



SUBJECT	Tuition Approval – Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency
SUBMITTED TO	Finance Committee
MEETING DATE	April 6, 2020
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
ACTION REQUESTED	Decision requested: approval of proposed resolution IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that the Finance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, approve tuition for the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency degree at UBC Okanagan in accordance with the current tuition for the Bachelor of Arts at \$179.97 per credit for domestic students and \$1,268.39 per credit for international students.
SUBMISSION DATE	March 20, 2020
LEAD EXEC	Ananya Mukherjee Reed, Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Okanagan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Indigenous languages are under threat almost everywhere in the world. In Canada over 50 languages are under threat. British Columbia has an extraordinarily rich linguistic heritage, being the ancestral home of more than half of the Indigenous languages of Canada; of the 10 genetically distinct language families in Canada, 7 of these are found in BC. All of the 34 extant First Nations languages of BC are critically endangered, many facing the loss of their last generation of fluent speakers within the next decade.

Indigenous communities know very well how deeply intertwined language and culture are, and understand how language loss marks a crucial threshold in the compounding consequences of colonization. Communities and their institutions along with their collaborators in the wider education system have been working to find innovative ways to sustain and revitalize language traditions, restore language competence, and protect the knowledge of their communities.

In direct alignment with [strategy 17 on Indigenous Engagement](#) from UBC’s strategic plan, the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (BNLF) is intended to create new speakers in communities whose languages are critically threatened. Upon the successful completion of the 63 credit hours of coursework required for the foundation Diploma in Nsyilxcn Language Fluency from NVIT (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology), the BNLF at UBC Okanagan requires 63-credit hours of coursework.

The proposed tuition for the BNLF program is in accordance with the current tuition for the Bachelors of Arts; \$179.97/credit for domestic students and \$1,268.39/credit for international student.

Consultation with students consisted on one face-to-face meeting with the Students’ Union Executive at which point all program information was shared. The Executive responded positively to the proposal and no concerns.

Upon approval of UBC’s Board of Governors, the program will be submitted for Ministry approval for implementation in 2021-2022.

Appendices

1. Tuition and Fee Assessment Details
2. Student Tuition Consultation Report



Appendix 1 – Tuition and Fee Assessment Details

Program Description: Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (Okanagan)

Anticipated Start Date: September 2021

	Domestic	International
Tuition fees per credit – Note 1	\$179.97	\$1,268.39
Application Fees (Undergraduate) – Note 2	\$71.25	\$120.75
Non-Refundable Acceptance Deposit – Note 3	\$500.00	\$1,000.00

Note 1 – Tuition is reviewed annually by the Board of Governors. In recent years, tuition increases have been 2% for continuing domestic students and between 2% and 5% for continuing international students.

Note 2 – This is the current fee for the 2021W and 2022S application cycle and is subject to annual increases.

Note 3 – The non-refundable acceptance deposit will be applied towards the first tuition instalment.



Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (BNLF) Tuition Consultation Report

The University would like to gather your comments on the tuition for a proposed Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency. Below you will find:

- instructions to provide feedback
- an overview of the program
- the proposed tuition

Instructions

We are seeking comments from individual students and student organisations on campus. Please review and distribute the information below as you deem appropriate.

All comments should be sent to Michelle.Lowton@ubc.ca by February 20, 2020.

If you have any questions about this consultation process, please contact the AVP Students Office: Michelle.Lowton@ubc.ca.

Confidentiality

Comments will be collected by the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Students), and only analysts within that office will know the identity of individual students submitting comments. At no time will anyone outside of the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Students) know the identity of individual students who submit comments to this consultation. Your comments will only be used for the purposes of the tuition consultation. Comments from individual students will be stripped of any identifying information to ensure confidentiality, but otherwise will be provided to the responsible Faculties and the Board of Governors verbatim.

Comments received from student organizations will be reported as coming from those organizations, and provided to the responsible faculty and the Board of Governors as received.

Program Overview

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- 12 immersive language courses (3 credits each)
- 1 capstone course (6 credits)
- 4 language revitalization courses (3 credits each)
- 3 other required courses on Indigenous methodology, composition, and a summer course to support students' transition to university (3 credits each)

For more information about the BNLF, please contact Christine Schreyer, Associate Professor in the Community, Culture, and Global Studies department (christine.schreyer@ubc.ca).

Tuition

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STUDENT TUITION CONSULTATION REPORT

The Associate Vice-President, Students Office, in partnership with the IKBSAS faculty member, Christine Schreyer, conducted a student consultation regarding this program proposal.

Student Representative Bodies Invited to the Consultation

University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan, were invited by email on January 14th, to consult and/or provide written comments by February 20th, 2020.

Mode of Consultation

The consultation consisted of one face-to-face meetings, with the Students' Union Executive. The Students Union was invited to the consultation through email, and asked to distribute the invitation to their constituents as they felt appropriate. We met with the representative from the Students Union on January 24th, 2020. At this meeting all of the required Program information was shared.

Basis of Consultation: The consultation was based on a tuition proposal and rationale document created by the Faculty.

Summary of Student Feedback: Submissions were requested from the University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan (UBCSUO). They were requested to have this to Michelle Lowton, interim AVPS on or before February 20th, 2020.

The Executive of the University of British Columbia Students Union Okanagan responded positively to the proposal and had no concerns.