



Relevant Learning



“ I forget what I learned yesterday in class, but I won't forget anything I learned here

- Student reflection on their experience in the 2021 GIJE program

About

The GIJE (Land) Academy is a land-based, experiential, and culturally immersive program. It honours Indigenous knowledge and ways of being and doing to provide students with a safe, holistic, and identity affirming education while offering credits towards their graduation. This is achieved through engaging and relevant learning opportunities. The course provides a strengths-based approach with exposure to broad experiences while creating space for individual student gifts, interests, and mastery as a way to build students sense of belonging, identity, and success.



Learn with the LAND



The Team



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Collaborative Effort

The GIJE (Land) Program is offered and administered through Brooks Secondary (qathet School District) with full collaboration, support, and guidance by Tla'amin Nation. VIU (tiwšɛmawtxw campus) provided substantial funding to support the start of the program.

CORE COURSES

1. English First Peoples 10 - 12
2. Specialized Science 12
3. Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
4. Outdoor Education 11 & 12

OTHER OFFERINGS

5. Independent Directed Studies 10 - 12 (credits towards broad curricular areas)
6. Career Life Connections 12
7. Physical Education 10
8. Career Life Education
9. Social Studies 10

