Welcome to the Office for Aboriginal Peoples at Simon Fraser University! For all the various Aboriginal people, services, and programs available at our great university.

The Office for Aboriginal Peoples (OAP) was established in 2009 and its first Director, William G. Lindsay, began his tenure in January 2010. The mandate of the OAP is to take the lead on implementing the Aboriginal Strategic Plan at Simon Fraser University.

The Aboriginal Strategic Plan is a comprehensive document covering all things “Aboriginal” at SFU. This plan was initiated by a SFU Aboriginal Community Initiatives Steering Committee which was chaired by Dr. Lisa Sterling, who also served as special advisor to the Vice-President, Academic.

The Aboriginal Strategic Plan was passed by university senate in 2007. Although the Office for Aboriginal Peoples was yet to be established, there were long established, new, and ongoing Aboriginal initiatives, services, and programs in place all over the university.

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Totems at Discovery Park, Burnaby

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Coast Salish Singing & Drumming Workshops

SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement and the Office for Aboriginal Peoples presents the free Coast Salish Drumming and Singing workshops.

These workshops are free and open to the public on a drop-in basis.

Instructor Biography:

Russell Wallace is a board member for the Warriors Against Violence Society. He is a composer, producer and is a traditional Lil'wat singer. Wallace's music has been part of a number of film, video, and television soundtracks and theatre/dance productions. He was the composer in residence for the Chinook Winds Aboriginal Dance Program from 1996-2003 at the Banff Centre for the Arts. He has produced CD's that have been nominated for awards at the Junos, Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, and at the Native American Music Awards in the USA. Currently Wallace works and teaches at the Native Education College and works with SFU's Vancity Office for Community Engagement to present Singing and Drumming Workshops.

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Coast Salish Singers
Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement Programs (SAGE)

SAGE is an interdisciplinary and cross-institutional peer mentoring program designed to support Aboriginal graduate students with the successful transition into and completion of their graduate programs.

Simon Fraser University is an institutional host of SAGE for graduate and undergraduate Aboriginal students.

SAGE for Aboriginal graduate students:
There are multiple institutions involved in SAGE across the province. SAGE for graduate students meets approximately every 4-6 weeks. The meetings in the lower mainland are co-hosted and shared between UBC Vancouver and SFU. Meetings alternate between the campuses and members are welcome to attend all meetings regardless of location.

SAGE for Undergraduate students:
SAGE-U is a new initiative of which SFU is an active member. Six other universities across British Columbia are part of SAGE-U. SAGE-U is a peer mentoring program specifically designed to assist Aboriginal undergraduate students transition into graduate school.

For more information about SAGE-U please visit: www.aboriginaltransitions.ca

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Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership

The Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership explores contemporary business issues and knowledge while recognizing that the traditional protocols and ways of understanding the world are also growing and changing as new generations assume responsibility for moving forward.

The program includes the core concepts and knowledge included in most MBA programs, but recognizes that traditional knowledge also plays a significant role in aboriginal leadership and decision making. It is designed for aboriginal and non-aboriginal students working within this context.

The Beedie School has many years of experience customizing programs and courses to meet the needs of individual students and is used to working with adults who have already proved themselves but want to enhance their capacities.

http://beedie.sfu.ca/EMBA-Aboriginal-Business-Leadership/

Frog Constellation by Jim Hart
Information for Aboriginal Alumni

Welcome back to Simon Fraser University! You can physically leave SFU but it never really leaves you. Aboriginal alumni of SFU are now numbering in the thousands. We would thus like to encourage you to stay in touch with your alma mater. There are ways to do so generally and as a member of SFU’s Aboriginal alumni.

Stay connected to SFU in an "Aboriginal" way:

- Receive the weekly Tuzz e-mail newsletter sent out by the Indigenous Student Centre. This newsletter contains information concerning events, job opportunities, scholarships and bursaries, and other relevant news for Aboriginal students and alumni here at SFU.
- Receive an invitation to the yearly Honoring Feast which celebrates Aboriginal graduates during Convocation Week.
- Receive notices and updates regarding the potential formation of an Aboriginal alumni group at SFU.
- Be on the growing list of Aboriginal alumni who attended SFU.
- To receive all of the above benefits, please subscribe to the Aboriginal alumni list by contacting the Indigenous Student Centre at askISC@sfu.ca

The university also provides all SFU alumni with numerous benefits and services. Please visit www.sfu.ca/alumni for further information regarding on-campus resources, preferred rates and discounts on life’s necessities, general alumni events, and much more. We look forward to staying connected.

Indigenous Recruitment

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Elder’s Program

The Elders will visit, share advice, talk, listen and share history and stories.

Visit time: 11:30-1:30 pm every Monday and Thursday
Location: The Indigenous Student Centre, AQ 2002, Burnaby Campus
Tea and bannock will be served.

For more information, please visit:
http://www.sfu.ca/aboriginalpeoples/elder-s-program-.html
First Nations Language Proficiency

CERTIFICATE in FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

This program is for students who wish to acquire conversational and literacy skills in a particular First Nations language, to teach this language in schools, or to enhance their language for cultural reasons or professional objectives.

The certificate consists of 27 units. At least 12 units must be earned by completing courses in the First Nations language itself. The certificate can be completed on a full or part time basis. Advanced placement through course challenge to a maximum of nine units is possible for fluent speakers. Credit may be applied to a specific language and is achieved by examination from an instructor in that language with the approval of the department.

