





Indigenous Business Studies (INBU) 490

Applied Research in Indigenous Business (Revision 1)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online 

Credits:

3

Area of study:

Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies)

Prerequisites:

INBU 462 or professor approval.

Precluded:

None

Challenge:

INBU 490 is not available for challenge.

Faculty:

Faculty of Business 

Overview

This course offers an innovative opportunity for learners to apply and hone the knowledge and skills attained in the Indigenous Business Studies program. Learners will engage with an Indigenous community, organization, enterprise, or other entity to complete a research project with real-world relevance. Learners will gain experience using a Two-Eyed Seeing approach by integrating, applying, and reflecting on Indigenous and Western knowledge within a specific First Nations, Inuit, or Métis context.

Learners will work both independently and in close collaboration with an Indigenous Community Partner to develop a proposal, conduct research, and write a report. Learners will be supported by an instructor and will present their findings and reflections to a committee comprising both academic and community representatives. Course assessment encompasses the project deliverables as well as the learner's self-reflection and overall growth.

This applied research project offers considerable flexibility for learners to undertake a research project that interests them and their community partner. Learners will be expected to manage their project timelines and to reach out for support when needed.



Important notice: Athabasca University recognizes that this course deals with sensitive topics that might trigger challenging emotional issues for some students. Students are reminded that they must participate within their own capabilities and limits. Students may discuss with the course professor to find support for their mental wellness. Neither the professor nor Athabasca University is responsible for any personal problems that should arise during the participation in this course.

Outline

Stage 1: Preparation and Approval Overview

- Milestone 1: Learning Plan
- Milestone 2: Understanding Engagement

- Milestone 3: Foundations Portfolio
- Milestone 4: Understanding Research
- Milestone 5: Project Proposal

Stage 2: Research and Writing

- Milestone 6: Action Plan
- Milestone 7: Draft Report

Stage 3: Sharing and Finalizing

- Milestone 8: Committee Preparation
- Milestone 9: Presentation
- Milestone 10: Final Report


Evaluation

Your final grade in INBU 490 is determined by a weighted average of the grades you receive on six assignments. To receive credit for INBU 490, you must achieve a minimum overall grade of D (50 percent) or better for the entire course.

The weightings for each assignment are as follows:


Activity	Weight
Learning Plan	10%
Foundations Portfolio	10%
Applied Research Project Proposal	20%
Action Plan	20%
“What Have I Learned” Presentation	10%
Applied Research Project Report	30%

Activity	Weight
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

All of your course work must be submitted before 12:00 midnight (Mountain Time) on the final day of your contract.

Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a **Course Administration and Technology Fee** , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

Digital course materials





Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

Walker, R., Jojola, T., & Natcher, D. (Eds.). (2013). Reclaiming Indigenous planning. McGill-Queen's University Press.

Other Resources

All other learning resources will be available online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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