students to pursue the widest possible variety of professional specializations;
- focus on the physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of each student;
- emphasize links with local First Nations communities and organizations, governments, and educational institutions that give students maximum opportunity for success;
- build national and international bridges to connect the Indigenous of British Columbia with Indigenous peoples around the world.

Program Outline

Requirements for a Major

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below.

Years 1 and 2	Credits
Please select at least <i>two</i> of the following: INDG 101 - (Exploring Aboriginal Identities) INDG 102 - (Exploring Aboriginal Communities) INDG 203 - (Indigenous and Settler Relations) INDG 204 - (Indigenous Perspectives on the Environment)	12
Plus Degree English Requirements	
Total Credits	12

Years 3 and 4	Credits
INDG 303 - (Indigenous Families and Communities)	6
INDG 304 - (Indigenous Self-Determination)	6
Please select one of both of the following: INDG 403 - (Project or B.A. Essay and Indigenous Research Methods) INDG 404* - (Internship)	6 or 12
Select a minimum of <i>six</i> credits of upper-level courses with Indigenous** focus	6
Total Credits	30

**Students seeking an internship need to discuss this option with the Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies department. All internships are dependent on availability of appropriate sites.*

***These can be additional INDG courses and/or courses from another department that have an Indigenous focus. Students must obtain permission of Department Chair for course selections that do not have an INDG prefix.*

Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below.

Years 1 and 2	Credits
A minimum <i>twelve</i> credits of lower-level INDG courses or courses with Indigenous focus*	12
Total Credits	12

Years 3 and 4	Credits
INDG 303 - (Indigenous Families and Communities)	6
INDG 304 - (Indigenous Self-Determination)	6
A minimum <i>six</i> credits of upper-level courses or courses with Indigenous focus*	6
Total Credits	18

**Students must obtain permission of Department Chair for course selections that do not have an INDG prefix.*

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