



UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC

Circumpolar Studies Program



Advanced Emphasis Title: Aboriginal Public Administration (APA)

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Start Date: Courses to be taken over a one-year period, subject to availability

Delivery Method: Onsite and online delivery, subject to availability

Application deadline: 15 May

Credits: 15 credit units (30 ECTS)

Requirements: 6 credit units (12 ECTS) in Political Studies or equivalent and 30 credit units (60 ECTS) in a social science based undergraduate program.

Advanced Emphasis Description:

This program draws on expertise from the University of Saskatchewan's Aboriginal Public Administration degree program and is designed to help students understand the unique governance, administrative, management and policy issues in Aboriginal communities, and also the impact of current public institutions and processes on Aboriginal people. It is also designed to help students understand the dynamic interactions of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal governments and communities. It focuses on the theories, concepts, issues and policy realities facing Aboriginal communities. It is intended as a basic program of professional preparation for students, particularly those of aboriginal descent, who are contemplating a career in the governmental and non-governmental (ie. for-profit and not-for-profit) spheres of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal sectors.



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Courses:

POLST 222.3 (6 ECTS): Aboriginal Governance and Politics (online availability)

This course provides an analysis of the existing and emerging systems of governance and politics within the Aboriginal sector in Canada. Attention is given to governance systems within the Aboriginal sector and those at the interface of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal sectors at the local, regional, provincial and national levels.

POLST 322.3 (6 ECTS): Aboriginal Management and Administrative Systems (online availability)

This course provides an analysis of the existing and emerging systems of management and administration within the Aboriginal sector in Canada. Attention is devoted to the type of management and administrative systems that exist at the local, regional, provincial and national levels.

POLST 323.3 (6 ECTS): Aboriginal Policies and Programs (online availability)

This course provides an analysis of the existing and emerging policies and programs within the Aboriginal sector in Canada. Attention is devoted to policies and programs established by the federal and provincial governments that apply to Aboriginal communities, as well as policies and programs developed by those communities for themselves.

POLST 422.3 (6 ECTS): Aboriginal Development Strategies: Issues and Options (online availability)

This course provides an analysis of various types of development within the Aboriginal sector in Canada with some attention to comparable types of development in other jurisdictions. The course is designed to provide students with an academic basis for analyzing existing development strategies in those communities and recommending better strategies.

POLST 485.3 (6 ECTS): Internship

Students will be placed at a participating organization, band, municipality, or at an appropriate provincial or federal department, to gain job skills, learn about aboriginal administration first hand, and evaluate the work of their placement. Students will intern for two half days a week for the course of a semester (11-12 weeks) and meet monthly as a group to discuss their experiences. Grades will be based on the student's placement supervisor's evaluation, an academic paper related to the work of the placement, and précis to be handed in at the monthly meeting sessions.