Indigenous Protocol

Governments at all levels play a significant role in shaping the mandate and operational environment at Vancouver Island University. As key partners in our success, it is important that VIU develop relationships with government at the Indigenous, municipal, regional, provincial and federal levels.

Protocols are important because adherence to them represent our respect for the relationships we have with government and Indigenous peoples.

At VIU, we want to ensure that staff who are interacting with government or involved in Indigenous protocols have access to all the information they need to feel comfortable and confident. The following resources have been developed in an effort to support VIU’s employees in the work you undertake on behalf of VIU.

Indigenous Peoples and Governments
- VIU, Service for Aboriginal Students - video of Elder Gary Manson talking about Indigenous Protocol and the important role they play
- VIU, Elder Protocol
- VIU, Indigenous Protocol Professional Development
- First Nation Protocol on Traditional Territory

Municipal Government
- Nanaimo Mayor and Council
- Protocol and Forms of Address

Regional Government
- Regional District of Nanaimo

Provincial Government
- Office of Protocol
- Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
- Flag Protocol

Federal Government
- Protocol for events and ceremonies
- Styles of address
- Rules for flying the National Flag of Canada