



Circle News

Aboriginal Student Centre

September 8, 2009



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ASC is now on Facebook and Twitter!

Join the Aboriginal Student Centre Facebook group to get the latest information important to you as a student at the University of Manitoba!

Facebook Group Name:

U of M Aboriginal Student Centre

Twitter: rasmussjASC

Message from the Director

Welcome all new and returning students!

The Aboriginal Student Centre is here to provide services designed to support your academic endeavors by building on your strengths. Because it is not always easy being here, the mandate of the Aboriginal Student Centre consists of promoting pride in who we are and where we come from. Attending University does not have to come at the expense of losing our languages, cultures, or traditions.



It is important to remember why you are here and to remain focused on your goals so you don't let obstacles get in your way. There is a lot of support available, including Elders, counselors, friends and family. Use the supports if you need them and offer your support to others when it is requested. This is part of our philosophy – together none of us need to feel alone.

If there is anything you need, or you want to check out events that are being planned, please feel free to drop by the office. We are located

on the first floor of Aboriginal House and we are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Our phone number is (204) 474-8850. The Aboriginal Student Centre website address is: www.umanitoba.ca/student/asc and our e-mail is: asc@umanitoba.ca. We certainly look forward to seeing you and hope you become actively involved with the wonderful Aboriginal family we have here at the University of Manitoba. Come join the Circle!

In education, unity and spirit, Miigwetch, Kinanaskomitin, Niawenhko:wa, and

Thank You,

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Your card-swipe access to Aboriginal House has expired.

Current Members: Renew your access to Aboriginal House by renewing your membership emailing the *Aboriginal Student Centre* at asc@cc.umanitoba.ca. Membership renewals

will only be accepted through email. In the email, please provide us with your full name, student number, and phone number.

New Members: You must apply in person at the Front Desk at the Aboriginal Student Centre.



Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarship and bursary postings are available in our binder at the Aboriginal Student Centre, Facebook, Twitter, and in our Newsletter, but since there are so many out there we are sure to miss a few. Here are a few sites that will help you find scholarships and bursaries:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/aboriginal/aboriginal_scholarships_and_bursaries.shtml

www.studentawards.com

http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/

Financial Aid and Awards encourages you to self-declare as a person of Aboriginal descent. This will make you automatically eligible for a number of awards! Self-Declaration forms are available from the Aboriginal Student Centre, or you can check the box that applies to you on your University of Manitoba application form.

List of upcoming awards that require applications:

Wiciwawin Aboriginal Alumni *Emergency* Bursary

Deadline: None. Disbursement is based on emergency.

Link: Application form available at Financial Aid & Awards Office: (204) 474-9531

George Weston Scholarship

Deadline: August 28, 2009

Link: http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/media/George_Weston_Scholarship.pdf

Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Post Secondary Education Award

Deadline: August 31, 2009

Link: <http://www.helenbettyosbornefdtn.ca/HBOMF%20PDF%20FILES/form.pdf>

Annual Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards (Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – National Youth Council)

Deadline: September 14th, 2009

Link: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/youth/awards.html>

Note: You must be nominated to be eligible for this award.

RBC Royal Bank Scholarships for first year Medical and Dental Students

Deadline: September 30th, 2009

Link: <http://www.rbcroyalbank.com/scholarships/medical-dental/eligibility.html>

Housing First... Building Foundations Bursary Program Application

Deadline: September 15th, 2009

Link: http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/pubs/bursary/bursary_fund_app.pdf

Note: You must be a resident of Manitoba Housing to be eligible for this award.

University of Manitoba General Bursaries

Deadline: October 1st, 2009

Link: http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/bursaries/index.html

Note: In addition to applying for the general bursary, make sure you apply for special bursaries for which you are eligible (http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/bursaries/1515.htm)

Manitoba Hydro Aboriginal Engineering and Management Bursaries

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Link: http://www.hydro.mb.ca/careers/student_opportunities/awards/1889.pdf

Manitoba Hydro Aboriginal Technology Bursaries

Deadline: October 1, 2009

Link: http://www.hydro.mb.ca/careers/student_opportunities/awards/1889b.pdf

Rhodes Scholarship in Canada

Deadline: October 2nd, 2009

Link: <http://www.canadianrhodes.org/welcome>

Employment Equity Education Awards 2009 – Management – Manitoba Lotteries Corporation

