American Indian Studies

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The American Indian Studies Program offers graduate-level course work but no graduate degree programs.

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No graduate degree programs offered.

All 500- and 600-level graduate courses include requirements or assignments which differentiate them from their companionate 300- and 400-level undergraduate offerings. Students who have taken a course at the 300- or 400-level may not include that course at the 500- or 600-level in a graduate program, except in the case of special topics courses when the topic is not the same as that taken at the undergraduate level.

AIS 522 Native Geographies (3 crs)

• Cross-listed with AIS 322 and GEOG 322/GEOG 522. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

The historical and contemporary relationships of American Indians to place, including land use and environmental issues, indigenous mapping techniques, sacred sites, territorial nationhood, and legal rights to ceded and sovereign lands. The course also provides insight into the unique cultures of indigenous peoples around the world.

Attributes: Field Trip(s) Required, Special Course Fee Required  
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

AIS 543 Contemporary American Indian Communities (3 crs)

Prerequisite: AIS 101 or AIS 102 or consent of instructor.  
• Cross-listed with AIS 343. Credit may not be earned in both courses.

Preparation for future study in AIS and/or work in American Indian communities by providing skills to work with communities toward mutually beneficial goals. Learn challenges facing American Indian communities and successful initiatives combatting those challenges. Travel required.

Attributes: Special Course Fee Required  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0  
Seminar Hours: 3

AIS 568 Studies in American Indian History (3 crs)

• Cross-listed with AIS 368 and HIST 368/HIST 568. Course may be repeated when topic differs for a maximum of nine credits. Consult Class Schedule or department office for current offering.

Selected topics depending on student and staff interests. Possible topics include the history of Wisconsin Indians and American Indians in the twentieth century. Consult class schedule or department office for current offering.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits  
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

AIS 569 Wisconsin Indian History (3 crs)

• Cross-listed with AIS 369 and HIST 369/HIST 569. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Study of American Indian communities in Wisconsin with emphasis on the mix of continuity and change in response to outside forces.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

AIS 595 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)

Consent: Department Consent Required  
• Cross-listed with AIS 395.

Study of problem or topic related to American Indian Studies.

Repeat: Course may be repeated  
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

AIS 644 Indigenous Theory and Methodologies (3 crs)

Prerequisite: One course in AIS or one course in LAS 385 or ENGL 368 or HMNG 101 or HMNG 102 or HUMS 110 or consent of instructor  
• Cross-listed with AIS 444. Credit may not be earned in both courses. Field trips recommended.

Introduction to Indigenous theory and methods of critical practice within the discipline. Emphasis on active research and critical analysis of current texts, discussions, and issues within Indigenous scholarship.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option  
Seminar Hours: 3

AIS 699 Independent Study (1-3 crs)

Consent: Department Consent Required  
• Cross-listed with AIS 499.

Original individual research or studies related to American Indian Studies.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option