# 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.

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Remaining credits selected from:

- AIS 111 Studies in American Indian Languages I \(^1\)
- AIS 112 Studies in American Indian Languages II \(^1\)
- AIS 121 Beginning Ojibwe I
- AIS 122 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

\(^1\) 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.