

Native Studies

Native Studies is an academic discipline designed to provide both Native and non-Native students with an opportunity to explore the cultural, historical, and contemporary situation of Native people of North America. The Native Studies program offers students core courses in Native Studies with interdisciplinary course offerings.

Major in Native Studies

Students majoring in Native Studies are required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours in Native Studies, including the following courses:

NATI 1006	Introduction to Native Studies
NATI 2503	Research Strategies in Native Studies
NATI 3203	Native Philosophy
NATI 3603	Native People and the Colonial Experience
NATI 3903	Native People and the Law I

In addition to the number of courses offered by Native Studies, courses may also be drawn from the cross-listed course offerings and the University of New Brunswick with permission from the Chair of Native Studies.

Courses without formal prerequisites and numbered in the 2000 or 3000-range are intended for students who have completed 30 credit hours of courses at the 1000-level. While not always a formal prerequisite, students are strongly encouraged to take NATI-1006 prior to taking a course at the 2000- or 3000-level. Assistance in planning a course of studies for the Major in Native Studies is available through the Chair of Native Studies.

Any 18 credit hours in Native Studies is sufficient to constitute a Minor in Native Studies.

Honours in Native Studies

Students interested in an honours degree in Native Studies should inform the Chair of the

Advanced Course on Aboriginal History

- NATI 3603 Native People and the Colonial Experience
NATI 3633 Maliseet/Passamaquoddy History
NATI 3643 Mi'kmaq History
NATI 3943 Métis Issues
NATI 4623 The Archaeology of First Nations History in Canada: Theory

Advanced Course on Law and Regulation

- NATI 3713 Are Aboriginal People Human? 'Human' and 'Aboriginal' Rights
NATI 3913 Native People and the Law II
NATI 3923 Aboriginal Rights: The Land Question
NATI 3933 Aboriginal Peoples and International Law

Advanced Course on Social and Health Sciences

- NATI 3623 Native Education and Colonization
NATI 3843 Suicide and Indigenous Peoples
NATI 3853 Alcohol, Drugs, and Indigenous Peoples
NATI 3863 Indian Public Health
NATI 3873 Introduction to Indigenous/Cultural Psychology

In exceptional circumstances, NATI 4503, a three-credit independent study course can be taken in place of one of the above required courses.

NATI-4503. Independent Study

This is a third- or fourth-year course of study under the supervision of a member of the faculty of Native Studies. It is arranged with the consent of the Chair of the Department and in consultation with the professor.

NATI-4996. Honours Thesis

Students are required to complete a thesis proposal preferably by the end of their third year. By the beginning of the second semester of their third year, students should choose a member of the NATI faculty to be their advisor for writing the honours proposals. Advisors will guide the students through the process of developing a workable thesis and building annotated bibliographies on the relevant topics. Students will be asked to formally present their thesis to the Native Studies faculty for discussion and feedback.

Courses

NATI-1006. Introduction to Native Studies

A survey course that introduces students to the discipline of Native Studies. Its purpose is to increase the student's understanding and sensitivity towards the past and present experience of Native peoples. Using both oral and written records, the course will examine pre-contact history and culture, the influences of colonialism in the post-contact era, and contemporary issues.

NATI-1103. Beginning Mi'kmaq

This course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the language. The aims are listening comprehension and basic oral expression.

NATI-1113. Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy I

This course is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the language. The aims are listening comprehension and basic oral expression.

NATI-1123. Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy II

This course is intended to follow Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy I (NATI 1113) in an intensive language program. Taught primarily without the use of English or writing, it will build on grammatical patterns learned in Part I of this course through drill, practical applications and the introduction of new verbs and nouns. The goal of the course is to enhance listening comprehension and basic oral expression. Prerequisite: NATI 1113 Beginning Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy I.

NATI-1133. Maliseet/Passamaquoddy for Early Childhood

This course is designed for non-fluent parents of infants and young children in an intensive language learning program. It will focus on basic conversation in speaking about infants and to toddlers to age five. Pre-requisite: NATI 1113 Beginning Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy I.