Deadline: October 2, 2009

Link: <http://www.mlc.mb.ca/MLC/content.php?pageid=520&langdir=E>

Special Bursary Program for Aboriginal Medical Students – The Canadian Medical Foundation

Deadline: October 9, 2009

Link: http://www.medicalfoundation.ca/page/en/aboriginal_bursary

Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth Scholarships

Deadline: October 15, 2009

Link: <http://www.ccab.com/faay.html>

Important Dates

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| September 8 & 9 | University I Orientation |
| September 9 | Fall Term 2009 Fees are due by 4:30 pm |
| September 10 | Classes begin |
| September 10-23 | Registration Revision Period for Fall Term 2009 & Fall/Winter 2009/2010 |
| September 21 | UMASA Back to School BBQ outside of Aboriginal House |
| September 23 | Last day to drop Fall Term 2009 & Fall/Winter Term 2009/2010 courses |
| November 18 | Final Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline for Fall Term 2009 courses |
| December 9 | Classes end |
| December 10 – 23 | December Exam period |
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What's NEW for 2009-2010

Registration and Fees:

Tuition Fees have increased for all students. Please check [fee information](#) applicable to your program.

The 50% refund of tuition fees on one term courses has been eliminated. Refer to the [Refunds](#) page for details.

- You are financially and academically responsible for all courses in which you are registered after the Revision deadline. Failure to pay for your courses **WILL NOT** result in a de-registration of courses in the current term. Failure to withdraw through normal procedures will result in a grade being assigned to all courses in which you are registered in at the end of term.



Florence Paynter & Garry Robson

Our Elders in Residence are returning for another year so please help welcome them back.

Garry will be here Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Florence TBA

You can book appointments with Karen at the front desk of Aboriginal House.



Kathryn Ritchot

Kathryn is a Métis psychologist. She is here at the Aboriginal House every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-3:30pm. You can make an appointment in person with Karen at the front desk or by calling 474-8850

New! Important changes to Manitoba Student Aid

The Federal government has recently announced the new **Canada Student Grants Program (CSGP)** which will begin with the 2009-2010 academic year. These grants will reduce the amount of debt you must repay when you complete your degree!

For more information, follow these links:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/grants.html>

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/ourprogram/funding.html>

UMASA info:

The University of Manitoba Aboriginal Students Association (UMASA) is a non-profit, service delivery group which works along side the University of Manitoba Student's Union. Our goal is to help make University life a pleasant one. The Aboriginal Students Association provides personal, cultural and moral support to all our members, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

UMASA provides support and information on Aboriginal issues by planning and organizing recreational, political, social and cultural events throughout the year. All registered U of M students who support these initiatives are encouraged to join.

UMASA also provide our members with two centres to gather, meet, and relax. The UMASA Lounges are located in Room 113, Helen Glass Centre and the Aboriginal House at 45 Curry Place.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Aboriginal Film Festival, National Aboriginal Day, UMASA Back to School BBQ/ Membership Drive, O-Week-Aboriginal Showcase, Children's Holiday Party, Monthly Family Nights, UMASA Guest Speakers Series, Annual Traditional Graduation Pow Wow, Annual Elder's & Traditional Peoples Gathering, Cultural Programming & Field Trips, Sports and Recreation: *Intramural Floor Hockey, volleyball and Slo-Pitch.*

Thanks,



Shirley Delorme Russell

Will be here at Aboriginal House every Tuesday afternoon to help students with all there questions and concerns regarding bursary and scholarship information .

No appointment necessary



Native Studies News

The Department of Native Studies has a list of undergraduate courses for this fall with some spots still available here is a listing.

NATV 1200 - The Native Peoples of Canada with Dr.Nickels (6 credits)

NATV 1220 - The Native Peoples of Canada Part I with Dr. Shore (3cr)
(this course is also taught online and off campus)

Introductory Cree is offered online through Campus Manitoba

NATV 1270 - Introductory Ojibway with Roger Roulette

NATV 2000 - Aboriginal Film with Dr. Nickels

NATV 2020 - The Metis of Canada with Dr. Nickels.
(also taught online)

NATV 2080 - Inuit Society and Culture with Dr. Trott (also online)

NATV 2100 - Aboriginal Spirituality (Downtown Campus) - Dr. Nickels

NATV 2410 - Canadian Native Literature - Dr. LaRocque

NATV 3240 - Native Medicine and Health - Kathy Kinew (Bannatyne Campus)

NATV 3360 - Aboriginal Women of Canada - Dr. LaRocque

NATV 4300 - Residential School Literature - Dr. Eigenbrod

We also invite everybody to come to our colloquia, every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. either at the Aboriginal House or at 307 Fletcher Argue. The speaker for our first colloquium at the Aboriginal House on September 16 will be Richard Van Camp, acclaimed Tlicho writer and storyteller.

