

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, MINOR

Liberal Arts (Code 530-401)

The minor, like the major and certificate, is designed to provide both American Indian and non-Indian students with a broad understanding of the distinctive lifeways, politics, and histories of a number of tribal nations. Students will also learn about the philosophical and religious systems, the art, and literatures developed by past and contemporary American Indian tribes and individuals.

Code	Title	Credits
Twenty-four semester credits, nine credits must be 300-level or higher, including:		
AIS 101	Introduction to American Indian History and Cultures	3
AIS 102	Introduction to American Indian Expressive Cultures	3
AIS 243	Introduction to Contemporary American Indian Communities	3
Remaining credits selected from:		
AIS 111 or AIS 121	Studies in American Indian Languages I ¹ Beginning Ojibwe I	
AIS 112 or AIS 122	Studies in American Indian Languages II ¹ Beginning Ojibwe II	
AIS/ENGL 142	Introduction to American Indian Literatures	
AIS/ANTH 161	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
AIS/HIST 240	American Indian History	
AIS/ENGL 242	The American Indian in Literature and Film	
AIS 244	American Indian Literature of Healing	
AIS/POLS 250	American Indian Politics	
AIS 257	Tribal Nation Governments	
AIS 260	Chippewa Reserved Treaty Rights	
AIS 291	Special Topics	
AIS/GEOG 322	Native Geographies	
AIS/ARTH 324	Indigenous North American Visual Cultures	
AIS/RELS 330	Indigenous Religions of the Americas	
AIS/ARTH 335	Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America	
AIS/ARTH 337	Art of Tawantinsuyo	
AIS 343	Contemporary American Indian Communities	
AIS/ENGL 345	American Indian Autobiography	
AIS/ENGL 346	Major Works in American Indian Literature	
AIS/HIST 368	Studies in American Indian History	
AIS/HIST 369	Wisconsin Indian History	
AIS 395	Directed Studies	
AIS 399	Independent Study	

AIS 444	Indigenous Theory and Methodologies
AIS 480	Capstone
AIS 491	Special Topics
AIS 498	Internship
AIS 499	Independent Study

¹ A maximum of one language course can count to the minor.

Seminars and special topics courses dealing with American Indians will also be given consideration for credit.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Explain the status of federally recognized tribes in relation to federal, state, and local government, as well as private enterprises.
- Define and apply the concept of tribal sovereignty in contemporary America.
- Describe examples of identity, colonialism, stereotypes, resistance, survivance, and/or issues of cultural appropriation/exploitation of Indigenous people.
 - Analyze the impact of systems, institutions, and issues in historical and contemporary times.
 - Apply the ability to interact respectfully with others and suspend judgment, understanding that judgments may be culturally biased and exclusive.
- Practice culturally sensitive dispositions as they engage with American Indians in the university community, as well as tribal and urban communities within and around Wisconsin.