

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

(Code 530-601)

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.

Code	Title	Credits
Eighteen semester credits, six 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	Studies in American Indian Languages I ¹	
AIS 112	Studies in American Indian Languages II ¹	
AIS/LANG 121	Beginning Ojibwe I ¹	
AIS/LANG 122	Beginning Ojibwe II ¹	
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 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	Survey of North American Indian Art	
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 certificate.

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.