The American Indian Studies certificate is a stand-alone credential which can enhance all students’ majors and minors. It is designed for students with an interest in American Indian Studies but are unable to complete a major or minor in American Indian Studies. The certificate is of particular value to health care professionals; educators; social workers; and business managers and administrators in tribal enterprises. In addition to personal growth in cultural competency, this certificate will provide students from all backgrounds with the fundamental knowledge and skills for various career paths that connect with Indigenous or diverse populations.

Eighteen semester credits, six credits must be 300-level or higher, including:

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- AIS 111 Studies in American Indian Languages I
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- 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 257 Tribal Nation Governments
- AIS/POLS 250 American Indian Politics
- 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
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- 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

Note: A maximum of six credits may be applied to both the student’s major and the certificate program.

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- Define and apply the concept of tribal sovereignty in contemporary America; the ability to do so is particularly necessary where there are jurisdictional issues at hand such as within criminal justice as it is necessary to understand the differences between state, tribal, and federal jurisdiction.
- Explain the status of federally recognized tribes in relation to federal, state, and local governments, as well as private enterprise.
- Identify examples of stereotypes and issues of cultural appropriation/exploitation of Indigenous people.