

Duluth Campus

American Indian Studies B.A.

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College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2021
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 40
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

American Indian Studies (AIS) is an interdisciplinary academic department offering coursework committed to broadening knowledge of the worldview, histories, languages, literature, cultures, arts, and contemporary experiences of American Indian nations and peoples. As American Indian nations maintain a distinct political relationship with the federal government rooted in historical treaties, congressional laws, and executive orders, AIS promotes awareness for and understanding of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. AIS strives to protect the integrity and identity of the indigenous population of North America and to create an intellectual learning environment conducive to critical and creative thought.

A degree in American Indian studies is designed to give students a broad background while allowing concentrated study in an area(s) of interest. The core of the program includes study in Ojibwe language, historical and contemporary foundations, politics and law, art and literature, and societies and cultures. Majors and minors develop skills in analytical and critical thinking, as well as verbal and written communication. They acquire knowledge of historical and contemporary American Indian experiences, cultures, and (inter)governmental affairs. Additionally, students may focus their area of study in Ojibwe language.

Graduates are prepared for careers in a variety of professional fields, including social services, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, tribal, local, state or federal government, criminal and social justice fields, tribal economic development, as well as business and management. In addition, some graduates pursue advanced degrees in law, health, business, social work, education, museum studies, and fine arts.

Honors Requirements: Students must have a 3.75 GPA in the major.

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

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

- 1) A second field of study (either a minor, another major or dual degree) is required.
- 2) Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.

Learning in Community (1 cr)

Requirement will be waived for transfer students with at least 30 credits taken post high school, for UMD students who started in a UMD collegiate unit where this is not required, and upon request for first-year students with 30 PSEO credits.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

or [EHS 1000](#) - Into the World [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [ES 1000](#) - Global Cultural Perspectives on Environmental Sustainability [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [LING 1000](#) - Language and Culture in the U.S. What does it Mean to Speak American [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

or [PSY 1100](#) - Living Your Best Life: Applying Positive Psychology [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Core (9 cr)

[AMIN 1001](#) - Introduction to American Indian Studies [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

[AMIN 1010](#) - American Indian Experience to 1900 [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

[AMIN 1020](#) - American Indian Experiences: 1900-present [LE CAT, LECD C, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Required Experience (3 cr)

[AMIN 3997](#) - Internship in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)

or [AMIN 4990](#) - Directed Research in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)

Subject Area Electives (24 cr)

One course from four of the five subject areas is required, a minimum of nine AMIN credits must be at the 3xxx-4xxx level and one course from the Optional Elective areas may apply to this requirement. AMIN 3997 and 4990 do not count toward this requirement.

Take 8 or more course(s) from the following:

Language

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 1103](#) - Beginning Ojibwe I [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 1104](#) - Beginning Ojibwe II [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

•Politics and Law

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 3206](#) - Federal Indian Policy [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3230](#) - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4230](#) - Introduction to Federal Indian Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4250](#) - American Indian Diplomacy: Treaties, Compacts, and Agreements [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

•Art and Literature

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 1606](#) - Introduction to American Indian Literature [LE CAT9, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 2605](#) - Survey of American Indian Arts [LE CAT, FINE ARTS, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3660](#) - American Indian Novel [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4630](#) - American Indians and the Media [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4640](#) - American Indians in the Movies [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•Societies and Cultures

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 2015](#) - Ojibwe History and Modern Culture [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 2405](#) - American Indian Families and Society [LE CAT, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3410](#) - Fur Trade in Canada and the United States [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3420](#) - American Indians in Sports [LE CAT7, LECD CAT07, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3430](#) - Global Indigenous Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3450](#) - American Indian Women [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4410](#) - American Indian Philosophies [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

•Tribal Administration

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 2801](#) - Introduction to Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 2820](#) - Foundations of Indigenous Leadership (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3810](#) - Fundamentals of Tribal Strategic Management (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3820](#) - Fundamentals of Tribal Project Management (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 3830](#) - Fundamentals of Tribal Operations Management (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4810](#) - Business Processes in Tribal Administration (3.0 cr)

•[AMIN 4840](#) - Current Issues and Opportunities in Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)

•Optional Experience

Take 0 - 10 credit(s) from the following:

•[AMIN 3393](#) - Projects in American Indian Studies (1.0 - 6.0 cr)

•Optional Elective

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:



- [ANTH 1604](#) - Cultural Anthropology [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3628](#) - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4621](#) - Myth and Sacred Symbols (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4631](#) - Anthropology and Environment [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 4633](#) - Ethnobotany [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
- [AST 1050](#) - Native Skywatchers: Indigenous Ethno- and ArchaeoAstronomy [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [COMM 3535](#) - Intercultural Communication [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- [CRIM 3322](#) - Law and Society (3.0 cr)
- [CRIM 3375](#) - Restorative Justice (3.0 cr)
- [CRIM 4340](#) - Racial Inequality and Criminalization [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- [ENGL 1582](#) - Introduction to World Literatures [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- [GEOG 2305](#) - Geography of Cultural Diversity [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [GEOG 4393](#) - Political Geography (3.0 cr)
- [HIST 1304](#) - US History Part I: 1607-1877 [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 1305](#) - US History Part II: 1865-Present [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2350](#) - Hunting and Gathering and the History of American Health [HUMANITIES, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3939](#) - Europe in the Age of Renaissance and Reformation: 1348-1648 (4.0 cr)
- [LING 1811](#) - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
- [POL 1500](#) - Introduction to Comparative Politics [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- [POL 3515](#) - Theories of Comparative Politics (3.0 cr)
- [POL 3600](#) - Political Concepts (3.0 cr)
- [SOC 4949](#) - Race and Ethnic Relations [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- [SW 1619](#) - Race, Class, and Gender in the United States [LE CAT, LECD C, RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
- [WS 2101](#) - Women, Race, and Class [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing (3 cr)

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)