Twin Cities Campus

American Indian Studies B.A.

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College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 31 to 41
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

American Indian studies is dedicated to advancing awareness and understanding of the histories and contemporary experiences of American Indian people. The program focuses on the native peoples of the United States and Canada, but also draws on the experiences of indigenous peoples from other parts of the world. This multidisciplinary field looks at the histories, cultures, arts, languages, literatures, philosophies, religions, economies, politics, and legal status of indigenous peoples. The program also focuses on the many differences that have separated tribal nations as sovereign bodies and on the many similarities that unite them in common interests and causes. It gives special attention to the sovereignty of American Indian nations as this is expressed in all walks of life - from the preservation and revitalization of native languages to the protection and retention of native lands.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the American Indian Studies BA is AMIN.

Students must choose to specialize in either the General Track or the Language Track.

A given course may only count towards one major requirement.

At least 14 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Students may earn a BA or minor in American Indian Studies, but not both, and students who declare the Language sub-plan in Ojibwe may not earn the Ojibwe Language BA.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

All students must complete a capstone in at least one CLA major. The requirements for double majors completing the capstone in a different CLA major will be clearly stated. Students must also complete all major requirements in both majors to allow the additional capstone to be waived. Student completing an addition degree must complete the capstone in each degree area.

Introductory Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- AMIN 1001 - Introduction to American Indian & Indigenous Peoples [DSJ] (3.0 cr)

Capstone

The Capstone Seminar is the culmination of a students career as an American Indian Studies major. The seminar guides students in

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the process of developing and producing an original research project that demonstrates their skills as interdisciplinary critical thinkers and writers in American Indian Studies. AMIN 4821W is only offered in the fall term, careful pre-planning is important.
Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:
Students who double major and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the American Indian Studies BA capstone, and they do not need to replace the 3 credits.
- AMIN 4821W - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the Major
Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.
Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 4821W - Capstone Seminar [WI] (3.0 cr)
- OJIB 5204W - Ojibwe Mastery II [WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3201W - American Indian Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3201W *{Inactive}*[LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or POL 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans
Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

General
The General track requires at least 33 credits of coursework, including AMIN 1001 & AMIN 4821W. It is intended for majors who do not wish to complete their second language requirement in Dakota or Ojibwe.

Foundation Course
Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:
- AMIN 1002 - Indigenous Peoples in Global Perspective [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or POL 1019 - Indigenous Peoples in Global Perspective [GP] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1003 - American Indians in Minnesota [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

Core Courses
AMIN 4990, 4991, 4994, & 4996 may be used to satisfy a specific group's requirements with the permission of the director of undergraduate studies.
Take 3 or more course(s) totaling 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

Tribal Arts and Humanities (Group A)
Take 1 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AMIN 3304 - Indigenous Filmmakers [AH] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4532 - Vine Deloria, Jr.: A Renaissance Indigenous Figure (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3402 - American Indians and the Cinema [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5402 - American Indians and the Cinema [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3201W - American Indian Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3201W *{Inactive}*[LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3301 - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3321 - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

•Culture and History (Group B)
Take 1 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AMIN 3711 - Dakota Culture and History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4532 - Vine Deloria, Jr.: A Renaissance Indigenous Figure (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

•Political, Social, and Policy Issues (Group C)
Take 1 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AMIN 3312 - American Indian Environmental Issues and Ecological Perspectives [ENV] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4501 - Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4511 - Indigenous Political Economies (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 5202 - Indigenous Peoples and Issues Before the United States Supreme Court (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3501 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)

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or POL 3701 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 3601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or POL 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or AFRO 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

