

# Graduate Certificate and Master's Degree in Indigenous Language Revitalization

Departments of Indigenous Education & Humanities  
University of Victoria

## Program Information

### Program Goals

To ensure a generation of language experts will have the language and academic skills to participate and lead successful language revitalization efforts in Indigenous communities, and to develop language scholars who will have the expertise to support post-secondary instruction in the revitalization, recovery and maintenance of Indigenous Languages.

Coursework - please see current UVic calendar

Graduate Certificate		6.0 Units
IED 572 - SKÁLs: Indigenous Epistemologies		1.5
LING 501 - Linguistics for Language Revitalization		1.5
LING 577 - The Global Context of Language Revitalization		1.5
Complete one of the following: IED 520 - Indigenous Language Revitalization Pedagogies IED/LING 557 - Indigenous Additional Language Learning IED 574 - Indigenous Additional Language Learning and Pedagogies		1.5
Master's Degree in Arts or Education*		15 -16.5 Units*
		(including 6.0 units from Certificate)
IED 510 - Leadership & Governance for Language Revitalization		1.5
IED 594 - Seminar on Project or Thesis Development		1.5
Complete one of the following: IED 530 - Indigenous Research Methods IED/LING 531 - Community-Based Initiatives in Language Revitalization		1.5
Complete one of the following: IED 598 - Major Project IED 599 - Thesis		4.5 6.0

\*Project option leads to M.Ed (15 units) and is the standard program for admission. Thesis option leads to M.A. (16 units) and requires further application and approval after completion of coursework.

### Coursework Schedule

July 2026 (on-campus intensive) IED 572 LING 577	July 2027 (on-campus intensive) IED 594
September-December 2026 (blended) IED 520 LING 501	September 2027-April 2028 (blended) IED 598 or IED 599
January-April 2027 (blended) IED 510 IED 530	<b>Note:</b> Schedule of course work will be sent directly to the students

*A partnership between the  
Indigenous Education in the Faculty of Education  
and  
The School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures in the Faculty of Humanities*

For Application  
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## Admissions Requirement

Indigenous Education in the Faculty of Education in partnership with the School of Languages, Linguistics, and Cultures in the Faculty of Humanities offers a full-time Graduate Certificate program in Indigenous Language Revitalization, which ladders into a Masters Degree.

Applicants to all the Indigenous Education graduate programs must follow the admission procedures and meet the minimum requirements set out by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the Faculty Admissions section of the calendar. In addition, Indigenous Education allows exceptional entry admission on a case by case basis with support of the academic unit.

The application to the Master of Arts degree requires the agreement of a regular faculty member to supervise the student before entry to the program. Students should indicate their interest in the Master of Arts program in the Statement of Intent and also explain their thesis study intentions.

Applicants must submit two letters of reference (the same two letters required for admission to Faculty of Graduate Studies), provided by two referees who can be a professional colleague, professor or other academic authority, or an Indigenous Language Authority.

Applicants must submit a statement of intent describing their interest in the program and how they plan to use the program to promote community development in Indigenous language and culture revitalization.

First priority will go to applicants who are proficient/literate or semi-proficient/literate in any Indigenous language.

For more information, contact the  
Graduate Secretary  
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**Application Deadline: January 30, 2026**

## Application Process

All applicants must complete and submit the following:

1. The online application form to the Faculty of Graduate Studies: <https://www.uvic.ca/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply/index.php>. Applicants will be required to pay the application fee via credit card.
2. Two letters of reference (the same two letters required for admission to Faculty of Graduate Studies), provided by two referees who can be a professional colleague, professor or other academic authority, or an Indigenous Language Authority.
3. Statement of Intent (500 word max). Describing their interest in the program and how they plan to use the program to promote community development in Indigenous language and culture revitalization.
4. Transcripts (can be unofficial transcripts), submitted electronically during the online application process.

For support during the application process, contact the  
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## Exceptional Entry

Exceptional entry is available to applicants to the graduate programs who have extensive expertise in the language and culture of their respective communities and have shown significant leadership in language and culture revitalization projects but do not hold a baccalaureate degree.

Exceptional entry applications must provide:

- a) a profile or CV
- b) portfolio indicating previous education (certificates and diplomas), related professional experience, and training
- c) an additional letter of reference attesting to the applicant's level of fluency from an Indigenous Language Authority,
- d) as well as the regular application requirements to Graduate Studies.

The evidence provided in the form of a profile and portfolio will be holistically considered, weighing the sum total of all previous education and experience for preparedness and suitability for the program.

Guidelines for profile and portfolio will be included in the application materials as well as posted on the Indigenous Education website.

For further assistance with this requirement please contact the Indigenous Graduate Adviser.

Applicants in this category are encouraged to begin preparation of the portfolio well in advance of the application and documentation deadlines in order to receive feedback and assistance in its preparation and submission for consideration by the Program Admissions Committee.