For more information and details regarding our courses please contact Renate Eigenbrod at 474 7026 or eigenbro@cc.umanitoba.ca

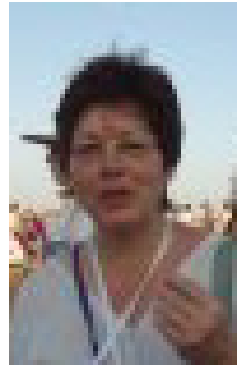
We wish you all an enjoyable and a successful academic year!

Native Studies Department



A bribe for your professor

A professor was giving a big test one day to his students. He handed out all of the tests and went back to his desk to wait. Once the test was over, the students all handed the tests back in. The professor noticed that one of the students had attached a \$100 bill to his test with a note saying "A dollar per point." The next class the professor handed the tests back out. This student got back his test and \$56 change.



Kimberly Wild

Is now living way up in Colville Lake NWT for those who didn't know Kim left us this summer to start a new life experience and we all wish her well in her journey.

Here are a few pictures of Colville Lake.



PROMOTING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY TOGETHER

University | PACT Program Information for Students

University | invites and the Aboriginal Student Centre invites all new and returning Aboriginal students to join PACT: Promoting Aboriginal Community Together. This is a new program for Aboriginal students!

Are you feeling nervous about coming to university? Not sure where you'll go to for help? Not sure where to meet people? Wondering if you'll do well in university?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions then this program is for you, because you are not alone! Students who become involved in the program will be provided with a Meet and Greet in September, mentoring opportunities, academic workshops, an online forum, and social gatherings to meet and make new friends.

Working in partnership with the Aboriginal Student Centre, the UI PACT program will facilitate and celebrate Aboriginal student success and help develop a closer Aboriginal student community.

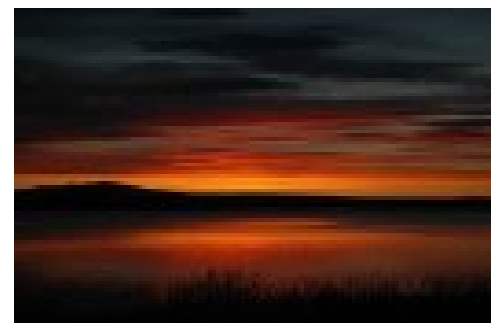
A Meet and Greet Information is being planned for September 2009. Detailed information will be sent to all of those interested in attending. Please contact one of the coordinators for more information!

PACT PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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Science Help Centres

The Departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics in the Faculty of Science have Help Centres that can assist you with your studies. Most of them hold regular hours during the Fall and Winter Terms (we will post their office hours when they are made available), but the Department of Statistics and the Department of Computer Science help centres are open during the summer. Here are their hours:

Statistics Help Centre

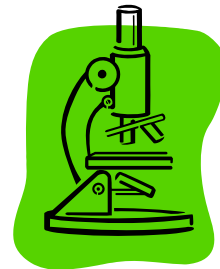
Location: 311 Machray Hall

May 4 – June 22

Monday 10:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 10:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday 10:30am – 12:30pm

July 3 – August 19

Monday 10:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 10:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 10:30am – 12:30pm



Computer Science Help Centre

Location: E2-422A

Monday – Friday 1:00pm – 4:00pm



Important changes to the University's Tuition Refund Policy

The University's Board of Governors has recently approved changes to the tuition refund policy. The change eliminates the 50% refund for all courses. The new refund policy is effective Fall Term 2009.

Withdrawal and Fee Refunds:

In order to receive a refund of fees, students wishing to withdraw from courses must do so before the end of the Revision Period in each term. Specifically, the following applies to refunds:

For Fall Term courses (Sept. to Dec.), students must withdraw prior to the end of the Fall Term Revision Period (**September 23**).

For Winter Term courses (Jan. to April), students must withdraw prior to the end of the Winter Term Revision Period (**January 19**).

