

## Registration Tip Sheet 2020-21

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 review their 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, will largely direct your course selection for your program.

The University of Alberta hosts a variety of Registration 101 workshops each spring, intended to help newly-admitted students learn the process for enrolling in courses through Bear Tracks. It is highly recommended that new students attend a Registration 101 workshop (RSVP at [uab.ca/reg101](http://uab.ca/reg101)). Please note that students must accept their admission offer before they can access their schedule builder and register in courses.

Here are some helpful tips for planning your degree program:

- 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 & Conservation Sciences, your program will consist of ★150 credits over five years.
- To complete your degree in four years, you will need to take ★30 credits per year (or five ★3 credit 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.
- ★6 credit courses (e.g. NS 152 – Introductory Cree) 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 credits). 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 credits at the junior-level. These ★48 credits must include the junior-level courses that are required for your Native Studies major (e.g. NS 110, NS 111, and NS 152).
- **Senior-level courses** are any courses numbered over 200 (e.g. NS 260).
- **Pre-requisites** at the high school and university level are required for some courses. *Planning in reverse can be very effective in this process.*

Examples:

- NS 390 is part of the program requirements for the BA(NS) program, 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 welcome letter. If not, please contact a Faculty advisor
- Is specific to your degree program and year in which you are admitted (or readmitted)
- Follows your specific degree program listed in the Faculty of Native Studies section in the U of A Calendar

**BA(NS) PROGRAM CHECKLIST:**

**BA(NS)/BEd COMBINED PROGRAM CHECKLIST:**

**BA(NS)/BSc COMBINED PROGRAM CHECKLIST:**

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 a Faculty advisor, who can assist in choosing classes that are appropriate to students' degree requirements and reflect their personal interests and needs.

To book an appointment please call the FNS Front Desk at (780) 492-2991.



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