

## EDUCATION THAT GETS YOU

2024 INDIGENOUS HANDBOOK





## Greetings, Aaaniin, Shé:kon, Pjil'asi, Hau/Han Wha Chii Ya, Kii-te-daas a, Boozhoo, Tan'si, OKI, Kwe kwe, Gilakas'la, Wa.é ák.wé

Brandon University has campuses on both Treaty 1 and Treat 2 territories. Our main campus is located in Brandon, Manitoba, on Treat 2 territory. This is traditional shared land between the Dakota and Ojibway.

The Turtle Mountains and Brandon Area was also home to the Métis peoples. Settlements along the Assiniboine River and into northeastern areas of Saskatchewan created a chain of Métis Communities. We at Brandon University acknowledge and respect the history, land and the people of this area. Brandon University is considered a small University with just over 3200 students attending each year. 70% of our classes have 20 students or less. With the cozy feel of a small town, Brandon is actually the second largest city in Manitoba with 58,000 residing in the metro area.

Brandon plays host to a variety of events year round such as the Dakota Nation Winterfest, Brandon Wheat Kings hockey, Brandon Jazz Festival, and the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair just to name a few. Enjoy the outdoors at the Riverbank Discovery Centre or take the short drive to Riding Mountain National Park.

#### GREETINGS

**Choose Your Focus:** Discover your passion in one of our undergraduate or graduate degree programs. Explore your options in Arts, Science, Education, Health Studies & Music.

**Try It Out:** Gain valuable practical experience before you head out into the field. Many of our programs offer work-integrated learning opportunities through labs, simulations, field work, cooperative learning experiences, practicums, and internships.

**Take the Lead:** You'll have the opportunity to play a leading role in life on campus through our Student Leader program. It's a fantastic opportunity to make a difference, and you'll also eat a ton of free pizza!

Join the Club: There are more than 50 clubs and collectives on our campus, providing fun activities and valuable life experience. Choose from the BU Gaming Association, BU Biological Society, BU Psychology Club, BU Indigenous Student Collective, LGBTTQ\* Collective and many more!

**Expand your Horizons:** Explore the world of music, art, culture and sport. Throughout the year, guest performers, faculty and students from our renowned School of Music offer a variety of performances. Love art? The Glen. P. Sutherland Gallery of Art is located on the southwest corner of campus featuring the works of local and visiting artists. Enjoy critically acclaimed movies at the JRC Evans Theatre located in the heart of campus. Cheer on the Bobcat Athletics club; games are free for students!

**Dig Deep:** Every year, we showcase the cutting-edge research of senior students in our Arts and Science program. What kind of research drives you? Previous topics have ranged from breast cancer to creative writing.

**Celebrate Successes:** When it is all over we invite you to celebrate your achievements at our annual convocation ceremony. Indigenous graduates are also honoured in a community-wide celebration of Indigenous Student Success.



Just over 3200 students attend BU annually.



Approximately 600 students graduate with a degree each year.

Over 100 students from Saskatchewan attend BU each year.



BU offers 19 undergraduate degree programs, 6 graduate programs and 4 certificates.

15% of BU students self-declare as Indigenous.

School Divisions that produce the most BU students include Brandon, Mountain View, Rolling River, Park West and Southwest Horizon.



Approximately 465 International Students study at BU annually.



Countries with the highest international enrollment are Nigeria, Ghana, China, India, and Jamaica.



# Bringing People Together

### BRANDON UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS STUDENT COLLECTIVE (BUISC)

The goal of BUISC is to provide services and support to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students on campus. One of the most important things we focus on is being together. Traditionally Indigenous people lived in very close knit communities. Every person is valued, has a role, is looked after and contributes. From Potlucks to getting together to learn how to make bannock, BUISC encourages belonging.

BUISC also organizes fundraisers and graduation events, and participates in the Canadian Federation of Students' National Aboriginal Caucus "Where's the Justice?" and Stolen Sisters campaigns for Aboriginal peoples' rights. For more information about us, stop by the Indigenous Peoples' Centre.

## EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, & CEREMONIES

Each year the Indigenous Peoples' Centre along with campus and community partners put together a variety of programs and events, all with the end goal of bringing people together.

- Welcome Feast
- Pot Lucks
- Beading Club
- Bannock and Tea with Elders
- Sharing Circles
- Storytelling
- Medicine Picking
- Ribbon Skirt Making

- Elders Panel
- Drum Group
- Indigenous Excellence Celebrations
- Louis Riel Day Celebration
- Indigenous Student Success Celebration
- Traditional Teaching House

#### OUR JOURNEY INDIGENOUS GRAD

Our Journey honours Indigenous student success in the Brandon School Division, at Sioux Valley, and at Assiniboine Community College as well as at Brandon University. We are proud to collaborate to host this community event to celebrate Indigenous graduates. In 2023, the event was held at the Riverbank Discovery Centre and included a pipe ceremony, Pow Wow, Métis entertainment and BBQ feast.

## Finding Your Place

#### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE

We are located in the heart of the university, nested right between the Library and Student Services area. The IPC is here to serve the heart and mind by providing culturally sensitive services to First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, and by promoting cross—cultural understanding on campus. The IPC is a resource area on campus and in the community that makes referrals and provides information on resources, student leadership, and peer support.

Beyond academic support, the IPC becomes a home away from home for students. Here you will find a lounging area of couches to relax on between classes and engage in supportive conversation with fellow students. Soup is served weekly for everyone to join in a meal together. Most importantly, we offer you a family and friendships that will last you a lifetime. We learn through gathering that even though we may lead different lives, we are the same.

Supports that can be accessed through the IPC include:

- Orientation Activities
- Transition Supports
- Knowledge Keepers
- Smudge Friendly Space
- Study space, computers, and printer
- Soup brought in from dining hall

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## MÉTIS STUDENT CENTRE

A place where Brandon University Métis students can gather to study, tell stories and make friends in a comfortable environment surrounded by their culture, and examples of those who have succeeded before them. Located in Clark Hall, here you will find couches, tables and computers to be used whenever you like and you will always be visited by the Native Studies Department that is located on the same floor.



## HE OYATE TAWAPI CEREMONY ROOM

The He Oyate Tawapi Ceremony Room is located in the Health Studies building. This shared space serves multiple purposes, including teaching, ceremonial and non-ceremonial purposes. The George and Mary Goodon Art Gallery is located on the second floor of this space.



### ALUMNA PROFILE

#### SHEYENNE SPENCE

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology (Crime & Community) and Native Studies

"Through the weekly beading club at BU, I was taught not only how to bead but the importance and sacredness of beading to Indigenous people. I have taken what I have learned through beading club into my current journey at law school, by teaching my fellow Indigenous peers to bead feathers for our graduating classmates."

## Supports for Success

You're not alone. We have many services, supports, and activities available to help you achieve your academic and personal goals.

- Academic Advising
- Academic Skills Centre (Writing, Math & Learning Skills)
- Career Planning and Placement
- Office of International Activities
- Personal Counselling

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- Student Accessibility Services
- Transition Programming:
  Early Alert & Fresh Start
- Sports Medicine Clinic
- Healthy Living Centre: Fitness & Recreation
- On-campus Daycare (application required)

THE AL AND BEE WAGNER INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRANSITION PROGRAM

"The first year of university can be overwhelming, but this program allowed for adapting to the university life that much easier. Having this program to use and guide us on navigating university was so helpful! Would highly recommend!"

#### **Program Overview**

Brandon University and the Indigenous Peoples' Centre is proud to offer the Al and Bee Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program. The program will focus on offering transitioning support to Indigenous students starting their education at Brandon University under four pillars: academic, social, personal and cultural.

The program is open to Indigenous students entering their first year at Brandon University. Our transition program will unlock the potential of Indigenous students by developing their academic skills and by fostering social, community and cultural supports that will increase success rates at the university level.

