



What Happens After You Apply & Have Been Admitted?

Congratulations! You have successfully completed your application for admission to the University of Alberta for the Fall! Now what happens after you apply?

Step 1: Activate your CCID and sign up your UAlberta e-mail account

When you applied, you were sent an email to the address you provided when you first applied. You must [activate your CCID](#) provided to you in that email, and then you will be able to sign into your UAlberta email account. Once you have activated your email please be sure to check it regularly as this is the official communication channel used by the University for all academic matters.

Step 2: Get to know Bear Tracks

Bear Tracks is UAlberta's online, automated student record system. Access [Bear Tracks](#) with your activated CCID.

Bear Tracks allows you to:

- Monitor the status of your application
- Register in your courses
- Check your fees' account balance
- Update your contact information
- Apply for scholarships/awards

HAVE YOU BEEN ADMITTED?

Step 3: Find your enrolment date

This is the actual date you can begin your course registration. You can locate your enrolment date on your Bear Tracks landing page under the Academics tab.

Step 4: Accept your offer by paying your tuition deposit

If you are NEW to the U of A, in order for you to be able to finalize your course registration you will need to pay a \$500 non-refundable tuition deposit, this fee will go towards your tuition and by paying it you will formally accept your UAlberta Early Admission offer. Your tuition deposit can be paid through your Bear Tracks account however, other payment options are available on the [financial services website](#).

Step 5: Find out what courses you need to take in your first year

Before you begin making your individualized timetable, it is important that you familiarize yourself with your degree program and know what course that you are required to take in your first year as a Faculty of Native Studies student.

Step 6: Understand degree planning: How does it all come together?

Depending on your degree program, the Faculty of Native Studies requires the successful completion of *120 or *150.

There are two main terms at UAlberta, a fall term (September-December) and a winter term (January-April). In each of these terms you can take up to 5 courses (*15 credits). There is also a spring and summer term available.

- Your BA in Native Studies degree program will consist of 120 credits (*120) spread over four years. Normally, a fall (September to December) or winter (January to April) term course is weighted as *3. There are a few courses that are weighted as *6 (such as NS 152 – Introductory Cree), which means they will span over two terms (September to April). To complete your degree in four years, you need to take *30 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).
- If you are completing one of our combined degree programs in Education or Environmental and Conservation Sciences, your program will consist of 150 credits over five years.
- 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). Anything numbered over 200 is considered a Senior-level course.
- Pre-requisites at the high school and university level are required for some courses. For example, NS 390 is required, as part of the program requirements, but in order to take NS 390 you must first take NS 290. ***Planning in reverse can be very effective in this process.*** While most Junior-level Arts courses do not have prerequisites, courses from other Faculties may. MATH 113, for example, has a prerequisite of Pure Math 30 or Math 31 (or equivalent).
- 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.
- You are required to follow the University of Alberta Calendar program requirements for the year in which you are admitted (or readmitted) to a program. <http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/>

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: Students must register in the same section of NS 152 for both semesters in order to finalize their registration. For 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-planning sheet or the University of Alberta Calendar for specific requirements and lists of acceptable courses.

Step 7: You are now ready to begin creating your first year timetable

Register for your courses by following the Bear Tracks User Guide, FNS Tip-sheet & contacting the Faculty.

Students wanting registration assistance can make an appointment with the Faculty's' Academic Advisor. The Advisor will assist students in choosing classes that are appropriate to the degree requirements and meet the student's interests and needs. To make an appointment with the advisor, please call (780) 492-2991.