- AMIN 3304 - Indigenous Filmmakers [AH] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3312 - American Indian Environmental Issues and Ecological Perspectives [ENV] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3604 - Indigenous Immersion Methods for the Home, Classroom, and Community (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3711 - Dakota Culture and History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4501 - Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4511 - Indigenous Political Economies (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4532 - Vine Deloria, Jr.: A Renaissance Indigenous Figure (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4990 - Topics in American Indian Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- AMIN 4994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- AMIN 4996 - Field Study (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
- AMIN 5107 - The Structure of Anishinaabemowin: The Ojibwe Language (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 5202 - Indigenous Peoples and Issues Before the United States Supreme Court (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 5920 - Topics in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3001 - Public History (3.0 cr)
  or AMST 3003 - Public History (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3001 - Public History (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3201W - American Indian Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3201W *{Inactive}*[LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3301 - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3321 - American Indian Philosophies [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3402 - American Indians and the Cinema [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5402 - American Indians and the Cinema [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3501 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or POL 3701 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or AMIN 5602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 3601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3872 - American Indian History: 1830 to the Present [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or AAS 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or AFRO 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or POL 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or AMST 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or ANTH 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 3412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CHIC 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
  or GWSS 3515 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 5890 - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 5890 - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)
- Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
  - DAKO 3xxx
  - DAKO 5xxx

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•OJIB 3xxx
•OJIB 5xxx

Language

The Language track requires at least 31 credits of coursework, including AMIN 1001 & AMIN 4821W. It is designed for students who wish to deepen their understanding of the field by completing two years of either Dakota or Ojibwe.

The required four semesters of Dakota or Ojibwe language study will satisfy the CLA second language requirement.

Language Sequence

Take either the Dakota or Ojibwe 6-course language sequence for 26 credits. In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may be exempt from taking one or more of these courses. Placement is determined by the Dakota and Ojibwe Language Coordinators.

Dakota

Take 4 - 6 course(s) totaling 16 - 26 credit(s) from the following:

•DAKO 1121 - Beginning Dakota I (5.0 cr)
•DAKO 1122 - Beginning Dakota II (5.0 cr)
•DAKO 3123 - Intermediate Dakota I (5.0 cr)
•DAKO 3124 - Intermediate Dakota II (5.0 cr)
•DAKO 5126 - Advanced Dakota Language I (3.0 cr)
•DAKO 5129 - Advanced Dakota Language II (3.0 cr)

or **Ojibwe**

Take 4 - 6 course(s) totaling 16 - 26 credit(s) from the following:

•OJIB 1101 - Beginning Ojibwe I (5.0 cr)
•OJIB 1102 - Beginning Ojibwe II (5.0 cr)
•OJIB 3103 - Intermediate Ojibwe I (5.0 cr)
•OJIB 3104 - Intermediate Ojibwe II (5.0 cr)
•OJIB 5106 - Advanced Ojibwe Language I (3.0 cr)
•OJIB 5109 - Advanced Ojibwe Language II (3.0 cr)

Advanced Language Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

•DAKO 3125 - Introduction to Dakota Linguistics (3.0 cr)
•DAKO 3127 - Dakota Language for Teachers (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 5107 - The Structure of Anishinaabemowin: The Ojibwe Language (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 5141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

•AMIN 3304 - Indigenous Filmmakers [AH] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3312 - American Indian Environmental Issues and Ecological Perspectives [ENV] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3604 - Indigenous Immersion Methods for the Home, Classroom, and Community (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3711 - Dakota Culture and History [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4501 - Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4511 - Indigenous Political Economies (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4532 - Vine Deloria, Jr.: A Renaissance Indigenous Figure (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4990 - Topics in American Indian Studies (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•AMIN 4994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
•AMIN 4996 - Field Study (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
•AMIN 5107 - The Structure of Anishinaabemowin: The Ojibwe Language (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 5202 - Indigenous Peoples and Issues Before the United States Supreme Court (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 5920 - Topics in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3001 - Public History (3.0 cr)
or AMST 3003 - Public History (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3001 - Public History (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 5141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3201W - American Indian Literature [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
or ENGL 3201W *{Inactive}*[LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
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•AMIN 3409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or AMIN 5409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3501 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or POL 3701 - Indigenous Tribal Governments and Politics [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)

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or AMIN 5602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or ANTH 3601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3871 - American Indian History: Pre-Contact to 1830 [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
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•DAKO 5xxx
•OJIB 3xxx
•OJIB 5xxx

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