



WINNIPEG, MB (Sept 29, 2023) – [Neovation Learning Solutions](#) is pleased to partner with the University of Alberta’s [Faculty of Native Studies](#) to introduce the U of A’s [Indigenous Peoples and Canada course](#) to a North American corporate audience.

Net proceeds for course sales support the Faculty of Native Studies, which is an Indigenous-led, autonomous academic unit. Established in 1988, the Faculty of Native Studies is one of the world’s leading Indigenous studies units. Neovation has provided its SmarterU LMS as well as professional course creation services at no charge as part of its corporate commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

“We are honored to partner with the University of Alberta to be able to present this course to our prospects, clients, and partners, and to anyone who want to deepen their understanding of the multi-faceted relationships between Indigenous Peoples and their fellow Canadians, institutions and government,” says Dan Belhassen, Neovation’s Founder and CEO.

“Being able to launch this in the days leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation aligns perfectly, as we support the U of A in reaching more Canadians with this powerful and deeply insightful course offering.”

Consisting of six modules taught by Course Instructor [Dr. Paul Gareau](#), the **Indigenous Peoples and Canada** micro-course explores Indigenous histories, contemporary experiences, and the relationship between Indigenous peoples and settler society.

“It’s a good basic tool for workers in the private and public sectors to engage in. They can apply it to their own work in Indigenous engagement,” Dr. Gareau notes. “It’s useful for a vast majority of Canadians who don’t have any Indigenous knowledge at all.”

“The course focuses on Indigenous resiliency and capacity, to help dispel racist narratives. It’s about shifting your mind to be open to understanding Indigenous experiences a little further, to say, let’s take a moment to look at how things aren’t equitable, and to push back against structural racism because that will dispossess everyone every time.”

“The curriculum includes lessons on Indigenous worldviews and genders, particularly focused on the importance of women to Indigenous governance, leadership, and relations. It’s a viewpoint that “challenges settler colonial perspectives, which lead to issues like racism,” says Gareau.

The course offers a nuanced understanding of Indigenous experiences, traditions, and contemporary issues, fostering a critical and empathetic lens for learners to engage with Indigenous perspectives and their impact on Canada’s identity and development.



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Available on Neovation's SmarterU LMS, Neovation can also make this course available on most SCORM-compliant LMS. Course pricing starts at \$75 CAD per student and scales for organizations wishing to enroll a group of employees into the course. The self-directed online course, including activities and knowledge checks, takes eight to ten hours to complete.

As individuals across North America seek out opportunities to learn more about the histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the complexities they continue to face today, the University of Alberta's Faculty of Native Studies is striving, through this partnership with Neovation, to make that information easy for anyone to access and understand.

To get more information about the **Indigenous Peoples and Canada course** or to register yourself or your team, go to <https://www.neovation.com/uoa-indigenous-peoples-and-canada-course>.

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