Consider this your invitation to endless possibilities. When it comes to your education and your future, you have the freedom to decide what kind of experience you want to have. The University of Saskatchewan (uSask) cares about your experience and success, values your education and has a stellar reputation as one of the top universities in the country.

We are a welcoming and friendly university filled with programs, services and people to help you succeed. This community is dedicated to your personal and academic growth and to improving the student experience. In 2017, uSask was featured in *The New York Times* showcasing its successes in Indigenous engagement and reconciliation. We are redefining what a university is as we continue to be leaders in Indigenous education.

Join us at the University of Saskatchewan, a place where teaching, learning, innovation and discovery meet.

The main campus of the University of Saskatchewan is located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We also have off-campus sites on Treaties 4, 8 and 10.
Hello success
Find your passion

Explore unique classes from a wide array of in-demand disciplines. With over 80 fields of study for undergraduate students, there is something for everyone.

Build your potential

Take advantage of the beautiful and bustling campus life through joining one of our 100+ campus clubs, attending a game for one of the 15 Huskie athletics teams, visiting one of the seven on-campus art galleries and museums, or exercising in the state-of-the-art Physical Activity Complex.

Create your future

Join the university with the highest number of self-declared Indigenous students of any university in Canada and get the education you need for a successful career. We boast a favorable 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio. One in four uSask students will have a hands-on research experience while working on their degree, and one in ten will have that experience in first year.
GORDON OAKES RED BEAR STUDENT CENTRE

The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre is an inclusive, intercultural gathering place that brings together the teachings, traditions and cultures of the peoples of Saskatchewan.

The centre is a place for you to connect with other students, access campus supports, use the computer lab or study in the bright and open student space. It is a place for community dedicated to the success of Métis, First Nations and Inuit students.

The centre is named after the late Gordon Oakes Red Bear, a Treaty Elder, former chief and community and spiritual leader.

It is the home of the Aboriginal Students’ Centre and Indigenous student leadership groups, and has additional space for programming and ceremonies attended by people from across the university community.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS’ CENTRE

The Aboriginal Students’ Centre (ASC), located in the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, is dedicated to supporting your academic and personal success. The ASC offers personal, social, cultural and academic support through services and events held throughout the year. The ASC team organizes hundreds of activities in support of students annually. As a part of a wider community of support available at uSask, the team works in close collaboration with partners across the university and with community organizations to connect you with services and opportunities.
ASC Programming

- Métis, First Nations and Inuit student orientation activities
- Cultural programming and activities
- Weekly soup and bannock lunches
- Student Assistant opportunities
- Student success workshops
- Elders and Knowledge Keepers programming
- Monthly first year check-ins

- Tutoring services in various subjects
- Parent Circle
- Health and wellness initiatives
- Seasonal celebrations
- Building Bridges: a collaboration with ISSAC to learn about Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultures
- Pipe and sweat lodge ceremonies
ARTS AND SCIENCE

The College of Arts and Science boasts 21 departments offering over 60 areas of study to more than 9,000 students. Through Learning Communities, specialized student advising and encouraging and engaged professors, uSask’s largest college creates a strong sense of community and support for students.

The Trish Monture Centre for Student Success is the home of support services for Indigenous students in the college. There are academic advisors that work solely with Indigenous students and who use a holistic approach to advising, working with you as a whole person, including your mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual self.

The college also offers Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP) Learning Communities, in which a group of first-year students take a common set of courses together and meet weekly with upper-year university students called peer mentors. ASAP classes have smaller class sizes with culturally-sensitive instructors, and you can take part in cultural events and meetings with Elders.

For students who don’t quite meet regular admission requirements, the college also offers the University Transition Program (UTRAN). UTRAN students get comprehensive skill building sessions, equipping students with the skills needed to become successful university students. Students in the Transition Program can register for a maximum of 18 credit units from the UTRAN Learning Communities. All courses in UTRAN Learning Communities can be used towards any Arts and Science degree.
“Be open to new experiences and meeting new people. That’s a tip I would give to any new student.”

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

St. Thomas More College (STM) is a small and welcoming Catholic liberal arts college on the uSask campus that is open to all. Any uSask student can take an STM class, and any arts and science student can additionally self-declare as an STM student to gain access to financial and student supports.

STM offers a college community where you will be challenged to think creatively and critically about social issues, where you will be taught to communicate effectively, and where you can discover the links between your personal and professional ambitions and the needs of our ever-changing society.

