

AMERICAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

DAKOTA &
OJIBWE LANGUAGES

EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING

CAREER
TRACKS

NATIVE & NON-
NATIVE STUDENTS

American Indigenous Studies provides an interdisciplinary and broad understanding of Native peoples of the Americas, especially the Dakota, and their respective ways of life in the past, present and future. American Indigenous Studies, in collaboration with the American Indian Affairs Office and the Native American Student Association, facilitates a space where Indigenous worldviews are an enduring and integral part of the diverse intellectual atmosphere at our university.

DEGREES OFFERED:

- American Indigenous Studies, BS
- American Indigenous Studies, Minor
- American Indigenous Studies, Certificate

FITTING FIELD FOR THOSE WHO ARE SKILLED AT:

- Communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Cultural sensitivity
- Interpersonal skills
- Research skills
- Problem solving

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN:

- Colleges and universities
- Government agencies
- Law firms
- Court systems
- Historical societies
- Public health
- State institutions
- Tribal governments
- Tribal management
- Tribal law
- Youth services
- Hospitals and clinics
- K-12 schools
- Mental health clinics
- Non-profit organizations

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WITH PASSION FOR:

- Indigenous cultures
- Diversity
- Social justice
- Tribal sovereignty
- Law or legal issues
- Environment
- History
- Languages
- Social welfare
- Land issues
- Community
- Leadership
- Education



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PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Experiential learning opportunities
- Online, remote, and face to face course delivery
- Indigenous languages
- Service opportunities through internships, research, and events
- Small class sizes
- Real world experiences

American Indigenous Studies provides career tracks as pathways for student success. Each student takes core classes that provide an understanding of Natives in Minnesota, Tribal Sovereignty, and Oral Traditions in addition to Intro to American Indigenous Studies course and a capstone, Behaving Like Relatives, research course.

Classes you might take based on your track are listed below, or work with faculty to customize a plan to focus on individual career plans through a general track in American Indigenous Studies.

EDUCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS 212/213 Native History • AIS 330 Indigenous Education • AIS 300W American Indian Leadership • AIS 455 Museum Science and Representation • Optional language courses
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS 212/213 Native History • AIS 330 Indigenous Education • Two to four language courses dependent on beginning language level • Research on focus culture
ENVIRONMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS 360 Indigenous People and Environmental Struggles • AIS 380 The Sacred Landscape • Outside electives in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services; Biology; or Anthropology dependent on your interests • Optional language courses

LEGAL STUDIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS 300W American Indian Leadership • AIS 330 Indigenous Education • AIS 360 Indigenous People and Environmental Struggles • AIS 380 The Sacred Landscape • Outside electives in government dependent on interests • Optional language courses
HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS 212/213 Native History • AIS 240W American Indian Women • AIS 300W American Indian Leadership • AIS 330 Indigenous Education • Outside electives in Counseling and Student Personnel, Social Work, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Gerontology, or Alcohol and Drug Studies, dependent on interests • Optional language courses