July 13, 2020

Concentration Opportunity
A program of elective study focused on Aboriginal Business/Economy sustainability studies is available to MBA students. Please note that the course NATV 7290 can be taken alone for MBA elective credit and does not have to be taken as part of this full IIS package.

Aim
This concentration of study focuses on Aboriginal business (entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainability). The aim of the concentration is to provide opportunities to understand the historical and contemporary influences impacting a sustained contribution of Aboriginal businesses to the Canadian economy. Students may work directly with businesses or communities if they wish through projects offered in several of the courses.

Requirements
To earn the concentration, MBA students must complete 12 credits of available courses on the subject. In 2020-2021, the available courses are as follows. Be sure to register at the 7000 level where available:

- NATV 3120 (3 ch) Exploring Indigenous Economic Perspectives- Fall 2020: 10:00-11:15 am Tuesday and Thursday
- NATV 3160 (3 ch) Fundraising for Indigenous Organizations- Winter 2021: 10:00-11:15 Tuesday and Thursday
- NATV 7290 (3 ch) Seminar in Exploring Indigenous Economic Resilience- Fall 2020: 14:30-17:15 Wednesday
- POLS 3870 (3 ch) Politics of Indigenous-Settler Relations- Winter 2021: 14:30-17:15 Tuesday
- POLS 7270 (3 ch) Indigenous Politics- Fall 2020: 14:30-17:15 Monday
- POLS 7270 (3 ch) Comparative Indigenous Politics- Winter 2021: 14:30-17:15 Monday

The flexibility in this IIS concentration allows the student to focus on areas of interest which will reveal the complexity imbedded in the Aboriginal business experience. Students will have the opportunity to work with a business or community on a feasibility study in NATV 7290. The student will then have the opportunity to build on these experiences in IDM 7010 (required) through a feasibility study or business plan project with Dr. Wuttunee as faculty advisor.

To register for the courses above, please contact Dr. Wanda Wuttunee at 204.474-6405 or w_wuttunee@umanitoba.ca for more information on this concentration and for permission (email) to enrol in the NATV courses above. If taking one of the POLS courses, you must obtain permission (email is sufficient) from Dr. Royce Koop, Head, Political Studies (royce.koop@umanitoba.ca). Then please contact Ewa Morphy at ewa.morphy@umanitoba.ca to register for the course(s).