Indigenous students will find a great deal of transition support and opportunities for community-building at STM. With smaller class sizes in over 230 arts and science course offerings, a welcoming environment, numerous Indigenous learning and support initiatives, and additional opportunities for scholarships and bursaries.

STM professors work with the Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP) to offer courses to Indigenous students in these first-year learning communities, bringing new students together and connecting them with successful upper-year Indigenous role models. The college also has on staff an Indigenous Graduate Student Fellow to engage and support students and faculty.
The College of Engineering offers you the opportunity to gain the skills required to solve problems of local and global significance. From figuring out how a community will get clean drinking water to designing culturally appropriate infrastructure that encourages healthy communities, engineering gives you the chance to make a difference in the world in these areas and the ability to identify new challenges that you will be able to address.

The college emphasizes Indigenous student engagement, retention and recruitment, and works with Indigenous communities to conduct meaningful research such as the RBC Blue Water project, which is a comprehensive study of the water-related challenges facing the eleven First Nations community-members of the File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council in Saskatchewan.

The college works to create connections among current and prospective Indigenous students, Indigenous communities, community organizations, industry partners and faculty members. This opens doors for you to many different careers and opportunities to make an impact. One example of this is the Indigenous Peoples Industry Partnership Program that connects Indigenous students with industry partners throughout their undergraduate degree. Through this program, you will receive mentorship, financial support and summer employment, giving you practical experience and a way for you to apply what you’ve learned in the classroom.

If you want to learn more about how engineering can work for you, you can contact the Engineering Student Centre at esc@usask.ca.
EDWARDS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Edwards School of Business hosts the Rawlinson Centre for Aboriginal Business Students, one of the few dedicated spaces for Aboriginal business students across Canada. Students can use the centre for studying, meeting with classmates, accessing research resources and connecting with an academic advisor. The Rawlinson Centre includes a lounge and study area, computers, a printer and a student boardroom. Through the Rawlinson Centre funding, Aboriginal students can access dedicated student scholarships, emergency financial assistance, professional development funding and free tutoring services.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Edwards has undergraduate programming in accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing and operations management. Aboriginal students can apply directly to the Bachelor of Commerce (B.Comm.) program or they can start out in the two-year business certificate program, which is completely transferable to the B.Comm. program.

Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate

The Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate (ABAC) is a two-year program designed for those who wish to obtain a solid understanding of business practices. ABAC students move through the program as a cohort and enjoy a holistic approach to learning with access to cultural programming, peer mentors, study skills workshops and free math upgrading for those who need it. The program is designed as a pathway for students who are interested in business but who may not have the average or math prerequisite requirements needed to apply to an undergraduate degree program. At the end of year two, students can choose to graduate from the ABAC program and pursue a career or they can apply to the Bachelor of Commerce program and will be accepted with full transfer credit.

Edwards has also developed transfer agreements with the AFOA of Canada and the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) to help students more easily complete a Bachelor of Commerce degree. They offer block recognition of transfer credit and scholarships for Aboriginal students who transfer from SIIT.

“[Graduating with a degree in commerce] proves I’m capable of anything and I’m grateful my daughters get to witness what happens when you set your mind on something.”

KRISTEN BUFFALO
Edwards School of Business
EDUCATION

The College of Education is home to one of Canada’s most well-established Indigenous teacher education programs. At uSask, you will have the opportunity to study with faculty members who have proven their dedication to education in programs that have a track record of success.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP)

ITEP has been serving First Nations education since 1972 and is the largest First Nations-specific teacher education program in the country. Through this four-year program, for which you will earn your Bachelor of Education, you will learn to respond to the cultural needs of First Nations students, communities and stakeholders. ITEP offers a holistic, family-oriented approach to post-secondary education, centered around the expertise of our instructors, Elders, Wisdom Carriers and counsellors.

ITEP also offers programming outside of Saskatoon with the following partners:

- Aurora College, Northwest Territories
- Big River Cree First Nation
- Sakewew High School, North Battleford
- Onion Lake Cree Nation
Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP)

SUNTEP is a four-year program designed for Métis and non-status Indigenous students who want to teach at either the elementary/middle years or secondary level.

This program, offered in Prince Albert and Saskatoon, includes Indigenous studies and cross-cultural education. In this program, you are quickly able to apply what you learn with field experiences.