NATI-1123. Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy II

This course is intended to follow NATI-1113 Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy I in an intensive language program. Taught primarily without the use of English or writing, it will build on grammatical patterns learned in Part I of this course through drill, practical applications and the introduction of new verbs and nouns. The goal of the course is to enhance listening comprehension and basic oral expression. Prerequisite: NATI-1113 Beginning Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy I. (Intended for students at St. Mary's, and is not eligible as elective for students doing a Minor, Major, or Honours in Native Studies.)

NATI-1133. Maliseet/Passamaquoddy for Early Childhood

This course is designed for non-fluent parents of infants and young children in an intensive language learning program. It will focus on basic conversation in speaking about infants and to toddlers to age five. Pre-requisite: NATI-1113 Beginning Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy I.

NATI-1143. Maliseet/Passamaquoddy for the Pre-School Classroom

This course is designed for parents and teachers of pre-schoolers. It will focus on vocabulary for the pre-school classroom. Pre-requisite: Fluency in Maliseet/Passamaquoddy, or NATI-1133. Maliseet/Passamaquoddy for Early Childhood,

NATI-2103. Intermediate Mi'kmaq

This course is designed to facilitate communication in Mi'kmaq at a functional level. It focuses on listening and speaking skills through basic conversation, and the study of grammar, phonics, structure, vocabulary, and word formation. Prerequisite NATI 1103, Beginning Mi'kmaq.

NATI-2113. Intermediate Maliseet I

This course is designed to facilitate communication in Maliseet at a functional level. It focuses on listening and speaking skills through basic conversation, and the study of grammar, phonics, structure, vocabulary, and word formation. Prerequisite NATI 1113, Beginning Maliseet.

NATI-2123. Intermediate Maliseet II

This course is intended primarily for students in an intensive language learning program. Whereas Intermediate Maliseet I focuses on Dual subjects in Transitive and Intransitive forms, this class will provide practice with those dual forms and introduce "I-you" and "You-me" verbs plus Past Tense and Future Tense in Dual forms. Pre-requisite NATI-2113, Intermediate Maliseet I.

NATI-3113. Conversational Maliseet/Passamaquoddy

This course emphasizes fluency using all forms taught in Intermediate Mi?kmaq. Class will be conducted as an immersion class, and oral traditions of storytelling and public speaking will be featured. Prerequisite: Intermediate Maliseet NATI 2113 or basic fluency in Maliseet.

NATI-3203. Native Philosophy

This course examines Native cosmologies (world views) and ways of thinking, feeling, and knowing as the foundation of indigenous spiritual, political, social, and economic systems. Defines the continuing existence and vitality of traditional Native philosophy and traces its influence on Western knowledge. Prerequisite: NATI 1006 or by permission of instructor.

NATI-3223. Native Environmental Ethics and Ecology (HMRT)

Examines traditional and contemporary environmental values and practices of Indigenous peoples in North America. Considers the impact of Western values, practices, and ecological theories on Indigenous peoples and their environments. Particular attention will be given to the ways in which traditional environmental ethics remain viable in contemporary societies.

NATI-3313. Contemporary Issues in Native/Non-Native Relations

The course will examine social, political, and legal issues in the relations between Aboriginal and Immigrant societies in North America. Discussion will include theoretical approaches and the conflict between theory and reality.

NATI-3403. Special Topics

This course is directed primarily at upper-level students majoring in Native Studies, and other students seeking to understand and work with Native communities. The specific topic of the course will vary from year to year. Topics such as Native Systems of Law, Oral Traditions, Racism, and Native Health Care may be the focus in any particular year. Students will be expected to do library and/or field research, and to present and defend the results of their study in class.

NATI-3416. Topics in Native Studies

This course is directed primarily at upper-level students majoring in Native Studies, and other students seeking to understand and work with Native communities. The specific topic of the course will vary from year to year. Topics such as Native Systems of Law, Oral Traditions, Racism, and Native Health Care may be the focus in any particular year. Students will be expected to do library and/or field research, and to present and defend the results of their study in class.

