

Application Guide:

Indigenous Studies Master's Degree

The Indigenous Studies Master's Degree requires 30 credit hours and prepares students to become innovative scholars & leaders who bring Indigenous perspectives to academic, public service, and private sectors. To apply, you'll need to submit a personal statement, resume or CV, writing sample, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Each component helps us understand your academic background, research interests, and readiness for graduate study. Below is a detailed guide to help you prepare each part of your application.

Two-Page, Double-Spaced Personal Statement:

Prepare a statement explaining how a master's degree in Indigenous Studies will benefit you and why you will successfully complete the degree. The personal statement should answer:

- Why Indigenous Studies is the right fit for your interests.
- Who among our affiliate faculty would you like to work with on your research?
- What would you like to do with your master's degree?

Resume or Curriculum Vitae:

Prepare your resume or vitae listing your educational and employment history, any scholarships/fellowships, internships, awards, etc.

Writing Sample:

Select a writing sample of at least 10 double-spaced pages. Choose your best academic work. We're looking for your ability to communicate clearly, think critically and perform research.

Transcript(s):

- Current and former KU students: Upload a copy of your KU Advising Report from the "My Academic Progress" section of the myKU portal.
- Non-KU students: You must include official transcripts from each college attended.
 - You may attach scanned versions of official transcripts. If you're admitted to ISP and accept our admissions offer, you'll be required to submit an official, final transcript that shows your degree has been conferred.
 - [Instructions for submitting transcripts](#) via mail, electronically or Certifile

Three Letters of Recommendation:

- Your recommenders will submit their letters directly to the application system. These letters should help us understand why Indigenous Studies fits your research and career goals.
- Be sure your recommenders can speak to your ability to handle the rigors of academia.
 - We suggest at least two of your recommenders come from professors you've taken courses from.
- Letters of Recommendation Tips:
 - Schedule a brief meeting with each recommender to talk about what your plans for graduate school and your career goals. Provide them with a copy of your CV or resume as well as your personal statement
 - Give recommenders plenty of time – a month is common – to write and submit their letters.

Application Fee:

Make sure fee is paid with completed application



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