Indigenous Languages Certificate* (néhiyawêwin)

Once you’re a student in an education program, you can apply to this innovative two-year certificate to add additional experience to your degree. You will be immersed in an Indigenous language and gain a strong understanding of Indigenous teaching methodologies.

Aboriginal Teacher Associate Certificate

This program, offered through ITEP, is designed to provide sufficient post-secondary study in education to enable certificate holders to assist classroom teachers in Aboriginal language instruction and cross-cultural education, and to meet the unique and culturally specific needs of Aboriginal students.

*The Indigenous Languages Certificate is approved by the Teacher Education and Certification Committee (TECC) of the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board (SPTRB) as an Additional Qualification Certificate (AQC).

“My favourite university class was Indigenous Studies 280, learning about Métis history as that is my heritage”

JORDAN ADILMAN
College of Education
AGRICULTURE AND BIORESOURCES

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources is on the cutting edge of research and innovation. Students in this college benefit from hands-on experience in state-of-the-art facilities. The college works closely with Aboriginal peoples to develop courses that benefit and are supported by Aboriginal communities.

Kanawayihetaytan Askiy Program (Let us take care of the land)
The K.A. program understands that First Nation communities deal with complex land management issues. Some of these issues include: land use planning, community-based land transactions, natural resource transactions and environmental management. In an effort to address this need, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources offers a certificate, two diplomas and five one-credit unit courses.

- **K.A. CERTIFICATE**
  This certificate is a uniquely designed, providing a broad range of topic areas specific to the management of First Nation lands and resources. Students will attend class face-to-face, three times throughout the year, for up to two weeks. This is structured to accommodate the students work and home life.

- **K.A. DIPLOMAS**
  The **Aboriginal Lands Governance diploma** provides students with a broad background in governance, management, administration and political science as they relate to Aboriginal communities. Building on the K.A. certificate, this diploma prepares students for roles in governance. This diploma can be taken entirely online.

  The **Aboriginal Resource Management diploma** provides students with a background in resource management for Aboriginal communities. This diploma builds on the K.A. certificate and prepares students to become land managers. This diploma can be taken entirely online.

- **ONLINE LAND MANAGEMENT COURSES**
  Professional development programs in land management. Set your own schedule and study from the comfort of your home or business with these six-week online classes (one credit unit courses):
  - ASKI 203.1: Introduction to the Duty to Consult
  - EVSC 204.1: Soil Sampling Design and Implementation
  - RRM 201.1: Geographical Information System
  - SLSC 205.1: Introduction to Field Description of Soils
  - ASKI 202.1: Introduction to Land Management Frameworks
KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology is a great option if you are interested in studying human movement, active living and healthy lifestyles. The college is committed to welcoming Aboriginal students and providing meaningful engagement opportunities through to graduation and beyond as kinesiology alumni. There are five seats designated each year in the College of Kinesiology specifically for Aboriginal students.

Our faculty have worked closely with Aboriginal peoples to develop one of Canada’s first undergraduate kinesiology courses in Indigenous Wellness. You will be given many opportunities for hands-on learning, including undergraduate research opportunities and practicum experiences in athletic therapy, business, adult fitness management and cardiac rehabilitation. Meaningful research opportunities with Aboriginal communities are abundant in the college, facilitated by professors that engage students in collaborative projects.

For students interested in becoming physical education teachers, the College of Kinesiology and College of Education offer a combined degree in which you can complete both education and kinesiology degrees in five years.
NON-DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAMS

The following programs require previous post-secondary study.

**DENTISTRY**

The College of Dentistry offers a fully accredited program with small class sizes and individual attention from faculty members. Each year, three of the 28 seats are designated for qualified Aboriginal applicants.

**LAW**

The Native Law Centre, a centre within the College of Law, offers the Program of Legal Studies for Native People, an eight-week summer program that improves access to legal education for Aboriginal students and counts as credit for a first-year course in law.

The college has a team of faculty members looking at how best to fulfil call to action #28 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, ensuring all graduates have a strong understanding of Aboriginal people and the law.

**MEDICINE**

The College of Medicine Aboriginal Admissions Program designates 10 per cent of its seats for qualified Aboriginal applicants. The Pathways to Medicine Program includes Aboriginal Mentorship, Pre-Med Awards, Pre-Health Sciences information, and a Pre-Admissions Workshop. Other supports include experiential learning opportunities through Aboriginal Health Electives, scholarship and bursary information, a Toolkit for Admissions and role model information. Making the Links connects medical students to Aboriginal, rural and international communities.