NATI-3446. Topics in Native Studies

This course is directed primarily at upper-level students majoring in Native Studies, and other students seeking to understand and work with Native communities. The specific topic of the course will vary from year to year. Topics such as Native Systems of Law, Oral Traditions, Racism, and Native Health Care may be the focus in any particular year. Students will be expected to do library and/or field research, and to present and defend the results of their study in class.

NATI-3503. Advanced Research Strategies in Native Studies

This course will examine advanced research methods of particular use in research with indigenous populations. Both qualitative and quantitative methods will be covered, although one or the other may be emphasized in any particular semester. Prerequisite: NATI 2503 Research Strategies in Native Studies.

NATI-3603. Native People and the Colonial Experience

This course will look at colonialism as a strategy of imperialism and as a model for understanding North American Native history. Different types of colonialism will be explored, i.e. classic, internal, and neocolonialism, and an emphasis will be placed on the history and continuing impact of colonialism on Indigenous peoples and cultures of North America. The course will also analyze Christian missions, the fur trade, and colonial government policies, as well as exploitation, racism, war, indoctrination, genocide, and cultural appropriation as manifestations of colonialism. Responses to colonialism, including resistance and decolonization, will also be considered. Prerequisite: NATI 1006.

NATI-3613. Native Resistance and Liberation

Focuses on the many historical and contemporary forms of Native resistance to colonization, including violent and non-violent resistance, revitalization movements, and self-determination. Explores liberation theory and its roots in colonial oppression. Analyzes historical and contemporary resistance movements such as the Ghost Dance Movement, the Riel Rebellion, the fish-ins, the confrontations at Wounded Knee and Oka, and the movement for decolonization through self-determination. Prerequisite: NATI 3603 or by special permission of the instructor.

NATI-3623. Native Education and Colonization

This course will examine traditional forms and philosophies of education in Native societies, and the changes that have occurred since contact and colonization. It will also examine the formal education of Natives by the immigrant society as indoctrination for civilization and assimilation. It will look closely at residential and day schools in Canada and the United States and the effect they have had on contemporary Native societies and cultures. Special attention will be given to the relationship between education and cultural survival, and the importance for Native people to reclaim and control the education of their children. Prerequisite: NATI 3603 or permission of the instructor.

NATI-3633. Maliseet/Passamaquoddy History

This course will explore the cultural, social, and political past of the Maliseet/Passamaquoddy People through archaeological, oral, visual, and material documentation, as well as primary and secondary written sources. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the Maliseet form of life and how it has been affected by colonization. Class will also study how the perspective of different writers influences what gets recorded and taught as history. An important theme of the course will be the relevance of the past to the present. Class will consist of lectures and discussions with occasional films and special speakers. Prerequisite: NATI 1006, Introduction to Native Studies.

NATI-3643. Mi'kmaq History

This course will explore the cultural, social, and political past of the Mi'kmaq People through archaeological, oral, visual, and material documentation, as well as primary and secondary written sources. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the Mi'kmaq form of life and how it has been affected by colonization. Class will also study how the perspective of different writers influences what gets recorded and taught as history. An important theme of the course will be the relevance of the past to the present. Class will consist of lectures and discussions with occasional films and speakers. Prerequisite: NATI 1006, Introduction to Native Studies.

NATI-3703. Indigenous and Western Economics and the Idea of Development

Examines indigenous economic cultures and the impact of western economic culture on traditional social organization and values. Looks closely at the fur trade, capitalism, industry, technology, and their effects on environment and indigenous cultures. Analyzes the development of dependency and the idea of economic development. Alternatives in which Native economic values provide the basis for viable economic endeavours will be considered.

NATI-3713. Are Aboriginal People Human? Are Aboriginal People Human? Human and aboriginal Rights

The goal of this course is to conceptualize the fundamental justifications for human rights and contrast those with Aboriginal rights. Some relevant questions that this course will explore are: Why do Aboriginal peoples need a different class of rights? Are Aboriginal rights theorized in an equitable manner? What processes are served by conceiving and executing Aboriginal rights as we see them today? What attributes do Aboriginal peoples lack which makes them not fully human?

