SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

The context of Indigenous policy and administration continues to evolve: major Supreme Court decisions; challenges to self-government and nation-building; foundational shifts in federal, provincial and territorial policies and laws; and a young, educated and growing Indigenous population.

Such developments increase the need for innovators who can work in this complex environment with a level of cultural competency and an understanding of Indigenous history, law, economics and politics that go beyond a simple awareness of Aboriginal issues.

And they increase the need for leaders in policy and administration who can bridge traditional Indigenous worldviews with others, including those embedded in the governance practices found in general Canadian and international settings.

Carleton’s School of Public Policy and Administration seeks to prepare such innovators and leaders by offering the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Policy and Administration (IPA), as well as IPA electives for students in the Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA).

THE GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INDIGENOUS POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

The Graduate Diploma in IPA comprises six courses that are delivered through an intensive on-campus Summer Institute and online, making it available to a wide range of students. These students might include people who are now working in or with Indigenous organizations and governments, or preparing to do so. Or they might include Carleton students already enrolled in other graduate programs, and who want to develop a background in Indigenous policy and administration.

Students who complete the Graduate Diploma and who are later admitted to the MPPA can subsequently apply most of their IPA courses toward the MA degree.

CAPITAL ADVANTAGE

The National Capital Region is the natural place for the Graduate Diploma in IPA. Ottawa has a significant and growing First Nations, Métis and Inuit population. Many national and regional Indigenous organizations are located here. Carleton University offers a variety of services for Indigenous students. And the School of Public Policy and Administration has an increasing number of active research collaborations with Indigenous communities, governments and organizations located in the Ottawa-Gatineau area and elsewhere in Canada.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the Graduate Diploma in IPA must have a four-year bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) with an average of B+ or better. The School also considers mid-career applicants who do not satisfy this degree requirement but who have demonstrated relevant professional excellence over five years or more. More information can be found in the Graduate Calendar at: calendar.carleton.ca/grad.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You need to provide the following documents to apply to the Graduate Diploma in IPA:

- Two letters of reference
- A CV/résumé
- A Statement of Intent explaining how the Diploma in IPA will build on your academic and professional experience and enable you to realize your goals and interests in the future
- A writing sample
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended
- If applicable, a copy of your English-language test score

Official documents (transcripts, test scores) will be required if you are accepted into our program.

Prepare for working in or with First Nation, Métis and Inuit governments and organizations.

- Develop and use the knowledge needed for meeting major challenges of nation-building and governance in select Indigenous settings.
- Acquire and apply new skills in financial management, organizational design, applied research and program evaluation, leadership and community development.
- Analyze the existing empirically-grounded understandings — and refine your own understanding — of the colonial, neo-colonial and democratic aspects of historical and contemporary policy and administration, as well as of the constructive potentials that exist in present-day circumstances.
- Explore and explain the challenges posed by the epistemological and cosmological differences that exist across the varied traditions of Indigenous nations and peoples and modern globalized industrial societies.
- Become more aware of and able to assess your own worldviews and attitudes towards different cultures, and learn of and apply various approaches to defining and analyzing sources of bias in Canadian academia, law, policy, politics and society.
- Assess the potential benefits, costs, and ethical considerations of various approaches to community and economic development in Indigenous territories, and in both urban and rural settings.

APPLICATION

Please visit the School’s IPA website for course descriptions and more details about the design and development of the Graduate Diploma in Indigenous Policy and Administration: carleton.ca/sppa/ipa

Details about how to apply are available at: graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online

You can access an online application at: graduate.carleton.ca/applynov

All applicants must submit their completed application by the program deadline (check carleton.ca/sppa/ipa for deadline information).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For admission into Carleton’s graduate programs, you will need to demonstrate that your knowledge and use of English are strong enough for graduate studies at an English-language university. For a listing of our minimum English-language requirements, please visit: calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradprograms/publicadministration

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bursaries may be available for Diploma students. Please contact the IPA Supervisor for details.

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