"The program can be for any type of student, whether if you are C student or an A student. Just having support is so amazing and it is something I would recommend for anybody."

Students will have support from committed staff and mentors, including traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders, as well as strong peer-group support. There will be a wide range of culturally appropriate supports and resources; students can take part in ceremonies.

We have a small cohort of students so that they can benefit from personalized attention that is Brandon University's hallmark. The cohort will meet throughout the school year for academic support through study groups, tutors, and the Academic Skills Centre.

The cohort will have access to personal supports from Student Services Counsellors and Knowledge Keepers. Students will have a weekly one-on-one check-in with the Transition Program Coordinator.

"The check ins were very helpful. It was nice to speak with the coordinator during this new experience. She gave me a sense of clarity and understanding."

Students who remain in the program can become peer mentors and tutors to other Indigenous students and graduates can become ambassadors of the program and BU in the future.

"It was really helpful for me and I found out about a lot of resources that I wouldn't have known about otherwise."

#### Orientation

Students accepted into the Al and Bee Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program will take part in an extended weeklong orientation at the end of August. During orientation, students will learn how to navigate the campus and city. We will focus on the essentials, some examples include; housing, medical, shopping, child care needs and using the online platforms. We will also look at: learning to learn, learning how to study, how to do research and how to write a paper. Our orientation will help students build connections by experiencing a sense of belonging and inclusion. We will end the orientation with a social activity.

"I really enjoyed the orientation because it gave me the chance to meet new people and get an idea on what to expect. I was really nervous for my first year of university but by the end of orientation week, my worries were gone."

#### Who can apply?

Canadian Indigenous first year students that have been accepted to Brandon University. There is no additional application fee for this transition program (students must still pay the application fee to the university).

#### How to apply

Applying is simple, please visit BrandonU.ca/IPC/Indigenous-Student-Transition-Program

- Please ensure that you have applied for admissions with Brandon University before applying to The Al and Bee Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program.
- Applicants are encouraged to self-identify as a *Canadian Indigenous person*.
- We ask all applicants to write a short letter answering the following questions as part of the completed application:
  - Please tell us about yourself. Where do you come from and where do you call home?
  - What are your educational goals?
  - Why do you want to be in the Al and Bee Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program?
  - What are your plans after graduation?

## Academic Programs

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS -NATIVE LANGUAGES MINOR

Brandon University is invested in the survival of Indigenous languages in Manitoba. Classes are available in the Cree, Ojibway and Dakota languages native to Manitoba. These courses are part of the Languages Department and also part of the Native Studies major.

#### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS -INDIGENOUS ART MAJOR

The Indigenous Art Major combines studies in art history and Indigenous art practice in both historical and contemporary forms. Contemporary Indigenous artists are explored with a focus on critical issues related to art practice, including politics, land, museums, media and people. Students have the opportunity to engage in hide-tanning, drum-making, and beadwork as well as cultural teachings related to these forms.

#### PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATION OF NATIVE TEACHERS (P.E.N.T.)

This is an integrated Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education program that is intended for Indigenous Educators, who are

already employed in schools as educational assistants. Students study for a minimum of six summer sessions completing 150 credit hours. Students study at Brandon University for four months (April through July) each year and work in the schools for seven months of the year. The program is designed to meet future market needs of Early/Middle years educators in Science/Math/English throughout Northern Manitoba. Graduates are eligible for a professional teacher's certificate in Manitoba.

### INDIGENOUS HEALTH STUDIES TRANSITION PROGRAM (I.H.S.T.)

The IHST is an eight-month preparatory program designed to provide the opportunity for Indigenous students to build capacity for academic success, expand their knowledge in math and science, and develop writing skills while preparing them for a career in the health care field. Upon successful completion of the IHST program, students may choose to pursue multiple career pathways including; Pre-Nursing or Pre-Psychiatric Nursing at BU, other degree programs at BU, Licensed Practical Nursing diploma (at ACC), or Health Care Aid (at ACC).