**PHARMACY AND NUTRITION**

To develop effective practitioners, the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition provides students with a series of opportunities in various communities throughout Saskatchewan and beyond to gain hands-on experience and develop skills in intercultural competency. Each year, four spaces in pharmacy and two spaces in nutrition are reserved for qualified Aboriginal applicants.
VETERINARY MEDICINE

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine offers students practical training and education in a diverse range of animal health issues in a world-class teaching and research environment. Each year, the college reserves two spaces for qualified Aboriginal applicants.

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

Consider furthering your education after completing an undergraduate degree. uSask has over 150 graduate programs including areas of study as diverse as history, toxicology, education and nursing. You can focus your studies on issues relevant to Indigenous peoples in many study areas, or select a program with a distinct focus on Indigenous issues, such as:

Indigenous Studies
Using an interdisciplinary approach, students in Indigenous Studies explore the nature of Indigenous societies, both in Canada and around the world.

Governance and Entrepreneurship in Northern and Indigenous Areas
This program provides competence in the fields of governance, consultation and entrepreneurship for northern and Indigenous communities.

NURSING

The College of Nursing has set aside one-sixth of all of its seats for Aboriginal applicants and has the highest proportion of self-declared Aboriginal undergraduate students in the country.

The college has established the University of Saskatchewan Community of Aboriginal Nursing (UCAN) program to help Aboriginal students become registered nurses. UCAN offers student advising, tutoring, bursaries, study spaces, access to Elders, mentorship, help with funding and creating community connections.

Through its ‘learn where you live’ philosophy, students can complete their degree at any one of six sites across the province, including Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Île-à-la-Crosse and La Ronge, remaining close to their home communities. The college is also engaged throughout the province with clinical placements, community outreach and research projects.

“I hope that by being in the [College of Medicine], I can help other Indigenous youth realize that it’s certainly something within reach.”

JOE BUTCHER
College of Medicine
U of S Huskies linemen
LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learn how to adapt more quickly to university and benefit from the mentorship of successful upper-year students by registering in a Learning Community in your college.

In a Learning Community, you will get to know a small group of other new students who will be taking some of the same courses as you – courses that you share an interest in, or courses that are part of your degree requirements.

Participating in a Learning Community is one of the best ways for you to take charge of your learning and develop skills to help you succeed in a new academic environment.

Agriculture and Bioresources, Engineering and Kinesiology
usask.ca/lc

Education
usask.ca/education/learning-communities

To meet the needs of first-year learners, the Arts and Science Learning Communities program offers:

- First-year Learning Experience (FLEX)
- University Transition Program (UTRAN)
- Aboriginal Student Achievement Program (ASAP)

ASAP Learning Communities are unique at uSask. In ASAP, you can connect with other Aboriginal first-year students to take common classes, meet with upper-year peer mentors and connect with Aboriginal role models.

ASAP STEM

ASAP STEM is a pathway to enter and enhance your experience in uSask’s diverse science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) degree programs. You can complete prerequisite requirements for a variety of STEM degrees through STEM Accelerator courses. And in ASAP STEM Learning Communities in your first and second years, you can focus in on what you love as a student in STEM.
INNOVATIVE FACILITIES AND RESEARCH AT USASK

**Canadian Light Source**
Our campus is home to the only synchrotron in Canada, and one of the most advanced in the world. Researchers from a myriad of disciplines use the synchrotron to enhance the quality of their work, exploring everything from how to better recover from strokes to optimizing fertilizer content for farmers.

**Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation**
The history of nuclear innovation at uSask is well known—our researchers were the first to treat a cancer patient using cobalt-60 radiation therapy. The Sylvia Fedoruk Centre supports nuclear research, development and training, and will supply radioisotopes to detect and treat diseases such as cancer.

**VIDO-InterVac**
The Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization – International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) is one of the largest vaccine research and teaching facilities in the world. Researchers are studying a full range of infectious diseases in both humans and animals, and are working to develop new vaccines and methods of delivery against these illnesses.

**Global Institute for Food Security**
As the world’s population continues to grow, so does the demand for safe, reliable food. The Global Institute for Food Security is a partnership between government, private business and the University of Saskatchewan and is working to find solutions to this global challenge.