NATI-3803. Indigenous Cultures and Immigrant Ethnic Minorities

This course examines the different situations and conditions of Indigenous cultures and immigrant ethnic minorities in Canada and the treatment of each by different levels of government. Special attention is given to attitudes, perceptions, and the idea of multiculturalism. Emphasizes the importance of power variables in the examination of immigrant and Indigenous relations in Canadian society. Also examines how immigrant ethnic minorities often form coalitions becoming the dominant culture subordinating Indigenous cultures. Prerequisite: NATI 1006 or SOCI 1006.

NATI-3813. Native Cultural Identity and Cultural Survival (HMRT)

Considers cultural identity and survival within the context of inequality (power, wealth and status). Focuses on the ways in which Native language, group solidarity and community offer cultural completeness, acting as barriers to assimilation. Historic and contemporary Native cultures are presented as dynamic and flexible. Prerequisite NATI 1006 or SOCI 1006.

NATI-3823. Native Peoples and the Canadian Form of Racism (HMRT)

The indigenous peoples of Canada are often included as an afterthought in academic works on racism, which tend to focus on Black-White relations. However, rather than being marginal to understanding the issues of race and racism, the early encounters between European and Native Americans are central to its proper understanding. The issues which arose from Columbus' explorations remain as central to understanding modern racism as they were to the creation of racist ideology in the first place, and the treatment of indigenous peoples in Canada today is shown to be a direct intellectual descendent of the material need to deny the humanity of other human beings.

NATI-3843. Suicide and Indigenous Peoples

Suicide is, and has been for nobody knows how long, rampant in indigenous populations in Canada. Despite well-publicized projects targeting specific communities, none of the interventions have been able to demonstrate any positive effect; if anything, the problem continues to worsen. We examine critically the field of Suicidology as it applies to the Native Peoples of Canada and suggest reasons why efforts to prevent suicide have not paid off. We also explore different kinds of interventions that may be more successful.

NATI-3853. Alcohol, Drugs, and Indigenous Peoples

This course provides an introduction to issues of alcohol and drug use/abuse in indigenous communities (concentrating on Canada for the most part, but including reference to such issues in other indigenous communities worldwide). Traditional uses of substances which alter consciousness are reviewed, as well as the role that the introduction of unfamiliar psychoactive substances played in European expansionism and colonialism. Modern models of addiction and programs for recovery are critically examined and placed within the context of creating a continuing marginalization of indigenous cultures by dominating ones.

NATI-3863. Indian Public Health

Health statistics show Native Peoples in Canada as public health disasters: high rates of diabetes, tuberculosis, cancer, suicide, AIDS, etc. are regularly reported. Standard accounts typically find a way of attributing the problems to Indians themselves (e.g., genetic explanations or lifestyle choices). We critically examine the methodologically-individualistic biases of standard accounts of Indian ill-health and place Native public health issues in an historical and materialist framework instead. Alternative forms of interventions are also considered.

NATI-3873. Introduction to Indigenous/Cultural Psychology

While psychology has an important place in examining and understanding issues of the modern world, it has long been shown to be founded upon certain ideological presumptions that make it inapplicable to and inappropriate for work with indigenous peoples. A different formulation of psychology, which predated the current form but which was abandoned for no substantial reason, has in recent years been offered as a replacement, or at least an alternative, for the current model. We examine this formulation and apply it to psychology issues arising in indigenous peoples/communities of Canada, and show how this re-conceptualization gives rise to substantively different approaches to addressing those issues.

NATI-3903. Native People and the Law I

The Evolution of the Indian Act - a legal history of the legal-political relationship between Native peoples and Europeans from early contact times to the British North America Act. An analysis of the Indian Act as a document of protection/assimilation in Canadian Government policy.

NATI-3913. Native People and the Law II

An analysis of court decisions affecting questions of the t6 18,(Tc n)Tj-0.005 ntistgiern--as in other indi

faculty of Native Studies. It is arranged with the consent of the Chair of the Department and in consultation with the professor. Enrolment is restricted to students who wish to pursue an area of special interest.

NATI-4623. The Archaeology of First Nations History In Canada: Theory

This course is intended to examine First Nations historiography in early historical periods to Confederation and compare standard accounts with facts and perspectives that have been kept out of mainstream sources. The contributions of archaeology, cartography, oral history, and ethnohistory will be considered along with the issues of context, perspective and ethics, in researching and writing First Nations history. Prerequisite: NATI 1006.

