Indigenous Studies (INST) 391

Group Research Projects in Indigenous Studies (Revision 2)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** ⤴ for the current revision ⊗
Delivery mode:	**Individualized study online** ⤴
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Humanities
Prerequisites:	**Course coordinator** approval is required. 3 credits in Native/Indigenous Studies are strongly recommended.
Precluded:	INST 391 may not be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for **INST 390**, NTST 390, or NTST 391.
Challenge:	INST 391 is not available for challenge.
Faculty:	**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** ⤴

Overview

Indigenous Studies 391: Group Research Projects in Indigenous Studies is a student-initiated course that is based on a contracted study arrangement worked out among a group of students, an approved research project supervisor, and Athabasca University. This is an advanced course, intended for students who have completed one or more of the foundation courses.

Many adults who wish to improve or upgrade their education find that regular university courses are too restrictive in their content, pacing, or grading. Research project courses are more flexible. In research project courses, students may learn what they want to learn; such courses may allow students to do things that no one else has done before. Research project courses let students learn using their own learning styles, and working at their own pace. They allow students to continue at their jobs, and may even encourage them to pursue their jobs in their learning activities. Research project courses encourage development of both intellectual and technical skills.

Outline

The research project may involve any combination of library or field research, as agreed to by the group of students and the research project supervisor in a *learning contract* between the student and Athabasca University. The learning contract states what is to be done in the research project, how and when it will be done, how it will evaluated, and the credits to be awarded (each research project course is a three credit course). Although the University may provide some help, students are expected to obtain and pay for all of the materials used in their research project.

Students may enroll at any time during the year, but before enrolling, they must submit an acceptable *research project proposal* to the course coordinator. The research project proposal is, in effect, the first stage in the preparation of a learning contract and the determination of a suitable supervisor.

For more information, please read the **Indigenous Studies 391: Group Research Projects in Indigenous Studies Course Description** 🗎 .

Evaluation

In Group Research Projects in Indigenous Studies, students prepare a learning contract in conjunction with their research project supervisor. The learning contract is a written agreement that states the learning objectives, activities to be undertaken, timelines, and criteria for evaluating the research project proposed.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** ⤢ .

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.

Once the research project proposal is approved by the course coordinator, the students will be given access to the course website, which includes a course guide that details how to create a learning contract and how to write a research project report, and various resources to help with research and writing.

Important links

> **Academic advising** ⤢

> **Program planning** ⤢

> **Request assistance** ⤢

> **Support services** ⤢

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