



Mount Royal University

Indigenous University Bridging Program

Territory acknowledgement

Mount Royal University is located in the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi (real people) and the people of Treaty 7 which includes the Blackfoot — Siksika, Piikani, Kainai — the Tsuut'ina, and the Îyârhe Nakoda.

We are situated on land where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and that the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is Mohkinstsis, which we now call the City of Calgary. The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation.

We recognize and respect the diversity of all Indigenous Peoples of Canada. We also increase awareness of distinct Indigenous cultures, history and protocols across the University.



Indigenous University Bridging Program

The Indigenous University Bridging Program is a university preparation program for students of Indigenous ancestry. It's designed to meet the needs of Indigenous students preparing to pursue post-secondary education.

Indigenous University Bridging Program

Offers non-credit (upgrading) and credit courses

- Transition to a credit program
- All courses will be applied to MRU transcripts for the purpose of entrance into a post-secondary program. Courses are not applied to High School transcripts for the completion of a high school diploma. If you wish to complete your high school diploma, please check other institutions for your options.

Degree or diploma

Courses are transferable

Succeed with academic supports

Build community with other students

The Iniskim Centre has many programs and services to assist you during your studies



Program eligibility

Self-declared Indigenous ancestry (First Nations Status or Non-Status, Métis and Inuit).

Academically prepared for Math 10C and English 20-1 or higher. Please note English 20-1 is only offered in the Fall semester.

To complete the application process, you will need to submit the following:

- IUBP application, (online, mru.ca/IUBP)
- transcripts from outside of Alberta (high school and/or post secondary)
- transcripts from public institutions within Alberta (high school and/or post secondary) will be obtained for you

Program intake process

Step 1

Apply now

Submit application by:

- Fall — May 15
- Winter — Nov. 15

Step 2

Supporting documents

Complete online application, mru.ca/IUBP

Order official transcripts if you attended high school and/or post-secondary outside of Alberta.

Step 3

You're in!

Acceptance letter will be emailed to you once official transcripts are received.

Step 4

How to register

Contact IUBP staff to book a registration appointment.

Step 5

Secure funding

Deadlines and requirements vary by funding agency — options will be discussed during registration.

Investigative

Are you curious, precise, scientific and independent?

Do you like working on puzzles, solving mathematical or scientific problems and analyzing theoretical data?

Do you value abstract ideas and challenges?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Journalism
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Science

Realistic

Are you practical, mechanical and realistic?

Do you enjoy working with tools, machines, animals and plants?

Do you value structure, clear goals and results you can see or touch?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Aviation
- Health and Physical Education
- Science
- Communications

Artistic

Are you creative, independent, expressive and original?

Do you like to draw, write or perform?

Do you value freedom of expression, unstructured environments, aesthetics and creative activity?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Arts
- Business
- Computer Science
- Education
- Interior Design

Social

Are you idealistic, friendly, trustworthy, generous and helpful to others?

Do you like to help people and solve social problems?

Do you value teamwork, social responsibility, honesty and generosity?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Arts
- Business
- Child Studies
- Education
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Social Work

Enterprising

Are you energetic, ambitious, organized, convincing and sociable?

Do you like to lead and sell ideas or things?

Do you value managing, leadership and tangible results?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Broadcasting
- Business
- Communications
- Health and Physical Education

Logical

Are you orderly and good at following a set plan?

