

Learning Online

Potential Experiences in the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance

If you are considering taking the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance degree (IGD) via distance, there are things you should know and consider before applying.

Distance courses are offered in two distinct ways: online courses, and web-conferenced courses. Online courses have no set class times, with lectures being pre-recorded and learning activities and assignments pre-arranged. Web-conferenced courses allow you to participate in a live, face-to-face class, and will have predetermined class times. Both provide engaging learning opportunities, but both require certain technologies, infrastructure, and supports to be effective.

To successfully participate in the IGD via distance, you'll need – at minimum – the following:

- A computer that is less than five years old.
- A webcam (built-in or external), speakers or headphones, and a microphone
- A computer with installed and up-to-date internet browsers and installed web-conferencing software (free). You'll need a current operating system: we recommend Windows 7, 10, or Mac OSX Sierra
- A fast, wired, broadband internet connection
 - The minimum bandwidth for web-conferencing software is 1Mbps upload and 4Mbps download. Check with your internet provider to confirm you have sufficient internet speeds. Double-check your internet speed online (www.speedtest.net/, etc.)
 - We do not recommend joining class via mobile devices
- A high internet usage cap. Ensure you have sufficient data usage if you have a cap on your internet plan. A single 1.5-hour class may use between 1GB and 2.25GB (exact usage may vary). Students are encouraged to carefully monitor their usage to avoid expensive overages

If you have access to **all of the above**, great! You should be able to participate in both online and web-conferenced classes successfully.

If you do not have access to all of the above, we do not recommend joining the program via distance without first speaking to a program advisor. There may be workarounds that we can arrange, but they may impact or limit your experiences within the program. We'll need to discuss what we can make work for your situation.

Next steps:

- Connect with your e-learning mentor right away to discuss expectations and supports: ellearningmentor@yukoncollege.yk.ca
- Connect with a program advisor indigenousgovernance@yukoncollege.yk.ca, or phone the School of Liberal Arts at 867.456.8528.

Need help? Reach out.

- IT Helpdesk: Monday–Thursday, 8:30am–9:00pm. Friday, 8:30am–5:00pm. Weekends, 1:00pm–5:00pm
 - Call [867.456.8610](tel:867.456.8610)
 - Visit yukoncollege.yk.ca/student-life/technical-resources