

For more than 60 years, Trent has incorporated traditional teachings and perspectives into its curricular and extra-curricular programming. In fact, Trent's groundbreaking leadership in Indigenous Studies dates back to when we became the first university in Canada, and only the second in North America, to establish an academic department dedicated to the study of Indigenous peoples and Indigenous knowledges. It's just one of the ways we think differently, and inspire our students to do the same.

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IN CANADA**
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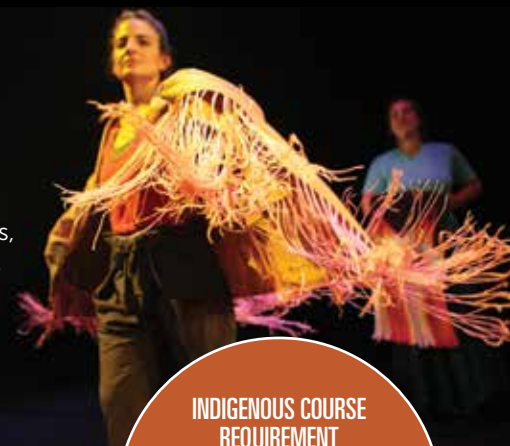
- Department of Indigenous Studies
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Indigenous Studies
- Elders & Traditional Peoples Gathering
- Indigenous Environmental B.A. & B.Sc. Programs
- Indigenous Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)

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THINK INDIGENOUS. THINK TRENT.

Leadership in Indigenous Education for 60 years.

At Trent, we don't just talk about reconciliation, we live it. Through a variety of degree programs, dedicated spaces for gathering and learning, and guaranteed career experience, Trent students gain an important understanding of history, traditions, cultures, and knowledge of Indigenous peoples. You'll make meaningful connections to community, develop career-ready skills, and become sought-after in the job market for your knowledge and experience cultivating relationships and positive connections with Indigenous community members.



INDIGENOUS COURSE REQUIREMENT

Trent is one of the only universities in Canada to ensure all students complete at least one half credit course with Indigenous content

DEGREE PROGRAMS

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (B.A.)

- Peterborough and Durham GTA
- Paid Co-op available
- 4 years
- B.A.

THE TRENT ADVANTAGE

Learn how Indigenous Peoples in Canada and around the world are shaping our world through a creative collaboration of Indigenous and Western Knowledge. You will study the historical and contemporary interactions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous societies, and the cultural foundations of Indigenous life.

Specializations: Personalize your degree

- Applied Indigenous Knowledge
- Indigenous Performance
- Niigaaniwin: The Art of Leading
- Nishinaabemowin

Trent also offers courses in Mohawk Language and Haudenosaunee culture.

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & SCIENCES

- Peterborough and Durham GTA
- Paid Co-op available
- 4 years
- B.A. or B.Sc.

The first program in North America focused on the interaction of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Euro-centric Knowledge Systems. You'll explore complex topics such as climate change, water, food systems, Indigenous health, and the environment as you learn to generate solutions to pressing current issues.

INDIGENOUS BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B.Ed.)

- Peterborough
- 5 years (Concurrent)
- B.Ed.
- Ontario Teacher Certification

Guided by the four dimensions of the circle – physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental wellbeing – Indigenous students will experience learning on the land, engage in intergenerational learning with elders, be immersed in community-based initiatives and forward the movement toward social and ecological justice.

Self-identification as First Nations, Métis or Inuit required.

MORE WAYS TO PERSONALIZE YOUR DEGREE

Joint Majors (B.A. or B.Sc.)

Enhance your Indigenous Studies or Indigenous Environmental Studies/Sciences degree by combining programs and courses from across the arts and the sciences, or from professional programs, to create a degree that is uniquely your own.

Medical Professional Stream for Indigenous Students

This pathway for Indigenous students provides you with a clear and well-supported route to medical, dental, or veterinary school. A minimum 80% average is required for consideration.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 70% overall final average
- ENG 4U with a minimum of 60%

CO-OP REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 80% overall final average
- ENG 4U with a minimum of 60%

RECOMMENDED COURSES

- 4U Math for Bachelor of Science programs


CHOOSE FROM 100+ PROGRAMS

No matter which program you choose at Trent, you can explore hands-on learning, gain career experience, conduct research with experts, and set yourself on a course to future success. Here are a few popular programs among Indigenous students or to combine with your Indigenous Studies degree for a unique joint major:


Anthropology   

Business Administration   

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology 

Biomedical Science 

Chemical Engineering:

Trent/Swansea Dual Degree 


Child & Youth Studies 

Computer Science   

Criminology   

Environmental Geoscience 

Forensic Science 

Health & Behaviour 

Kinesiology  

Law & Arts/Business:

Trent/Swansea Dual Degree  

Logistics & Supply Chain Management 


Mathematics 

Philosophy   

Physics 

Psychology   

Social Work  

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems 

Water Sciences 

Explore all programs: trentu.ca/programs 

 = Available at Trent Durham GTA  = Available at Trent in Peterborough  = Paid Co-op available

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

Trent offers exceptional diploma programs for students who self identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit and are looking to make the transition into university level studies.

- Foundations of Indigenous Learning Diploma
- Foundations of Indigenous Studies for Future Nursing Students Diploma

RESEARCH ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP

Faculty and students in the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies are working to further our understandings of Indigenous Peoples and their knowledges, cultures, and practices through three research centres associated with the school:

- Boodweh Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages
- Enwayaang Institute for Professional Learning
- Indigenous Environmental Institute

SPACES THAT INSPIRE

Across Trent's campuses, there are dedicated spaces for gathering and learning about Indigenous history and culture. These spaces help cultivate empathy, respect, and positive connections.

- Mnidoowag A'Kiing (the Spirit Lands): a sweat lodge, three tipis, and a traditional wigwam between both Peterborough and Durham GTA campuses
- Giizhigaatig (Cedar Room) in Bata Library
- Ernest and Florence Benedict Gathering Space
- Nozhem: First Peoples Performance Space
- Medicine Gardens at both campuses

GO FURTHER WITH GRAD STUDIES

Through innovative, leading master's and doctorate programs within the School of Graduate Studies, students at Trent engage in deeper conversations and advance knowledge about Canada and Indigenous Knowledges:

- Canadian Studies & Indigenous Studies M.A.
- Indigenous Studies Ph.D.
- Canadian Studies Ph.D.

trentu.ca/futurestudents/graduate



LEARN MORE about the Chanie Wenjack School of Indigenous Studies

SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Self-identifying your Indigenous ancestry on your OUAC application will ensure that you are connected with our Indigenous student supports, including academic, cultural, and financial supports. trentu.ca/fphl

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION: TRENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TOP STUDENTS

At Trent, we believe in rewarding academic excellence and making transformative educational experiences financially accessible for all students. That's why we offer some of the best entrance scholarships for university students in Ontario/Canada who achieve an 80% entrance average or higher, no application required. Entrance scholarships are also RENEWABLE each year when you maintain an 80% average or higher through each year you study at Trent.

RENEWABLE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

ENTRANCE AVERAGE	MAXIMUM SCHOLARSHIP POTENTIAL	DETAILS
95%+	\$18,118	\$6,118 first year full tuition + \$4,000 x 3 years
90% - 94.9%	\$12,000	\$3,000 x 4 years
85% - 89.9%	\$8,000	\$2,000 x 4 years
80% - 84.9%	\$6,000	\$1,500 x 4 years

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HOW TO APPLY

Apply to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) at ouac.on.ca, or by contacting fphlenrolment@trentu.ca



More Funding to Support Your Future

FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE OF LEARNING AANIIN, SHE;KON, WACHAY, BOOZHOO, KOOLAMAALSII

If you're a prospective or current Indigenous student at Trent, you can tap into dedicated personal and academic supports and services in the First Peoples House of Learning (FPHL). Located at both Peterborough and Durham GTA campuses, FPHL provides support services such as culturally-informed counselling, wraparound academic support, financial assistance, peer support and mentorship, skills workshops, and cultural programming, including ceremonies, talking circles, visiting Elders, ribbon shirt and skirt making, drum making, and song learning.



CONNECT WITH US

- 1-888-739-8885
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- 1-833-279-5930
- fphlenrolment@trentu.ca
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- @fphl_trent
- FirstPeoplesHouseOfLearning
- @fphltrent
- @trent.university

DISCOVER TRENT

Find your place at Trent. Visit campus for Open House or a campus tour to meet our community, explore our spaces, and experience what makes Trent a top undergraduate university in Canada. Tours run six days a week in Peterborough and at Trent Durham GTA.



FIND US

Directions and campus map for the Peterborough campus:
trentu.ca/howtofindus

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