Units applied to this certificate may also be applied to major or minor programs or to a bachelor's degree under normal regulations governing those program, but may not be applied to another Simon Fraser University certificate or diploma. The certificate is especially suitable to those who wish to gain proficiency in a First Nations language. It is open to aboriginal and non-aboriginal students.

Admission Requirements
Normally, Simon Fraser University admission requirements applies. Students may be admitted under regular or special entry categories. Application assistance and advice is available at the offices either at First Nations Studies (Burnaby or Kamloops) or at the Department of Linguistics.

Completion Requirements in addition courses include:
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0 calculated on all courses applied to the certificate.
- Students complete or achieve equivalent credit by means of course completion.
- Duplicate courses are counted only once.

Completion of the certificate normally within five years of program admission.

For further information about the certificate in First Nations Language Proficiency, contact:

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Student Success Programs

Opting-Out of Student Medical coverage on campus? Visit ihaveaplan.ca

Indigenous Student Centre welcomes First Nations, Inuit and Métis students with a range of programs, to enhance their academic success at SFU, that are respectful, relevant, and responsible in a friendly reciprocal environment.
First Nations Student Association

The First Nations Student Association is an independent student-run organization for all self-identified Aboriginal, First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Status/Non-Status students here at SFU. The First Nations Student Association (FNSA) is a student organization whose mandate is two-fold: to personally, academically, and culturally support First Nations students (Inuit, Métis, Status and Non-Status) and to educate the campus community on First Nations issues. This includes advocating for services and resources for students and the promotion and sponsorship of activities on campus that demonstrate the cultural diversity of First Nations people. It also includes hosting panel discussions, workshops and conferences as well as responding to any negative media portrayals of First Nations peoples.

The FNSA is located in the First Nations Students Common Room and Study Room in TC 3108 and TC 3112, in the Rotunda. The rooms are for First Nations students to meet and socialize, and for quiet study.

The Common Room has computers with Internet access and a printer, a telephone, fridge, microwave and other kitchen supplies as well as tables, couches and chairs, all of which have been donated by various individuals and organizations.

The First Nations Student Association formed in the early 1990s and over the past few years the organization has been working to bring about changes to the support services and equipment that are necessary for student success. FNSA has organized workshops and panel discussions in the past.

To join as a student, email the board your name and they will add to email list and let you know upcoming events. Email: fnsa-board@sfu.ca

Office of Indigenous Education

The Faculty of Education is committed to collaborative work with diverse Indigenous communities and organizations as well as with individual students and educators in a range of rural and urban locations. Our Indigenous focus is inclusive of Aboriginal peoples in Canada (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) as well as Indigenous peoples from other countries.

Our vision emphasizes:

- Collaboration and equal partnerships with a diversity of Indigenous communities and organizations
- Equitable representation of Indigenous people in enrollment across programs
- Integration of Indigenous content and perspectives across the curriculum
- Equitable representation of Indigenous people on faculty and staff, support and encouragement of Indigenous research and scholarship
- Integration of Indigenous awareness and local protocol as part of all faculty and staff orientation
- Requirement of anti-racism, multicultural and Indigenous pedagogical approaches as a part of all teacher certification
- Equitable representation of Indigenous peoples in enrollment across programs

The Burnaby campus Faculty of Education main office is located in the Education Building, Room 8501.

Note: As of October 2013, Program Area offices (Undergraduate Programs, Professional Programs, Graduate Programs and Field Programs) are located in Discovery 1 on the Burnaby campus.

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Aboriginal Housing Information

For general residence and housing information, please see SFU Student Services Residence and Housing (http://students.sfu.ca/residences/)

Priority Access Policy

Simon Fraser University’s Residence and Housing Office currently has a Priority Access Policy in place for certain groups of applicants to Residence and Housing. This includes Aboriginal applicants. The term “Aboriginal”, in accordance with Section 35 (2) of the Canadian Constitution, refers to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit applicants who self-identify as such. Accordingly, SFU Residence and Housing is prepared to offer priority access to Aboriginal applicants who:

Self-identify as Aboriginal applicants on the Residence and Housing application form and on their faculty/program admission application. Student Services will provide Residence and Housing with a list of applicants to SFU who have self-identified as Aboriginal.

Submit completed applications on time to the Residence and Housing Office. Please check the Residence and Housing website for deadline dates.

Some residence and housing units may be held aside for late applicants who apply under this policy. However, as numbers and guarantees may vary from year to year, applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible and within deadlines application dates.

Aboriginal Housing Information

Totem outside First Nations Studies

First Nations Studies

The Burnaby-based First Nations Studies Program provides historical, cultural and anthropological contexts on issues that affect not only First Nations communities but also Canadian society as a whole.

Is the First Nations Studies program for you?

If you are interested in the culture, ancient and modern histories, art, politics and languages of First Nations peoples, then the answer is “yes”. Students in the Program are encouraged to have an open mind, and to be curious, accepting and understanding of different cultural values and new ways of thinking.

Areas of study

The First Nations Studies program facilitates a greater understanding of the complexities of these issues in order to achieve their resolution. It does this through a presentation of a First Nations perspective, most often delivered by a First Nations faculty member.

Students may take a range of courses on the cultures, languages and origins of Canada’s first peoples, Aboriginal peoples’ perspectives on history, First Nations research methods, Aboriginal rights and government relations, First Nations literature, First Nations women in Canada, and indigenous knowledge in the modern world. Students gain the opportunity to participate in an Aboriginal Studies field school jointly offered with universities in Australia and New Zealand, and to choose from several certificates.