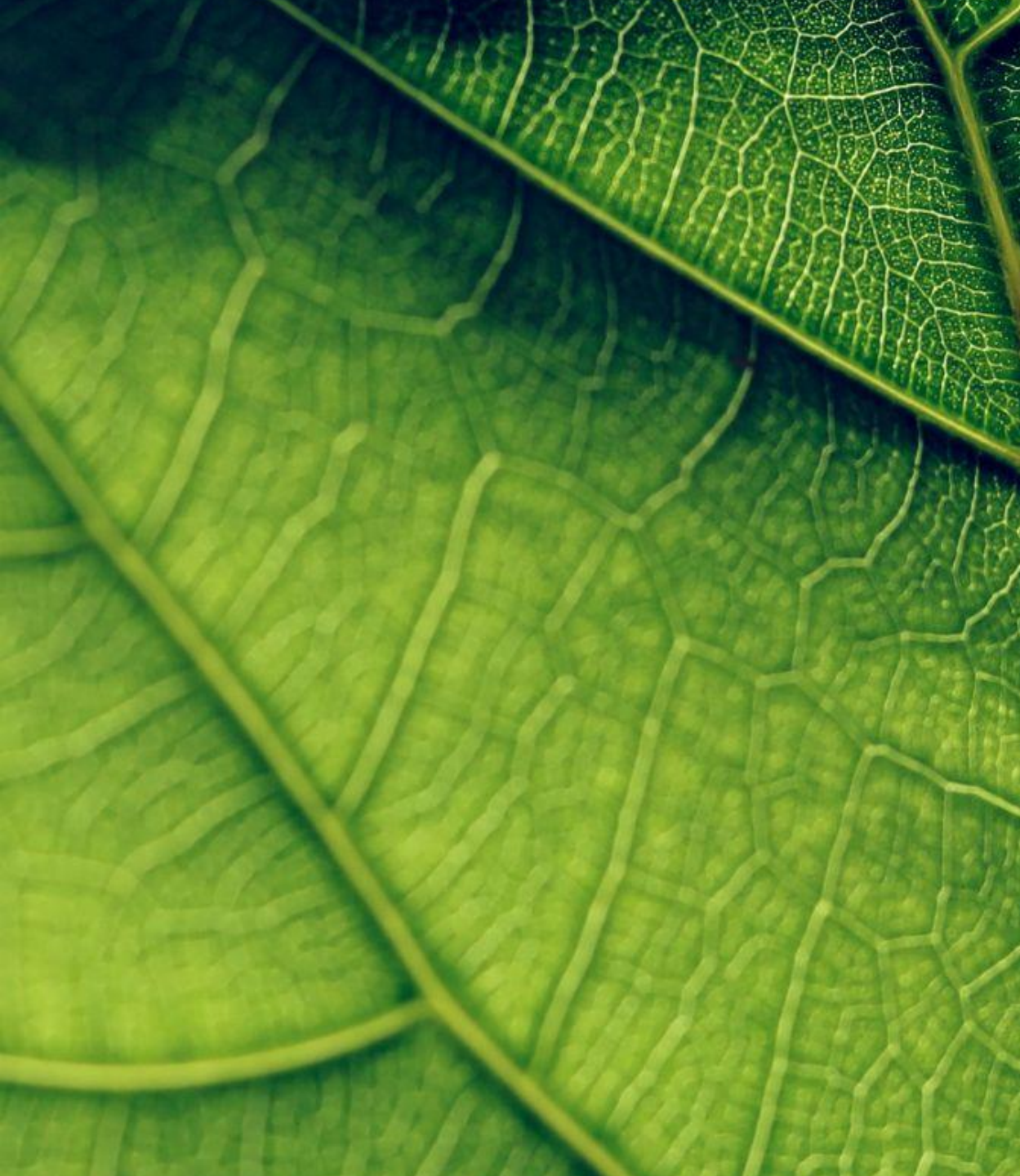
Do you like detailed procedures, rules, numbers, concrete data and policies?

Do you value clear guidelines, systems, organizations and defined situations?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Aviation
- Computer Science
- Computer Systems
- Nursing
- Science

For more career possibilities, visit alis.alberta.ca



Bachelor degrees and diplomas offered

With 37 degrees and two diplomas, Mount Royal has a variety of programs to choose from.

Explore your interests, expand your mind, and confidently prepare for the future.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) — Anthropology, Criminal Justice, English, History, Policy Studies, Psychology, Sociology

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) — Accounting, Finance, General Management, Human Resources, International Business, Marketing, Supply Chain Management

Bachelor of Child Studies (BCST) — Child and Youth Care Counsellor, Early Learning and Child Care

Bachelor of Communication (BComm) — Broadcast Media, Information Design, Journalism, Public Relations

Bachelor of Computer Information Systems (BCIS)

Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) — Elementary

Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (BHPE) — Athletic Therapy, Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership, Physical Literacy, Sport and Recreation Management

Bachelor of Interior Design (BID)

Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid)

Bachelor of Nursing (BN)

Bachelor of Science (BSc.) — Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Data Science, Environmental Science, General Science, Geology

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Aviation Diploma

Social Work Diploma

Admission requirements

Mount Royal University establishes competitive averages each year for all credit programs. You can find your competitive averages on the [Admission Requirements](#) website.

Indigenous Admission Targets

As part of Mount Royal's commitment to indigenization, we reserve several seats in most credit programs for Indigenous students. We want to ensure a proportionate representation. Anyone who self-identifies as First Nations —Status or Non-Status, Métis or Inuit will be considered for one of these seats if they meet the minimum grade requirements but not the competitive average.

