

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE

The minor in Indigenous Community Justice will help to fill the urgent need for knowledge of Indigenous justice, in services delivery, education, geography, economics, and justice professions.

Career Opportunities

Through this program of study students will gain knowledge that will strengthen their abilities and possibilities for employment as, for example:

- Teachers
- Geographers
- Police
- Correctional and probation officers
- Environmental assessors
- Victim service workers
- Crime prevention program facilitators.

It will open doors to jobs in government for which dedicated knowledge of Indigenous justice is essential, for example:

- Department of Public Safety (with Canada's National Crime Prevention Centre)
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Municipal Bylaws Departments
- BC Corrections
- Department of Justice

Programs

- Minor in Indigenous Community Justice (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/indigenous-community-justice/indigenous-community-justice-minor/>)

Courses

Visit the BC Transfer Guide - bctransferguide.ca (<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>) - for information about course transfer in B.C.

INDG 1100 3 credits

Introduction to Indigenous Studies

Students will learn about the histories, cultures, and contemporary situation of Indigenous peoples in North America, with special attention to Indigenous peoples in Canada. They will explore pre-contact histories and cultures, and critically examine and challenge assumptions acquired from colonial culture. Students will develop informed views on Indigenous cultures and histories. Students will be exposed to elements of Indigenous teachings and traditional knowledge from various Indigenous perspectives, including those of Elders and local communities.

Level: UG

Attributes: ASTR (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#astrtext>), ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

INDG 2100 3 credits

Indigenous Sexuality & Gender

Students explore Indigenous societies' pre-colonial relationships to sexuality and gender and draw upon the context of imperial construction of identity through the Indian Act, Residential Schools, and the Sixties Scoop. As such, students will begin to identify where many Indigenous communities still embrace and contend with the traditional knowledge systems which form understandings of identity within sexuality and gender. Students will be able to pinpoint where identity has been interrupted by imperialism. As a result of understanding identity interruption, students will be able to connect how Indigenous people continue to engage traditional sex and gender through reclamation and decolonization.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): INDG 1100

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

INDG 2150 3 credits

Indigenous Families & Healing

Students explore Indigenous Societies' pre-colonial Family Structures and relationships to sexuality and draw upon the context of imperial destruction of the family unit through the Indian Act, Residential Schools, and the Sixties scoop. Moreover, students will observe the importance of childrearing in identity construction, community functions, harmony, and disharmony. Students will learn how the imperial systemic destruction targeted the family structure, and the ripples that we deal with now as a result in contemporary society. As such, students will begin to identify where many Indigenous communities still contend with imperialism and also have access to the traditional knowledge systems which form understandings of the family and childrearing.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): INDG 1100

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

INDG 3155 3 credits

Indigenous Perspectives on Settler Colonial Societies

Students will explore Indigenous perspectives on settler colonial societies and the consequences of ongoing colonial occupation for Indigenous nations. Students will draw upon critical Indigenous studies scholarship, Indigenous traditional knowledge, narrative accounts and oral histories. Students will explore the misattribution and denial of Indigenous contributions to human social development and analyze strategies for decolonization, Indigenization, and self-determination. Note: Students may earn credit for only one of SOCI 3155 and INDG 3155 as they are identical courses.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 30 credits at the 1100 level or higher including SOCI 1125 or INDG 1100

Cross-listing: SOCI 3155

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)

INDG 4245 3 credits

Indigenous Activism

Students will examine historical and contemporary Indigenous activism in the Americas. They will critically assess government and corporate intrusion on Indigenous rights and lands, and Indigenous people's collective resistance and attempts to protect inherent rights and lands. Students will study Indigenous mobilization, political organization, self-determination, resurgence, and regeneration of communities and cultures. They will examine collective strategies and tactics, specific examples of struggle, visions of social alternatives (anti-capitalist, anti-statist, anti-colonial, etc.), and community social relations. Note: Students may earn credit for only one of CRIM 4245 and INDG 4245 as they are identical courses.

Level: UG

Prerequisite(s): 45 credits at the 1100 or higher, including 6 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher

Cross-listing: CRIM 4245

Attribute: ARTS (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#courseattributetext>)