


International Centre for Northern Governance & Development

MNDG - A Masters Program for Northerners




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**Master of Northern Governance and Development**


- ❖ Program is ICNGD's response to demand for higher-level training by stakeholders
- ❖ Program began in fall 2010 with first cohort
- ❖ Students produce applied research that benefits First Nations, Government, Industry
- ❖ MNGD is the only program of its kind in Northern America



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**Master of Northern Governance and Development**

- ❖ An interdisciplinary program for students wanting to advance their careers
- ❖ For Northerners committed to development of the North wanting to study at the Masters level
- ❖ Graduates will lead innovation and development in their communities in Northern Saskatchewan
- ❖ Graduates connected to a network of northern professionals in Aboriginal communities, government and industry



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**MNGD Program Delivery**

**Accommodates Northerners**

- ❖ Courses via live video conference includes interactive discussion
- ❖ Travel expenses for on campus courses
- ❖ Evenings, weekends, compressed courses ideal for working professionals
- ❖ Program length 16-24 months




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**MNGD Program Components**

**Project Based Masters**


- ❖ 6 courses
- ❖ Research project
- ❖ Internship with industry, government or northern organization
- ❖ International field school



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**International Field School**

- ❖ First cohort - northern Norway March 2010 - studied fisheries, eco-tourism and aquaculture
- ❖ Second cohort - northern Sweden - Dec 2011 - studied forestry, energy production and sustainable construction in cold climates



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## International Field School

- ❖ Students in current class travel to northern Norway - April 2012
- ❖ International field school includes lectures, experiential learning and opportunities to explore independent research.
- ❖ Students learn best practices in development from other northern regions internationally



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## MNDG Internships

**Internships:**

- ❖ Northern Saskatchewan political engagement
- ❖ Northern Communications between industry and community
- ❖ Northern Entrepreneurship
- ❖ Northern Resource Development
- ❖ Economic Development

**Internship Process:**

- ❖ Students intern with a northern organization
- ❖ Student will share research at Northern Economic Summit in 2012



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## MNGD Courses


- ❖ Strategic Communications for Northern Development
- ❖ Northern Resource Economies and Policy
- ❖ Aboriginal Self Determination through Mitho-Pimachesowin (Ability to Make a Good Living)
- ❖ Topics in Northern Governance
- ❖ Policy, Planning and Evaluation in Northern Communities
- ❖ And more

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## MNGD Research Project

- ❖ A major research paper
- ❖ Topic focuses on northern development
- ❖ Students supervised by a leading scholar affiliated with the International Centre for Northern Governance and Development



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## Student Testimonials

"I value the program because it provides distance education to northern communities which will open so many doors, especially for individuals with families who cannot move to the city to further their education"

Nathan Ray, MNGD student (Sandy Bay, SK)

"Educational opportunities for Northerners have always been limited and the MNGD program is really the first of its kind at this level. Now I can take a Masters degree without leaving La Ronge where I plan to live and work upon completion of the program. Programs like this will train Northerners like myself to contribute even more to our communities in the future as well as hopefully steer governance and development initiatives in the right direction to the benefit of the North and the Province of Saskatchewan"

Cathy Wheaon, MNGD student (La Ronge, SK)

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## MNGD Eligibility Criteria

- ❖ Possess a 4 year bachelor degree
- ❖ Have at least a 70% GPA on the last 60 credits of your degree
- ❖ Serious interest in making a positive difference in the north
- ❖ Preference for students who reside and are employed in Northern Saskatchewan
- ❖ Eligible students receive a scholarship of \$1000/month for up to 16 months

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## Apply by May 1 for Fall enrollment!

The MNCD program is taking applications by May 1 for Fall 2012 start

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