Group A, B and C

A competitive average is formed by taking an applicants' top two grades in the Group A course category.

Admissions questions about degrees and diplomas?

Holly Bradshaw 403.440.6229 | hbradshaw@mtroyal.ca

Funding / Sponsorship

Band Funding

Find out your band's application process and deadlines. Every First Nation has a post-secondary program that can answer your questions and provide application forms.

Foundational Learning Assistance

The [Foundational Learning Assistance](#) program is a provincial bursary. You must be a Canadian citizen with a valid Social Insurance Number and an Alberta address and be at least 18 when starting school. Applicants must also have an Alberta Student Number (ASN) and have completed the most recent tax return available. While the bursary is intended for those unemployed or working less than 20 hours per week, a Counsel to Leave Employment can be obtained for anyone working more than 20 hours per week and needs to reduce their employment to attend classes. Only non-credit courses are sponsored by this funding.

Finding Other Options

Application deadlines vary by funding agency — contact directly for confirmation.

- Freehorse Family Wellness (Bill C-31)
- IUBP Bursary

NOTE: You cannot obtain a student loan for the Indigenous University Bridging Program.



Iniskim Centre

The Iniskim Centre offers programs and services to increase the engagement and success of Indigenous students while also raising awareness of Indigenous peoples, cultures and history.

With any program you choose, the Iniskim Centre helps you prepare to succeed in your academic pursuits and future career.

Student Supports

- Academic Advising
- Cultural Support and Smudge Room
- Emergency Bursaries
- Mentorship
- Student Success Workshops
- Study Spaces and Computer Lab
- Tutoring
 - Math, Biology and Chemistry
- Writing Support
 - Student Learning Services

Have questions about the Iniskim Centre?

403.440.5596 | iniskimcentre@mtroyal.ca

Learn more at mru.ca/Iniskim

Indigenous Housing Program

The Indigenous Housing Program provides culturally supported and affordable single-room and family units for students who self-identify as First Nations, Métis, Non-status or Inuit. Students qualify for housing based on academic readiness, academic and career goals, and financial need.

Single units

- All-inclusive rent — no added costs
- Fully furnished
- Private bedroom
- Living room / kitchen with appliances
- Semi-private bathroom
- High-speed internet / cable TV
- Phone with voicemail / free local calls
- Build sense of community
- Attend events
- 28 individuals are eligible for a 30% discount

Family units

- All-inclusive rent — no added costs
- Fully furnished
- Four x 2 bedrooms and four x 4 bedrooms
- Living room / kitchen with appliances
- Two bathrooms per unit
- High-speed internet / cable TV
- Phone with voicemail / free local calls
- Build sense of community
- Attend events
- Eight family housing units available

Have questions about our Indigenous Housing Program?

Melanie Parsons 403.440.7746 | maparsons@mtroyal.ca

Learn more at mru.ca/indigenoushousing

Frequently asked questions

You said there is family housing, but is there on-campus daycare?

Yes, there is a daycare on campus and the Iniskim Centre has reserved spots for the Indigenous Family Housing students. Learn more about [fees and closures](#).

How much does a unit cost?

Living in residence makes it easy to pay for housing while attending Mount Royal — one payment per semester covers your accommodation and all utilities (WiFi, heat, water, and electricity). Learn more about [housing fees](#).

What about parking?

There are parking spots reserved for family housing students. When you apply for residence, on the online application there is a place to apply for parking. Learn more about [residence parking](#).

Is there a deadline to apply for the Indigenous Housing Program?

We accept students on a first come, first served basis. There is no set deadline, but [register](#) once you have been accepted into the Indigenous University Bridging Program.

Student benefits

IUBP students taking one credit course automatically have a membership included in their fees; students taking non-credit courses will be offered a membership.

Cougars Athletics and Recreations

- 14,000-sq-ft fitness centre
- 200m indoor running track
- 40ft climbing wall
- 25m pool
- Five basketball / volleyball courts
- Tennis, badminton and squash courts
- Open gym times each day
- Intramurals for teams or individuals

MRU credit students have automatic access to the Recreation Centre via their athletics and recreation fee, paid with tuition each semester. Students must have their ONECard to scan for entry.

[Learn more information](#) on student access, discounted student memberships or family member discount options.



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