

Indigenous Student Lounge Rules and Guidelines

The following expectations are subject to change, if you would like to add, remove or modify any guidelines please speak to the Indigenous Student Advisor or place a suggestion in the suggestion box found on the counter next to the fridge.

Access

The Lounge is available when the building and campus are open, including during institutional holidays. Entry to the space is accessed with a door code provided by the Indigenous Student Advisor. In the event of a code change, the Advisor will reach out to the active student list to communicate changes.

General Rules

1. Be respectful. People come to this lounge to relax and study; treat others the way you would like to be treated.
2. During exam season there will be dedicated study/quiet space hours posted.
3. Once per day there will be sensory friendly hours in the centre during which time the lights will be dimmed, and it would be appreciated if volume was kept to a minimum.
4. No overnight sleeping in the lounge. Daytime naps are alright so long as you are not disturbing others.
5. Do not take home the sewing machine, it is available for in-lounge projects only.
6. There will be supplies/materials stored in the lounge for cultural activities. Help yourself to the beads and feel free to take materials home to work on your project. Please be mindful to leave sufficient supplies for others.
7. Some supplies/materials are available exclusively for group workshops and are not to be used for individual projects. These will either be marked or stored in the Indigenous Advisor's office.
8. Take your time to get to know each other and enjoy the space together!

Smudging in the Space

1. This is a smudge-safe space, please do so as needed. If at any time the ventilation system does not allow for smudging clear signage will be posted in the space.
2. Please bring your own medicines. If you are in need of medicine, please speak with the Indigenous Student Advisor and they will assist you in securing supplies.

Maintaining the Lounge Space

1. Clean up after yourself. We all want to come into this space and feel comfortable and it is very hard to feel that way when there is garbage throughout the room.
2. Items placed in the fridge are not the responsibility of the space and we are not responsible for any items that are thrown out or taken.
3. If you bring something that is to be shared with others in the lounge, please mark it as such.
4. Don't leave something in the fridge for days on end. We don't want mold in the new space. Items will be allowed to be stored in the fridge for up to 1 week.

Lounge Locker Usage Guidelines

1. To apply for a locker, reach out to the Indigenous Student Advisor.
2. Students that live off campus will be given priority for locker allocation.
3. Lockers will be booked out on a term-basis. Assuming you abide by the above guidelines and expectations, and are still an enrolled student at Saint Mary's, you can rebook a locker for the subsequent term through the Indigenous Student Advisor.
4. Locker combinations should never be shared with anyone. If you forget your locker combination, please speak with Indigenous Student Advisor and they will reset the passcode for you.
5. One locker will be reserved for the Indigenous Student Advisor to store items on behalf of students who don't have lockers. This will be on a day-to-day basis, as needed.
6. Food should not be stored in lockers.
7. Do not alter the locker in permanent ways:
 - a. Stickers and magnets are okay as long as they are respectful.
 - b. Drilling a hole is not or anything that damages the lockers, is not acceptable.
8. Be respectful of other peoples' locker spaces.