



Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities for graduates of the B.IKS programme:

The multidisciplinary nature of B.IKS allows students to venture into a variety of career paths according to their interests which may be in fields such as: education, cultural tourism, agriculture, arts, culture, health, heritage, research, etc.

Graduates can work in and with government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), traditional authorities & local municipalities, research organizations such as (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) or Human Science Research Council (HSRC), etc.



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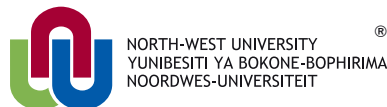
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Indigenous Knowledge Systems Centre

*Reclaiming our Origins,
Charting our Destiny!*





What is Indigenous Knowledge?

Indigenous knowledge (IK) refers to the unique knowledge that has been developed in the local setting by a particular culture as they solved their survival challenges and sought for meaning in life. The fact that indigenous cultures and people have survived for centuries is a testimony that they had scientific knowledge of how to harness their environmental resources to meet their needs. IK can be called:

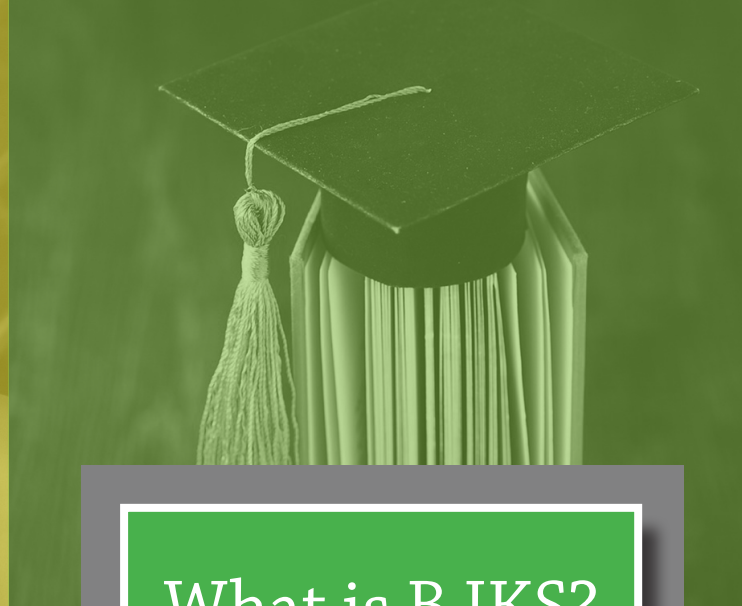
"Kitso ya setso." (Setswana)

"Ulwazi le sintu" (isiZulu)

"Ndivho nga ha mvelele na vhuvha" (Venda)

IK includes various interconnected aspects of local cultures such as arts, crafts, music and dance; agriculture, food preparation and preservation; hunting, animal husbandry and leatherwork; nutrition, health & herbal medicine; dressmaking, leatherwork & beading; woodwork, architecture, commerce, leadership & management; etc.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER...



What is B.IKS?

This is the Bachelor in Indigenous Knowledge Systems degree. B.IKS is a four year SAQA accredited degree programme offered at the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre of the North-West University on the Mafikeng Campus. It equips students with the skills to become competent IK practitioners.

What is the purpose of IKS Centre?

The IKS Centre has three fundamental purposes. The first is to document indigenous knowledge (IK). Most of IK has been transmitted orally and through observation. Colonization and globalization has displaced the channels through which this knowledge was transmitted, thus many knowledge holders go to their graves with vital information. Therefore the documentation of IK is an urgent task.

The second thing we do with IK is to research and investigate it. This is an attempt to explore the depth and breadth of IK, to make new observation and discover new ideas from it.

Lastly IK innovated upon. IK is used to generate new products and services that can be used to meet contemporary needs. This is helping to solve community problems, and may involve commercialization. Community engagement is an integral element of all the research, teaching and learning activities of the IKS Centre.



Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for entry to the B.IKS degree are as follows:

- English at Level 4 (50 - 59%)
- APS Score: 20 points
- University entrance

The course admits students with any combination of high school subjects. However it is very important that one really has a passion for knowledge.

Applications:

Apply online:

www.nwu.ac.za/applications