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## Faculty of Arts

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (3-4 YEARS, HONOURS, CO-OP)

Anthropology, Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies, Business Administration, Canadian Studies (3-year major only), Ceramics (minor only), Creative Arts (4-year major only), Creative Writing (minor only), Drama (minor only), Drawing (minor only), Economics, English, Gender & Women's Studies, Francophone Studies & Languages, Geography & Environment, History (including Public History with either History Intensive or Media Arts Stream), Indigenous Art, Interdisciplinary Studies (4-year & 4-year honours only), Liberal Arts Distributed Major, Music Arts (3-year major, 3- or 4- year minor), Native Studies, Native Languages (minor only), Painting, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Rural & Community Studies, Sociology (including Crime & Community stream and Cultural Diversity & Equity stream (4-year & 4-year honours only), Visual Art (minor only)

#### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (4 YEARS, HONOURS)

Including Accounting Stream

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (4 YEARS, HONOURS)

Including Indigenous Art, Ceramics, Digital Media & Design (2+2), Drawing, Painting streams

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (1 YEAR)

Certificate in Business Administration, Justice System Certificate, Certificate in French Language Proficiency (two levels)

### Faculty of Education

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AFTER DEGREE (2 YEARS UPON COMPLETION OF APPROVED DEGREE)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION INTEGRATED (5 YEARS)

CONCURRENT BACHELOR OF MUSIC/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL ROUTE) (2 YEARS UPON COMPLETION OF RRC TECH. VOC. TEACHING DIPLOMA)

BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES (3 YEARS)

including Teaching Stream, Exercise Science & Fitness stream, Recreation & Sport Management stream

PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATION OF NATIVE TEACHERS (P.E.N.T)

#### Faculty of Health Studies

BACHELOR OF NURSING (4 YEARS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING (4 YEARS)

INDIGENOUS HEALTH STUDIES TRANSITION (I.H.S.T)

## School of Music

#### BACHELOR OF MUSIC (4 YEARS)

General Music Major, Performance Major, Specialist in Music Teaching & Learning

CONCURRENT BACHELOR OF MUSIC/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (5 YEARS)

BACHELOR OF MUSIC, SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL MUSIC (4 YEARS)

## Faculty of Science

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (3-4 YEARS, HONOURS, CO-OP)

Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies, Biology (including Biomedical Stream & Biological Science Stream), Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography & Environment (including Environmental Studies Concentration and Geomatics Concentration), Geology, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (4 YEARS, HONOURS)

## Pre-Professional

Complete one-year (Approx. 30 credit hours) at BU and then apply to the institutions of your choice: Athletic Therapy, Dental Hygiene, Echocardiography, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Medical Radiologic Technology, Midwifery, Respiratory Therapy, Social Work, Ultrasound

Complete two-years (Approx. 60 credit hours) at BU and then apply to the institutions of your choice: Agricultural & Food Sciences, Law

Complete three-years to four-years (Approx. 90-120 credit hours) at BU and then apply to the institutions of your choice: Chiropractic Studies, Dentistry, Engineering, Journalism, Medicine, Musical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Veterinary Medicine

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## Our Partnerships

#### BU AND ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### 2+2 (ACC+BU) Programs:

- Business Administration + Business Administration
- Environmental Technologies: GIS + Geography (Geomatics)
- Environmental Technologies: Land and Water Mgmt. + Geography (Environmental Studies)
- Interactive Media Arts + Digital Media and Design

1+3 (ACC+BU) Programs:

 Interactive Media Arts + Public History (Media Arts Stream)

Some transfer credits are also available for students taking Early Childhood Education, Practical Nursing and Police Studies

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#### Graduate Programs

- Master of Education
- Master of Science (Environmental and Life Sciences)
- Master of Music
- Master of Psychiatric Nursing
- Graduate Diploma in Rural Development
- Master of Arts in Rural Development

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## Getting Here



#### DISCOVER WHY BU IS THE PLACE FOR YOU

- Participate in a Program: Learn about life at BU from current students, professors, and staff at BU. Register online to reserve your spot.
- **Take a Tour:** Check out the website and register for our campus tours.
- Tour From Your Home: Check out our campus from the comfort of your own home. Our virtual tour will give you a glimpse of the buildings and campus spaces and give you a feel of what it's like to live and learn at BU.
- Attend a Recruitment Event: Want to learn more about what Brandon University has to offer and have all of your questions about university answered? Sign up to attend one of our recruitment events.

