

Academic excellence

University of Manitoba professors want to help you pursue your dreams, discover your strengths, and forge your future. Although they share their knowledge and expertise with you in the classroom every day, they also learn from you and value the contributions you have to offer.

The University of Manitoba has the most extensive list of academic programs in the province. With 82 degrees to choose from, we give our students as much choice and flexibility as they need to succeed. We also believe in providing the best education to all who have a desire to learn and providing accessibility to all who wish to pursue a university degree.

Established over 30 years ago, the University of Manitoba's Native Studies department is one of Canada's finest. From Aboriginal focused courses and programs to full degree and graduate programs, you can examine cultures, histories, spiritualities, identities and literature. You'll have the opportunity to participate in speaker's series, major conferences and gatherings, a summer school on Baffin Island, international exchange opportunities, and much more.

Native Studies department: (204) 474-9266

Share our dreams

"Since I was 16, I've wanted to become a teacher. At the University of Manitoba I've been able to go after this dream and much more. I've met so many friendly people and together we share our dreams and experiences together. To me the University of Manitoba is what I call a helping community."

*Allison McKay,
Extended Education*

ENGAP

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the ENGAP program. They offer tutoring, financial and emotional support, while providing us with a space (lounge) to call our own and to support one another. Engineering is fulfilling and will ensure that I have a future that I'll be proud of."

Real Dubois, 1st year Engineering



Committed to student success

"I am working on obtaining my Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Degree and the Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) has been a large factor of my success towards reaching this goal. Coming from up north I found the adjustment to city life a bit difficult. ABEP provided me with an environment that helped me adjust and make some new friends. The program also helped me develop skills that will help me with my future profession. I was able to practice my presentation skills, which are pretty much a necessity for any business class. I was also able to meet with people from the business world at the Excellence in Aboriginal Business Leadership Award Dinner. As a result, I feel that I have received tremendous benefit from being a part of this program."

Sarah Cook is one of four University of Manitoba students to win an award from the Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth.

Focused on you

The University of Manitoba is dedicated to providing accessibility to all as well as fostering a learning environment consistent with Aboriginal values, cultures and history. We achieve this through a variety of programs and cultural and academic supports.

University 1

The University of Manitoba was the first university in Canada to recognize that students will do better in first-year university when their course schedule is flexible, when they can explore the different programs, and when friendly advisors are there for support.

University 1 was designed entirely for the needs of new students, and almost all our degree programs begin with U1. Think of U1 as the gateway to your ultimate degree program. You can still finish your degree in the usual amount of time but you start with a year that allows you to adjust to your new life as a university student.



Featured programs and units

Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) If you're interested in learning about business and gaining valuable skills that will help secure your future, the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) program at the Asper School of Business is for you. The Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) provides academic, personal and financial support for Aboriginal students applying or enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree program. Make the journey. Start today! **(204) 474-7401 or 1-800-432-1960 ext. 7401**

Aboriginal Focus Programs (AFP) The University of Manitoba's Aboriginal Focus Programs (AFP), offered through Extended Education, respect the history, cultures and development goals of the Aboriginal participants and communities they serve. AFP programs offer off-campus degree credit courses, certificate, and diploma programs in such fields as counselling, education, community wellness, child and family services, environment, health career and transition year. **(204) 982-4233 or toll free 1-866-330-0133 ext. 3**

Access Programs Access Programs offer academic and financial support, counselling, advocacy, instruction and tutoring for anyone who has not had an opportunity to attend university because of social, economic, or academic reasons. Students in the program may obtain any degree offered by the university or may choose to enter the specialized Education and Health Careers programs. **(204) 474-8000 or 1-800-432-1960 ext. 8000**

Academic Support Program, Faculty of Law This program provides academic support, personal support and financial supports. Priority is given to Aboriginal students based on "individual consideration" applicants, and/or to first-year law students. **(204) 474-6448**

Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) The University of Manitoba's Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) is the most successful program of its kind in Canada. It offers an opportunity for Aboriginal students who may initially not meet the normal engineering entrance requirements, to receive academic upgrading and personal and financial support. The ENGAP program offers programs in Biosystems Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. **(204) 474-9872**

Faculty of Nursing Joint Baccalaureate Program First-year nursing and general studies courses are offered in Norway House. The Bachelor of Nursing program is also offered in partnership with the University College of the North (The Pas and Thompson), where students can focus on Aboriginal and northern health issues. **(204) 474-7452**

Faculty of Social Work at Thompson The Faculty of Social Work at Thompson is designed for northern Manitoba residents who have not had the opportunity to attend university because of social, economic, cultural reasons or remote residence barriers. Designed to meet the unique needs of northern social work students, the program includes a field placement in northern communities. **(204) 677-1450**

sharing stories sharing dreams

Welcome to a world of opportunities

A GUIDE TO
ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

One university. Many futures.



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

One supportive community. Many opportunities to explore.

An experience of a lifetime. Exposure to a world of opportunity. Manitoba's largest university is committed to providing choice, diversity and academic excellence. Every year more than 1,600 Aboriginal students attend the University of Manitoba and the numbers are growing.

