

India–Canada Studies

CERTIFICATE

Why take India–Canada Studies?

British Columbia, and in particular the Fraser Valley, has a rich and diverse culture. In order to address community demand and better reflect the multi-cultural heritage of the Fraser Valley, UFV has introduced a number of Indo-Canadian studies courses. These courses are offered in response to the needs identified by students, members of the Indo-Canadian community and others who are interested in learning more about the rich social, cultural, and political heritage and contribution of the Indian community in Canada. UFV also houses the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies.

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These courses will expose you to knowledge and ideas about a cultural community that has a great impact on our daily work and lives. This is especially important if you hope to continue further studies, work in the field of cultural studies, or your career choice demands cultural knowledge and expertise.

HOW WILL THIS HELP WITH MY CAREER GOALS?

Today's economy is a global one, and B.C. and Canada have many important economic and cultural ties to India. People who are familiar with Indian culture, history, economics, Indian languages, and the special relationship between Canada and India, will bring added value to many career opportunities.

We have designed the program so it is attractive to all students: those of Indian heritage and those who are non-Indian. And so far our classes have had a balanced ratio of ethnicities. With a credentialed concentration, you will see the advantage of taking courses under this program that will complement your major field of study.



“Students will gain insight and knowledge about about the India sub-continent as well as the diaspora in Canada. Our multi-disciplinary certificate is unique and innovative and reflects our community’s diversity.”

— SATWINDER BAINS,
Director, Centre for Indo-
Canadian Studies

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“The India-Canada Studies Certificate is the perfect addition to my History and English degrees; it has allowed me to gain specialized knowledge of India and of the Indo-Canadian Diaspora. The great thing about the Certificate is that it is very versatile and can be an addition to many different areas of studies. It has been a great experience, one that has opened many new doors and has prepared me well for graduate studies in the future.”

— BALREET MANDAIR-GIL, UFV student, 2009.

WHY TAKE THE INDIA–CANADA STUDIES PROGRAM AT UFV?

UFV is rapidly becoming a leader in India–Canada studies in Canada. We recognize that we are located in the midst of a major Indo-Canadian population centre and want to reflect the multicultural nature of our communities.

The building blocks for our India–Canada Studies curriculum come from a number of highly successful UFV programs.

The curriculum combines various disciplines and is structured to give you:

- A sound basis in a range of essential areas of knowledge
- A solid grasp of the need to understand a diverse area of study about a sub-continent with a Canadian context
- An ability to develop a deeper knowledge and skills in a specialized area of concentration that is very useful for this local area and BC.

The certificate has been designed to provide you with a specialization in an area of concentration by taking courses offered through multiple disciplines. You will be exposed to many side cultural activities, research, exchanges, expertise of visiting scholars, and the opportunity to participate in study tours to India and other countries through the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at UFV.

We have partnerships with several universities in India including our own Canadian BBA degree at SD College, Chandigarh, India. These partnerships allow us to offer study tours to India, opportunities for student internships, student exchanges, and to host visiting scholars and guest lecturers from India. We are also home to the B.C. Regional Innovation Chair on Canada–India Business and Economic Development, a special research position that will create spinoff research opportunities for UFV students. We also offer the resources of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies. More information about the centre can be found at: www.ufv.ca/cics .

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

This is an interdisciplinary program. You will need to meet the prerequisites for the specific courses from the range of academic disciplines that offer courses with Indo-Canadian content. It is best to speak with your individual instructor or with the Director of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies Satwinder Bains at 604-854-4547 or satwinder.bains@ufv.ca if you have any questions.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

The India–Canada studies certificate program draws from a wide array of disciplines. Our instructors come from various departments within UFV and each brings their own particular strengths to the program. Visiting scholars, such as Dr. Shyam Vyas, an adjunct business professor from New Delhi, are also a valued asset to the program. UFV professors go to India to teach in the Chandigarh cohort BBA, and there will certainly be opportunities opening up for professors from India to do the same here. We anticipate that our offerings will grow over the next five years, while we will work towards developing a minor in India–Canada Studies.