A student withdrawing from a spanned course in Fall Term after the Revision Period will receive no refund for the Fall Term fees paid, but will not owe Winter Term fees for the course.

A student withdrawing from a spanned course during the Winter Term Revision Period will not owe fees for Winter Term.

A student withdrawing from a spanned course after the Winter Term Revision Period will receive no refund.

A student who has paid in full for a spanned course at the beginning of Fall Term, and who withdraws after the Fall Term Revision Period will receive no refund for Fall Term fees, but will receive credit for the Winter Term fees.

A student who has paid in full for a spanned course at the beginning of Fall Term, and who withdraws after the Winter Term Revision Period, will receive no refund of fees.

Learning Assistance Centre (LAC)

"Investing 1 hour is an Investment in Your Academic Success!"

If you are interested in improving your writing, note-taking, time management, and exam study skills consider attending the Learning Assistance Centre workshops.

Workshops are scheduled throughout the Fall and Winter Terms. Writing tutors are also available. You can either make an appointment or contact a writing tutor online. Workshops and appointments with tutors are **free** for University of Manitoba students (students are limited to two appointments per week).

The LAC is open to students at 201 Tier. Office hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except Thursdays over the summer when they are open at 10:30 am. To make an appointment, call (204) 480-1481 or drop in at 201 Tier.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/u1/lac/>

The Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) presents a series of free one-hour workshops in the fall. During the year, study skill and writing support can be accessed by clicking on "links" or "handouts" on the left menu. You can also visit the [Virtual Learning Commons](#) (log in using your UMid and password) for useful tips and strategies on writing and studying.

No registration is necessary to attend these workshops, all you need to do is show up at the assigned date and time.

Alternatively, if you would like to learn about any of the workshop topics, please feel free to set up an individual appointment with a tutor at the LAC



Developing Successful Study Skills

| Date (2009) | Time | Location |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| September 19 <small>*registration required (Saturday session)</small> | 9:30 a.m.-12:00p.m. | TBA |
| September 22 | 10:30-11:20 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 22 | 3:00-3:50 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 22 | 5:30-6:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 23 | 9:30-10:20 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 23 | 1:00-1:50 p.m. | 207 University Centre |

Writing a Critical Review Paper

| Date (2009) | Time | Location |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| September 30 | 12:30-1:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 30 | 5:30-6:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
| October 1 | 9:00-9:50 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| October 1 | 1:30-2:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |

Preparing for Exams

| Date (2009) | Time | Location |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| September 30 | 9:30-10:20 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 30 | 2:30-3:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
| October 1 | 10:30-11:20 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| October 1 | 3:00-3:50 p.m. | 207 University Centre |

Writing Academic Papers

| Date (2009) | Time | Location |
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| September 19 <small>* registration required</small> | 1:00-3:30 p.m. | TBA |
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Exam and Test Taking Strategies

| Date (2009) | Time | Location |
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| September 30 | 10:30-11:20 a.m. | 207 University Centre |
| September 30 | 3:30-4:20 p.m. | 207 University Centre |
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Native Studies Colloquium

Richard Van
Camp



Front Foyer Aboriginal
House

September 16/09

11:30am Free Pizza Lunch

12:30 Colloquium starts



Free Pizza Lunch

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Blair Robillard

THE GAMES GUY

Coordinator of the Aboriginal Mentorship Program out of the University of Manitoba is Presenting an opportunity for training and employment in the field of recreation.

Information Session will be held on
September 22, 2009 at
Aboriginal House from 11am—1pm.

Aboriginal Student Centre

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REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

UMASA BBQ

11-3pm

Looking for Employment?

Grads and students! Looking for a job? Check out these websites:

www.amik.ca

<http://campusen.workopolis.com/campusen.aspx?action=Transfer&View=Content/Common/CampusLoginView&lang=EN&theme=campusen>

www.eluta.ca

<http://aboriginallynx.ca/>

We also have many current job postings in a binder at the front desk at the Aboriginal Student Centre. Please ask **Karen Richard** for the binder!

The staff at the Aboriginal Student Centre can look over your resume and help you write a cover letter. Including a cover letter with your resume drastically improves your chances of success when applying for a job, especially when you mention (1) where you saw the ad, (2) what you know about the employer and, (3) how your skills and strengths fit those required by the position. The cover letter must be free of spelling and grammatical errors.

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