At the University of Manitoba you'll discover a strong Aboriginal community that will feel like a home away from home. Our Aboriginal community reflects the diversity of Manitoba's – and Canada's – cultures and traditions. We want to share our knowledge, experience, and opportunities to help you build your future.

We welcome you to become a part of our growing Aboriginal community and the opportunities it provides. Many of our Aboriginal graduates have returned to their communities as teachers, service workers, leaders, technical personnel, and business people – while others have gone on to become prominent politicians, doctors, lawyers, and engineers across Manitoba and beyond. Many of Canada's Aboriginal professionals have been educated at the University of Manitoba.

Elder-in-Residence

The University of Manitoba has an Elder-in-Residence, Roger Armitte, who supports, connects, and helps students transition into university life. It is a unique position at the University of Manitoba and the first of its kind in Canada.



Excellence and achievement

Fauna Kingdon, from Iqaluit, Nunavut is one of our many student success stories. She is a leader, a role model, and an award winning student. She not only has been awarded the National Métis Youth Role Model Award for Volunteerism, but in 2005, she won the National Aboriginal Achievement Award Youth Award and in 2006 she won a YMCA/YWCA of Winnipeg Young Woman of Distinction Award.



One strong community

The new Aboriginal Centre building represents not only the culmination of a dream, but also ushers in a new era of opportunities for the Aboriginal community on campus.

The two-storey brick and stone building reflects First Nation, Métis and Inuit cultural values. Featuring a sustainable design, the Aboriginal Centre offers a sunny central gathering space for Aboriginal students and others, a spacious student lounge, comfortable study areas, and a circular Healing Room. The Aboriginal Student Centre makes its new home here, as do other units involved with Aboriginal programs and services.



The Aboriginal Student Centre (ASC) is a place that provides students with the support and assistance for academic, cultural, financial, and personal needs. There are academic advisors who can assist you with filling out applications, course selection and registration assistance, navigating the university system, tutorial referrals, and advocacy issues. There are cultural support networks like the Elder-in-Residence, counselors, sharing circles, and the Annual Traditional Graduation Pow Wow. Not to mention the ASC is a source of information for students to find information on Aboriginal-specific scholarships, job postings, social activities, volunteer opportunities, and much more!

Aboriginal Student Centre

"At the Aboriginal Student Centre everyone is so helpful. They have things like photocopying, faxing, and computers for us to use and they will at any time answer our questions about courses, schedules, and scholarships. The Centre also has an Aboriginal Lounge that helps new students, like me, meet other Aboriginal students. Even though the university is big, the centre is a small community."
Clayton Thomas, U1 student



Aboriginal Student Centre: (204) 474-8850

**The University of Manitoba Downtown
Aboriginal Educational Centre: (204) 982-4220**

Experience of a lifetime

Your university years will be some of the most memorable of your life. At the University of Manitoba you will have the chance to build friendships and gain knowledge to build your future.

With more than 130 years of experience and tradition we have learned that a university is built not by one person but by a community of people. Every student has a valuable contribution to make to our university and we know that by coming together to share our stories and build our dreams we will create Aboriginal leaders, role models, and success stories.

Supportive Environment

At the University of Manitoba our focus is on you – the student, and fitting into your life. We are committed to your success, both inside and outside the classroom. Our Aboriginal student services, Aboriginal student groups, and Aboriginal Student Centre are there to ensure you succeed academically, socially and professionally.

The Aboriginal Student Recruitment Officers (ASRO's) and their team of U Crew student role models participate in university events, services and work hard to recruit more Aboriginal students to the University of Manitoba. Acting as university ambassadors, they provide information about programs, admission requirements and the importance of attending the University of Manitoba. They are eager to provide on-campus tours, or deliver presentations to your community or school.

Aboriginal Student Recruitment & U Crew: (204) 474-9983

The University of Manitoba Aboriginal Students Association (UMASA) is an association that helps organize recreational, political, and cultural events for you throughout the year.

Aboriginal Students Association: (204) 474-8396

The University of Manitoba is a leader in program and course development for Aboriginal students, integrating traditional teachings, while introducing students to university life.



The Aboriginal "U" Crew

Attending university can be daunting, especially moving from a small community to a big city, but the Aboriginal "U" Crew is there to support you. They will help you connect to other Aboriginal students, the Aboriginal community, and provide you with the resources to succeed in your first year.



Not just a number

"The University of Manitoba really is the university of choice for Aboriginal students and people interested in Aboriginal health! The Centre for Aboriginal Health Education offers me resources that are vital to me during my Medical career and helps anyone looking for knowledge in Aboriginal health. The centre gives me a place to study, meet other people, and make friends as well as colleagues. I am staying true to my Métis culture and am staying close to the people that helped me get to where I am today. I want to give back and pay it forward to the next generation of Aboriginal students."
Ashley Blais, Faculty of Medicine.



Courses that open doors

"When I started I didn't know much about the university, but the Intro course helped me to get to know the university. It provided me with the skills to be a better student and now I want to help communities learn and preserve their languages."
Anna Nelson, Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics.