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIELD STUDIES AND RESEARCH?

Yes, study tours to India are popular and provide a unique study experience for students. The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies also has a number of ongoing research projects and opportunities. Students can take part in activities such as:

- Internships — internships are available if you are interested in working in India.
- Research assistantships for a project at the centre
- Student work-study program
- Various events and activities held by the centre
- Student advisory committee
- Lecture series on topical matters.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set in May. You can expect to pay regular tuition and student fees for all program courses. In addition to tuition fees, you should be prepared to cover additional costs for field trips, books and other supplies.

It's worth a visit to the UFV financial aid and awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students.

A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget.

WHAT EXACTLY WILL I LEARN?

Here is an outline of the India-Canada studies program:

Requirements:

- 30 credits
- two core courses
- two courses from social stream
- two courses from Culture, Literature, and Language stream
- four electives from either stream (unless fewer are needed to bring the credit totals to 30)

* at least four of the above need to be upper-level courses

CORE COURSES

COURSE #	TITLE
HIST 264	History of India: Akbar to Independence
GEOG 233C	Geography of Selected Regions: South Asia

SOCIAL STREAM (AT LEAST TWO COURSES)

COURSE #	TITLE
INCS 390	India Field Studies
INCS 392	Immigration and Social Integration: The Indo-Canadian Experience
INCS 396	Cultural Politics, Identity and Social Issues
HIST 265	India and the Indo-Pacific World
HIST 314	Rise and Fall of the British Empire
HIST 364	Indian Social History
HIST 464	India, Punjab and Diaspora: A study of Migration and Community Formation in Canada
HIST 465	British India
GEOG 433	Landscapes of Punjab — Regional Perspectives
GEOG 470	Field Studies in Geography
ANTH 303	Ethnography of a Selected Region: South Asia
ANTH 403C	Selected Topics in Cultural Anthropology II

CULTURAL, LITERATURE, AND LANGUAGE STREAM (AT LEAST TWO COURSES)

COURSE #	TITLE
FILM 220	India on Film: Public Culture and the Cinematic Imaginations of India
ENGL 245	Indian Literature in English
ENGL 380	Studies in South Asian Literature
ENGL 382	India in English
ENGL 384	Studies in South Asian Diaspora Literature
AH 320	Special Topics — Contemporary Politics and Culture in India
RLST 202	Religions of the East
RLST 320	The Buddhist Tradition
PHIL 353	Philosophies of India
PUNJ 101	Introduction to Punjabi I
PUNJ 102	Introduction to Punjabi II
PUNJ 210	Intermediate Punjabi I
PUNJ 211	Intermediate Punjabi II

CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit.

Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at www.ufv.ca/plar or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the India-Canada Studies section carefully. From our website you can go to the download centre and download the application form. Fill it out and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee, to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Right away. Applications for this program are on-going, and early application is strongly recommended.

WHAT SORT OF SUPPORT WILL I GET?

Visit www.ufv.ca/student-services to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment. As a India-Canada Studies student, you will also have the full support of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies.

The Centre for Indo-Canadian studies is also helping to ensure UFV programs and activities reflect the diversity of our region. Its work and programming are built upon existing courses in UFV's history, English, social work, philosophy, agriculture, and criminal justice programs, as well as Punjabi language courses. The centre is a hub of information for people who want to do business with India and who want to understand the relationships and opportunities between our two countries.

CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

We want to hear from you! If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to arrange a tour, attend a Becoming a Student info session, connect with an educational advisor, or to arrange for career counselling.

You can also contact Director of Indo Canadian Studies Satwinder Bains at 604-854-4547 or satwinder.bains@ufv.ca, or contact an arts advisor at the Arts Advice Centre at (604) 557-4028.



The information contained in this document is subject to change. Please refer to www.ufv.ca/CICS for up-to-date information. UFV reserves the right to cancel courses and programs.



About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at www.ufv.ca.

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