**Global Institute for Water Security**
The Global Institute for Water Security supports the sustainable use of the world’s water resources and protection against natural hazards like flood and drought. Alongside the Institute’s Canada Excellence Research Chair, faculty members, researchers and students develop tools to manage one of our most important resources.
At uSask, there are many scholarship and bursary opportunities for new Aboriginal students. Additionally, there are many community organizations and companies that provide financial assistance for education. Scholarships are normally granted for academic achievement or leadership experiences. Bursaries are usually given to students with financial need, though some bursaries may have additional criteria. Even if you have some funding for your education, receiving a scholarship or bursary can make a big difference and lead to new opportunities for you.

**Circle of Honour Awards**

uSask’s Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships, our top awards for entering students, include five designated for Aboriginal students, known as the Circle of Honour Awards. These scholarships range in value from $24,000 to $40,000 over four years and are awarded to recognize academic excellence and community engagement.

**Aboriginal Students with Dependent Children Bursary**

This bursary is open to Canadian Aboriginal students enrolled in any program of study at uSask (including degree, diploma and certificate programs) with dependent children. All eligible applicants will receive the award. The value of the awards varies.

After you apply for any of the Aboriginal specific awards at uSask, you will need to show proof of your Aboriginal ancestry, such as:

- a copy of either a Métis Nation citizenship card or a status card,
- a letter from a First Nation band or a Métis local, or
- a personal statement describing your connection to an Aboriginal community.

**ACCESSING ABORIGINAL FUNDING**

First Nations students who are eligible for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, commonly known as band funding, should contact their First Nation for more information. In Saskatchewan, most bands have postsecondary coordinators to help with this. Métis students may be eligible for financial support through Employment and Social Development Canada’s Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy. Check with your provincial Métis organization to see if they are an agreement holder. In Saskatchewan, Métis students can contact the Gabriel Dumont Institute for more information. Inuit students should contact their designated organization or Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regarding applying for support.
ENRICH YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Study Abroad
uSask offers a variety of opportunities to study abroad, including courses taught abroad, student exchange programs, internships and summer programs. We also offer funding to help you access these valuable experiences.

Child Care
There are three child-care facilities on the uSask Saskatoon campus that operate spaces for 200 children. There is also a Parents on Campus Group, where parents on campus can meet, share stories and information. There are monthly information sessions from local speakers on parenting issues (car seat safety, quick nutritious family meals, etc.) uSask also offers convenient breastfeeding locations for nursing mothers.

Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC)
The SECC contributes to student success by empowering students and alumni with the necessary tools, resources and supports to make a successful transition from education to career.

Physical Activity Complex (PAC)
Get fit at the PAC! The PAC is free for students and offers a climbing wall, a fitness centre with over 100 pieces of equipment, a swimming pool, a dance studio, a sport health clinic and a 210 m indoor track. There are a variety of free fitness classes from yoga to spin to personal training.

“If it’s not going to be us in a province like this, leading the universities’ response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, who is it going to be? If not now, when?”

PETER STOICHEFF
University of Saskatchewan President
Aboriginal Achievement Week
This week is a time to celebrate the scholarship, leadership and contributions of Indigenous students, staff and faculty to the university, Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. The week usually begins with a pipe ceremony and finishes with a round dance, and in between there are artistic performances, speakers’ panels and lectures.

One of the highlights of the week is the Aboriginal Student Achievement Award Ceremony, a time when approximately 50 Indigenous students are honoured for their academic, leadership and community outreach accomplishments.

Indigenous Students’ Council
The Indigenous Students’ Council (ISC) serves to unify, engage and advocate for Indigenous undergraduate students. Guided by an executive and general council made up of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students. The ISC holds social events, awareness campaigns and fundraisers.

Graduation Powwow
uSask has hosted a powwow on its Saskatoon campus for almost 30 years. Since 2009, the powwow has been held in the spring to celebrate the academic achievements of graduating First Nations, Métis and Inuit students from uSask and Saskatchewan high schools.

National Aboriginal Day
National Aboriginal Day is on June 21 and is a country-wide celebration of the contributions and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Each year, uSask hosts an event to celebrate the work of our Indigenous university community.

Weekend Welcome
Weekend Welcome is a free two-day program for new Indigenous students. Attendees will get familiar with the uSask campus (while it’s still quiet!), meet new people, learn about services available and get inspired with guest speakers. Meals and on-campus accommodation are provided too!
“When I first started [at] this university I came back as a mature student, so I’d been out of [school] for eight years and to be honest with you it was pretty terrifying. But, I quickly found this community that is welcoming and accepting.”