Find all of this and more at BrandonU.ca/Future-Students/Visit/



#### CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY

- Explore your options online: Visit our Future Students website for detailed program descriptions – *BrandonU.ca/ Future-Students/Programs*. Explore the Course Calendar for degree charts, course descriptions and academic regulations – *BrandonU.ca/Calendar*.
- Learn more about Indigenous Education at BU: Visit BrandonU.ca/Indigenous and see how culture and tradition come first at BU.
- Connect with a Student Success Officer: Have questions? Contact FutureStudents@BrandonU.ca or 204-727-7418.



GETTING HERE

Take the next step of your journey and apply today!

APPLY ONLINE

Visit *BrandonU.ca/Future-Students/Apply* to apply. After you have completed the online application, you'll need pay the \$70 application fee (\$140 for international students), and send us supporting documents like your high school or post-secondary transcripts.

Interim high school transcripts (for students still completing high school) can be sent by email to *Admissions@BrandonU.ca* 

Official transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope and be sent directly from the high school, Provincial Government or post-secondary institution to:

Brandon University Admissions Office 270-18th Street Brandon, MB R7A 6A9

What's the status of your application? It's easy to find out. Contact *Admissions@BrandonU.ca* 

January 15, 2024	Early Application Deadline for Bachelor of Education After Degree
March 1, 2024	Apply to BU before March 1 to be considered for automatic entrance scholarships (no separate scholarship application required). To be considered for applied-for early entrance scholarships by the March 1 deadline, we suggest applying no later than February 1 to give time for admission processing and once admitted, access to the scholarship application.
June 14, 2024	Application & Document Deadline for Pre-Psychiatric Nursing Winnipeg Site (September 2024 start)
August 15, 2024	Undergraduate Application & Document Deadline for all other programs (September 2024 start)
December 1, 2024	Undergraduate Application & Document Deadline for all other programs (January 2025 start)

Please note: the above deadlines are for Canadian and undergraduate students. Deadlines differ for International students and Graduate programs.



#### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

#### APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, & AWARDS

Your best chance at scholarships and bursaries comes early. Apply to BU before March 1 to be considered for all of our high-value Early Entrance Scholarships and to be automatically considered for additional early entrance awards. High School Graduates with an average of 85% or higher will automatically be considered for our Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships.

There are also additional scholarships that require a scholarship application, so for those we suggest applying to BU by February 1 to give time for admission before access to the scholarship application due March 1.

#### BrandonU.ca/Scholarships

Did you know? Many location, regional and national organizations offer a variety of awards, bursaries and scholarships. Apply now!

BrandonU.ca/IPC/Financial-Aid-Scholarships-and-Bursaries

#### YOUR ACADEMIC INVESTMENT

Brandon University is one of the most affordable places to study in North America. As a full-time student, you'll be studying for about eight months, September through April. You'll be taking three to five courses each semester for a total of 18-30 credit hours per academic year.

#### CANADIAN STUDENT TUITION

#### **Canadian Student Tuition**

Tuition in Arts, Science, Music, Health Studies, Education based on 30 credit hours (one year Sept. through Apr.)	\$5,801-\$6,257*
Books & Supplies (estimated; purchased on your own)	\$1,350

\*Estimated tuition fees are based on the 2023-24 academic year.

Want to break it down even further? You can let our online Cost Estimator do the math for you.

