Indigenous Community Update & Access Programs

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Indigenous Language Programs

For Indigenous communities, languages are integral to identity, cultural continuity and survival as nations.

The Department of Native Studies offers a three-year general degree focusing on Indigenous language alongside required courses on Indigenous theory and methods. Indigenous languages can also be taken as a minor with another academic program or, you can take individual classes.
Access as a program model

Access and Outreach Programs are initiatives that focus on educational attainment for populations that do not traditionally and/or have difficulty pursuing college or university. They support people of various ages in gaining exposure to careers, interpersonal and literacy skills, academic credits or credentials – with the ultimate goal of enabling students in their pursuit of post secondary education or training.
The U of M Access Program

UMAP/HCAP – May 1st

The University of Manitoba Access Program provides holistic support to students choosing to begin an academic journey. Students may qualify for Access if there is a demonstrated personal, academic or financial need. Students who live in the north or remote locations are encouraged to apply.
Access students are supported with:

- Academic Advising
- Personal Counselling
- Full-time Indigenous Unkan (Grandfather)
- Financial Advisor
- Smaller Classes
- Learning Labs
- Tutoring Hours Included
- Connection to the Indigenous Community
Support units utilizing an Access program model:

• Engineering Access Program – ENGAP – May 1\textsuperscript{st}

• Aboriginal Nursing Cohort Initiative – ANCI – May 1\textsuperscript{st}

• Inner City Social Work Program – ICSWP – March 2\textsuperscript{nd} for fulltime and Feb 3\textsuperscript{rd} for part-time