NATI-4633. The Archaeology of First Nations History In Canada: Practice

This course is intended to follow NATI 4623 and focus on the period 1900 to the present. Students will be expected to research a particular topic within the context of Canadian history, identify what has been left out, and explicate why this is likely the case. Students will also learn to access and evaluate a broad variety of sources including archives, oral traditions, and internet sources. The goal will be to develop the capacity for evaluating and reinterpreting standard accounts, and for articulating new understandings. Prerequisite: NATI 4623.

NATI-4996. Honours Thesis

Students are required to complete a thesis proposal preferably by the end of their third year. By the beginning of the second semester of their third year, students should choose a member of the NATI faculty to be their advisor for writing the honours proposals. Advisors will guide the students through the process of developing a workable thesis and building annotated bibliographies on the relevant topics. Students will be asked to formally present their thesis to the Native Studies faculty for discussion and feedback.

Native Language Immersion Teaching Certificate Program

Introductory and Foundation Courses

NATI-3473. Theory and Practice in Native Language Immersion Education

This course analyzes the research of Drs. Tove Skutnabb-Kangas, Jim Cummins and others in language loss, first and second language learning, and immersion education. It focuses also on the strategies, experiences, and educational results of existing Native Language Immersion programs, particularly those of the Hawaiians, Maoris, Navajos, Mohawks, Okanaganans, and Inuit. Fluency in Maliseet or Mi'kmaq is not required. Prerequisite: NATI 4123 Native Language Immersion Teaching, or by special permission.

NATI-4123. Introduction to Native Language Immersion Teaching I

This introductory course in immersion teaching focuses on training fluent speakers of Mi'kmaq or Maliseet/Passamaquoddy to teach using their own language as the language of instruction. The course surveys research and practice in Native language immersion education and focuses on the development of culturally relevant curriculum and teaching materials for Mi'kmaq and Maliseet/Passamaquoddy immersion classrooms. Includes also a linguistic component focusing on structures and concepts in each language. Fluency in Mi'kmaq or Maliseet/Passamaquoddy.

Skills Development Courses

NATI-3453. Teaching Adult Immersion

Using research in second-language acquisition, this course identifies Tjuagfi comersion

methods for teaching a Native language as a second language to adults. It emphasizes the oral approach for developing conversational fluency and considers means for assessing students, establishing appropriate goals, and evaluating learning in basic conversation. Fluency in Maliseet or Mi'kmaq is required. Prerequisite: NATI 4123 Native Language Immersion Teaching, or by special permission.

NATI-3463. Immersion for Kindergarten

This course focuses on strategies for teaching all subject areas in the mother-tongue, particularly to children who come from English-speaking homes. It pays particular attention to methods for achieving fluency, with special attention to teaching pre-primary literacy and numeracy skills. The course will also consider culturally appropriate teaching styles and curriculum planning, in relation to the physical, social, and emotional development of the kindergarten child. Prerequisite: NATI 4123 Native Language Immersion Teaching, or by special permission.

NATI-4133. Accelerated Methods for Teaching the Target Language in Core Programs (Immersion)

This course, conducted entirely in the target language, is designed to provide language teachers with teaching methods designed for accelerated language acquisition in an immersion classroom. Its goal is teaching beginners to think and achieve proficiency in the language in a short time. Working with a small number of representative nouns and verbs, this teaching technique moves quickly from simple present indicative forms to complex conjunct forms. Prerequisite: NATI 3103. Conversational Mi'kmaq, or NATI 3113 Conversational Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy, or the equivalent, or fluency in the target language.

NATI-4143. Methods in Immersion Teaching I

This course focuses on approaches to teaching in a full immersion setting for the daycare,

NATI-4433. Practicum in Early Childhood or Adult Immersion

This practicum in either an early childhood, kindergarten, or adult immersion classroom will allow the student to develop and practice skills learned in the immersion methods courses. Fluency in Maliseet or Mi'kmaq is essential. Prerequisite: Completion of twelve half-credit courses in the Native Language Immersion Teacher Training.

