Congratulations! You’ve been admitted to Native Studies! Now you’re ready to choose your courses.

To get the most out of your program, it is best for you to take the lead on your academic planning. We encourage all students to take the time to research your program by reviewing your specific program in the Faculty of Native Studies section of the U of A Calendar. It is only through careful exploration that you maximize the opportunities that are available to you. Your personal interests, as well as the specific requirements for your chosen minor, largely direct the course selection for your program.

Below is a general overview of things you should be familiar with at the University of Alberta while you are planning your degree:

- The BA in Native Studies degree program will consist of *120 credits spread over four years.
- If you are completing a combined degree program in Education or Environmental and Conservation Sciences, your program will consist of *150 credits over five years.
- To complete your degree in four years, you need to take *30 courses per year (or 5 courses each fall and winter term). However, you can choose to spread your credits out a bit more by studying in the spring and summer terms or extending the overall length of your studies by a term or year (which is very common).
- Normally, one course in fall (September to December) or winter (January to April) term is weighted as *3 credits.
- There are a few courses that are weighted as *6 (i.e., NS 152 – Introductory Cree), which means they will span over two terms (September to April).
- All students enrolled in the Faculty of Native Studies are required to complete at least one Native Studies course in each fall and winter term during the first two years (i.e. during the first *60). The Faculty will cancel course registration in the add/delete period if there is no registration in a NS course.
- Junior-level courses are 100-level courses. Native Studies students can take no more than *48 at the Junior-level. These *48 must include the junior-level courses that are required for your Native Studies major (such as, NS 110 - *3, NS 111 - *3 and NS 152 - *6).
- Senior-level courses are anything numbered over 200 is considered a Senior-level course.
- Pre-requisites at the high school and university level are required for some courses in which planning in reverse can be very effective in this process.
  - Example:
    - NS 390 is required, as part of the program requirements, but in order to take NS 390 you must first take NS 290.
    - MATH 114 has a prerequisite of Math 30-1, Math 31, or equivalent.

Your Program Checklist:
- will list all required courses for your degree program. You should have received your program checklist with your admission letter. If not, please make an appointment with the Academic Advisor
- is specific to your degree program and year in which you are admitted (or readmitted)
For first year students, the Faculty of Native Studies recommends registration in the following courses:

I. *6 Junior English (ENGL 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 or 126) OR 3* of Junior English and 3* of Writing Studies (WRS).
   ***ENGL 125 – Aboriginal Writing is recommended.

II. *6 NS (NS 110, 111, 240 or 290)

III. *6 Introductory Cree (NS 152 A & B)
    a. **Note:** For 6* credit courses students must register in the same section for both Fall & Winter semesters in order to finalize their registration.
       Example: if NS 152A LEC C1 is selected for Fall term then NS 152B LEC C1 must also be selected for Winter term.

IV. *12 chosen from Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Science to fill Basic Requirements. See your NS program checklist or the U of A Calendar for specific requirements and lists of acceptable courses.

Students wanting registration assistance can make an appointment with the faculty advisor who assists students in choosing classes that are appropriate to the degree requirements and meet the student’s interests and needs.

To book an appointment please call (780) 492-2991.