

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - FIRST NATIONS SPECIALIZATION

The First Nations Studies Specialization provides all students with the opportunity to learn about the people upon whose territory they reside, to learn about First Nations people from their voices, perspectives and worldviews, while gaining an understanding of the diversity amongst First Nations peoples' cultures, values, beliefs, traditions, protocols, history, languages, and relationship with the land.

New and exciting First Nations Studies courses include:

- *Ethnobotany: Plants & First Peoples*
- *Introduction to First Nations Studies*
- *Aboriginal Language Preservation and Revitalization*
- *First Nations Community Research*
- *First Nations Education*
- *First Nations Health*

Other courses include an overall First Nations focus or a portion dedicated to First Nations issues and/or themes.

## Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmtn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

## Dates and locations

Intake	Location
Fall 2024	Prince Rupert and Terrace
Winter 2025	Prince Rupert and Terrace

Study on a full or part-time basis. Some courses are available online (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/programs/>) and by teleconference.

Note: not all courses are offered at every campus. Speak with an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>) for assistance with course selection.

This specialization program allows students to focus on First Nations Studies while still receiving the benefits of an Associate Degree. This program has been designed to facilitate maximum transfer-ability to a full Degree program or to conclude after two years at CMTN.

## First Nation Studies- associate degree

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 101 or ENGL 151	Introduction to Composition Technical Writing I	3
ENGL 102 or ENGL 152	Introduction to Literature	3
3 credits of any Math/Computer/Science/Stats Course:		3
FNST 110	Ethnobotany: Plants & First People	3
3 credits of any Science Course		3
ANTH 111	First Nations of Canada	3
ANTH 112	First Nations of B.C.	3
FNST 120	Aboriginal Languages - Preservation and Revitalization	3
HIST 209 or ARTH 210	A History of Native People of Canada Northwest Coast Art Museum and Gallery Studies	3
3 credits of any 1st year Aboriginal Language Course:		3
FNST 101	Introductory to First Nations Studies	3
FNST 200	Aboriginal Community Research	3
FNST 210	Aboriginal Health: Community Wellness & Healing	3
3 credits of any Arts Course		3
3 credits of any Arts OR Science Course		3
<b>Category 2 Courses</b>		
3 credits of any 1st year Arts Course		3
3 credits of any 2nd year Arts Course		3
3 credits of any 1st year Arts OR Science Course		3
<b>Category 2 or 3 Courses</b>		
3 credits of any 1st year Arts Course		3
3 credits of any 2nd year Arts Course		3
3 credits of any 2nd year Arts OR Science Course		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

Existing CMTN courses with First Nations Content - Category 2 and 3. The courses listed in Category 2 and 3 are not an exhaustive list of courses with First Nations content and may include other university credit courses.

1. Apply (<https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/cmtn/>) direct to the University Credit Program.
2. Submit proof of English Studies 12 or First People's English 12 or equivalent.
3. Once admitted, register in the courses required for this specialization.

English proficiency is required for all students entering CMTN programs. Please visit our English Language Alternatives (<http://coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/language-requirements/domestic-english-language-requirements/>) page to see how this requirement can be met.



Need help with the application process? Contact an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>).

Admission to an intake does not guarantee completion in 2 years.

Fees	Domestic	International
Full-time	30 Credits	30 Credits
Tuition	\$3,209.70	\$13,636.50
Mandatory fees	\$244.50	\$296.40
Lab fees (17.85 per credit) <sup>1</sup>	\$53.55	\$53.55
Student Union fees	\$112.76	\$112.76
Health and Dental Insurance <sup>*</sup>	\$295.00	\$618.38
<b>Total Tuition:<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$3,915.51</b>	<b>\$14,717.59</b>
Books & supplies <sup>3</sup>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Field School fees <sup>4</sup>	\$1,000.00	\$1000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,915.51</b>	<b>\$17,717.59</b>

**Tuition and fees effective August 1, 2025 for the 2025/26 Academic Year.**

<sup>1</sup>Lab fees are mandatory. All associate degrees require a minimum of 3 credits in laboratory science, and students may take up to 42 lab credits.

<sup>2</sup>These fees are an annual cost. Program takes two years to complete.

<sup>3</sup>Please note that these are approximate costs and may vary depending on courses taken.

<sup>4</sup>Field schools have additional costs between \$100 - \$1000.00 per field school, depending on the location and the activities. Field schools are not a mandatory component of all associate degrees, however, students are strongly encouraged to attend a field school during the spring/summer semester. Associate Degrees specializing in Environmental Geoscience are encouraged to attend a minimum of two field schools. Field schools are subject to different deposit requirements and refund rules.

<sup>\*</sup>The Coast Mountain Students Union (CMSU) is pleased to announce that Extended Health and Dental Insurance has been approved by student referendum held in March 2021. Additional information will be provided by CMSU July 2021, including details of the coverage and directions for the opt out process for students with equivalent coverage. For any inquiries about the plan or referendum, please contact Bhushra Ansari, [organiser@mycmsu.ca](mailto:organiser@mycmsu.ca)

<sup>\*</sup>Basic Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Health insurance costs will be charged every term until students provide proof of MSP.

## Career opportunities

First Nations students receive credentials and/or qualifications to work in their communities (administrative, research or supervisory positions). All students acquire the tools to carry out honourable and useful research with First Nations communities because they learn and understand

the importance of knowing the community they are working with (e.g. background, history, cultural protocols).

For those wanting to complete university degrees, an Associate's Degree in First Nations Studies can ladder into other degree programs, such as a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, or a Bachelor of Education.