Linguistics Courses

NATI-4213. Morphology in the Target Language

Morphology is the description of grammatical forms in a language. As such this course studies the internal structure of words. It looks especially at the smallest units which have the ability to change meaning in a word, and defines the grammatical rules that apply. Prerequisite: NATI 2103, Intermediate Mi'kmaq, or NATI 2113, Intermediate Maliseet/Passamaquoddy, or the equivalent, or fluency in the language.

NATI-4223. Phonology in the Target Language I

Phonology is the study of general phonetics in relation to the sound system of a language. Focusing on the target First Nation language it will consider the reproduction of sounds, particularly consonants and vowels, and study the various orthographies (writing systems) of the language. Prerequisite: NATI 2103, Intermediate Mi'kmaq, or NATI 2113, Intermediate Maliseet/Passamaquoddy or the equivalent, or fluency in the language.

NATI-4233. Verbs in the Target Language I

This course will analyze verb stems, animate and inanimate, transitive and intransitive verbs, and additional structural elements including person, tense, singular, plural, negative and affirmative, in indicative, conjunct and imperative forms. Prerequisite: NATI 1103, Beginning Mi'kmaq, or NATI 1113, Beginning Maliseet/Passamaquoddy, or the equivalent, or fluency in the language.

NATI-4243. Phonology in the Target Language II

This course is intended primarily for students in an intensive language learning program. It will provide practical experience with elements of Phonology in the Target Language I, with special emphasis on reading and writing. Pre-requisites are NATI 4223 Phonology in the Target Language I.

NATI-4263. Verbs in The Target Language II

This course builds on knowledge of verb forms taught in NATI-4233 and introduces more complex forms such as the true plural, changed and unchanged conjunct, inverse forms, indefinite subject forms, absentative and dubitative preterit. Students will be asked to analyze existing texts in the language and develop their own texts using the various forms. Pre-requisites: NATI-4233. Verbs in the Target Language I or by special permission.

Immersion Courses

NATI-4163. Language Arts in Preschool (Immersion)

This course is designed to introduce teachers to methods for teaching non-fluent preschoolers in the medium of the target language. Using an activity centered orientation it focuses on fluency for children ages one to five in a progression based on the centrality of verbs in First Nations languages. Students will also learn how to incorporate fun and play into all aspects of their teaching. Prerequisite: Conversational Mi'kmaq, NATI 3123 or Conversational Maliseet/Passamaquoddy, NATI 3103, or the equivalent, or fluency in the target language.

NATI-4243. Literature and Writing in the Target Language (Immersion)

This course, conducted entirely in the target language, will survey and analyze published materials in the language focusing on representative samples from early historic documents and liturgical writings, to dictionaries, recorded oral traditions, and more contemporary documents, including children's literature and curriculum materials. Particular attention will be paid to content, orthographies, grammatical changes, and historical and contemporary uses for the texts. Students will also gain experience writing essays in the language. Prerequisite: NATI 3103. Conversational Mi'kmaq, or NATI 3113 Conversational Maliseet/Passamaquoddy, or the equivalent, or fluency in the target language.

NATI-4443. History in the Target Language (Immersion)

This course, conducted entirely in a First Nation language, will focus on pre-contact and post-contact history, both oral and written. Texts used for the course will be those materials written in the language, both manuscript and published sources. Speakers on oral history will be invited and tape collections, where available, will be utilized. Students will be expected to research and write papers in the language on selected topics. Prerequisite: NATI 3103 Conversational Mi'kmaq, or NATI 3113 Conversational Maliseet/ Passamaquoddy, or the equivalent, or fluency in the target language.

Cross-Listed Courses

ANTH 2313	Archaeology of Early Societies – The Americas
ANTH 2013-2153	Area Ethnography
HMRT 1006	Introduction to Human Rights
POLS 3503	Human Rights in International Relations and Foreign Policy
RELG 3473	Native American Religions
RELG 3483	Mi'kmaq and Maliseet Religions
SOCI 2013	Research Design & Method
SOCI 2023	Understanding Statistics

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