

## NATIVE STUDIES: THE DIRECTORY

The Directory of Native Studies is intended to outline the current state of the formal discipline (emerging as well as already there!) on an on-going basis. It begins in a very limited sense in this issue with the presentation of the programs of five universities. There are the established departments, those collections of men and women who gained formal recognition from their immediate academic colleagues for this developing field. Not surprisingly, their programs show certain similarities: all have basic courses in politics, government policy, history, and usually several of education, health, urbanization, crime/justice, social services, art, philosophy, music. All offer courses in the native languages exposure. All departments are structured in such a way that students cover a broad range of topics in the major program, whether there is a language requirement or not. Those differences which exist among the programs now are largely a matter of degree only Trent, for example, is able to offer a major impetus to research on the basis of its full fourth year program, the only significant honours level study available in Canada in native studies. The particular subject concerns at this level are likely to be largely the same as those of the second year student anywhere, but the tools and skills which are involved at Trent are so very much more sophisticated.

I will make only one suggestion on the basis of this subject equality across Canada: that native studies in the first instance has been defined in very general terms by each university cited here as a combination social science and humanity firmly embedded in the liberal arts. It is thus distinct from the equally important band-wagons of special education programs geared to native needs, and the increasing number of professional areas now developing such as law and journalism. These latter must be a part of any basic defining concepts of native studies however. Perhaps in our next issue we could explore some of these programs in our search for and listing of native studies facilities now available. Your suggestions would be appreciated.

**UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES**

Total of 2 Introductory courses, plus 26 further courses in following areas:

7 x 2000 level;

8 x 3000 level;

2 x 4000 level;

9 x language courses at all levels (Blackfoot, Plains Cree).

BA Major program. 13 courses, including 3 at 3000 level and 1 at 4000 level.

Non-language strengths in terms of faculty, number and range of courses available: Art, Literature, Native Rights/Native Law.

**BRANDON UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE STUDIES**

Total of 2 Introductory courses, plus 39 further courses in following areas:

17 x 200 level;

7 x 300 level;

15 x language courses at 100 and 200 levels (Cree, Saulteaux, Sioux, Chipewyan, Inuktitut).

13 courses offered jointly with other departments (included above).

BA Major program: 10 courses, at least 2 from 300 level. Native language competence, or minimum 2 language courses required.

BA Major (Native Studies) program: 6 courses, including language competence requirement above.

BA Minor (Native Languages) program: 5 courses, including 4 from language courses.

Non-language strengths in terms of faculty, number and range of courses available. History, Metis Studies.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE STUDIES**

Total of 1 Introductory course plus 69 credit hours of further courses in the following patterns:

21 CH x 200 level;

21 CH x 300 levels;

27 CH x languages at 090, 100 and 200 levels (Cree, Ojibway)

15 courses offered jointly with other departments (additional to above but carrying less weight for program inclusion).

BA Major program: 30 credit hours including Introduction and 3 credit hours at 300 level.

BA Minor (Native Studies) program: 18 credit hours including Introduction.

BA Minor (Native Languages) program: 18 credit hours including 6 credit hours of 090 or 100 level courses.

Non-language strengths in terms of faculty, number and range of courses available. local and regional history, anthropology.

**LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE STUDIES**

Total of 1 Introductory course, plus further 12 courses (including 1 course in both French and English) in following areas:

4 x 2000 level

4 x 3000 level

4 x language courses at 2000 and 3000 levels (Cree, Ojibwa).

1 course offered jointly with another department, in both English and French (included above).

BA Concentration program: 5 courses, including Introduction, one specific 2000 level course, and one language course. Two options selected in consultation with department.

Non-language strengths in terms of faculty, number and range of courses available: spiritual beliefs, philosophy.

TRENT UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE STUDIES

Total of 1 Introductory course, plus 25 further courses in the following areas:

7 x 200 level;

10 x 300 level;

5 x 400 level,

3 x language courses at 200 and 300 levels (Mohawk, Ojibway).

3 courses offered jointly with other departments (included above).

BA Single-major Ordinary program: 6 courses, including Introduction.

BA Single-major Honours program: 9 courses, including Introduction plus minimum 3 x 300 level and 3 x 400 level courses. One course permitted in cognate discipline.

Full fourth year program available.

Non-language strengths in terms of faculty, number and range of courses available: social services for native people and communities.