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The BU Bookstore has everything you need to be equipped for success. You'll find affordable options for textbooks such as direct purchase (new or used), renting and price matching. You can even place your order online at *brandonushop.ca*. Find other items such a school supplies, technological items, apparel and gifts!

### BAND SPONSORED STUDENTS

- Connect with your Education Counsellor early. As soon as you are ready to apply to BU you should reach out to your sponsor.
- Communication with your sponsor is vital. Find out what expenses are covered (tuition, books, food, residence) and how many courses you are required to take per term. For planning purposes, it is important to determine if you will have partial or full sponsorship.
- Once you are a student at BU, your sponsors will need to submit an Authorization to Invoice form to Financial and Registration Services. Sponsored students are required to have their registration approved by Financial and Registration Services.
- You can register for courses even if your sponsorship has not been confirmed. If for some reason your funding does not get approved and you do not plan on attending BU, you can drop the courses you registered in and defer your admission start date.

#### MÉTIS EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

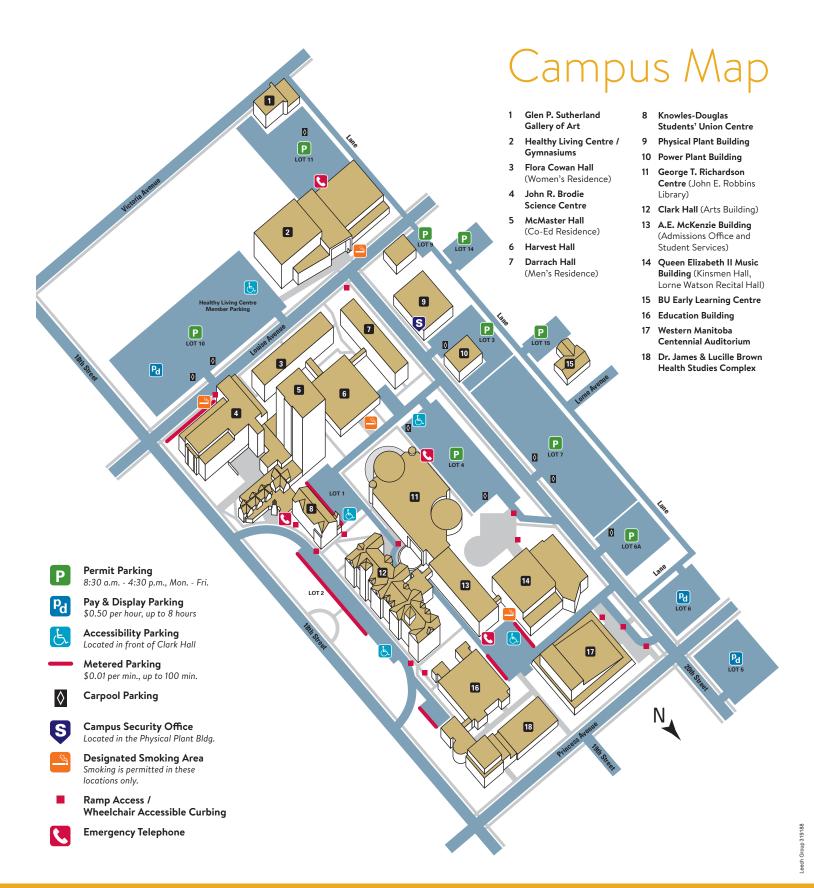
The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) offers post-secondary financial assistance to Métis, Non-Status Indian and Inuit students entering full-time studies. Students entering University may receive funding for their first year of study in a first undergraduate degree. To learn more, contact the MMF.



#### **APPLY FOR RESIDENCE**

- Find your home away from home. BU offers three dormitory style residences with fully furnished rooms and a delicious meal plan. You will be steps away from your classes, campus supports, and friends. Take advantage of the over 200 activities that are planned through residence each year. ACC students can also live in Residence at BU. Make your home away from home affordable and convenient.
- Visit BrandonU.ca/Residence/Apply-Now to complete an application. After you have completed the online or printable application, you'll need to pay the \$65 application fee.

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