



Indigenous-Focused Course Graduation Requirement

Essential Information



In effect
for 2024
graduates.

COMMON QUESTIONS



Q: Are these courses recognized at post-secondary institutions?

A: Yes, the English and Social Studies options satisfy the BC Dogwood Diploma, and are recognized across Canada.



Q: Who will teach these courses?

A: Teachers who are trained to teach in the related content area, as exists in the K-12 system currently.



Q: Why is this being put in place now?

A: In October 2021, Government directed the Ministry of Education and Childcare as part of the commitments in the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

The introduction of this graduation requirement is an important next step towards Truth & Reconciliation & supports the commitment to develop the "Educated Citizen."

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



Students graduating with a BC Dogwood Diploma will need to complete 4 credits of an Indigenous-focused course.

WHY IS THIS IN PLACE?



Develops understandings of cultures, histories, contexts and perspectives of Indigenous peoples of BC.



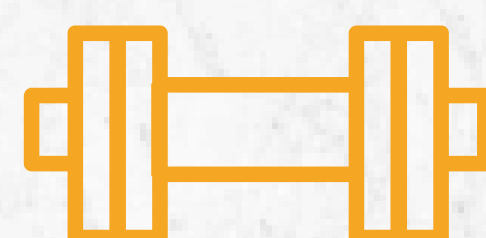
Part of the Framework for Reconciliation Action Plan in BC includes a commitment to implementing a course related to First Peoples as part of BC's graduation requirements.



Good to Know:

There is no increase to the number of graduation credits, which remain at 80.

Double Duty:



English First Peoples, Contemporary Indigenous Studies & BC First Peoples also satisfy **EITHER** the English Language Arts 12 **OR** Social Studies 12 requirement respectively (2 grad requirements at once).

Current Course Options:

- English First Peoples 10-12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Possible Future Courses:

Currently, there are locally developed courses being put forward for approval to fulfil this requirement. More info to come.

