



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor**

*American Indian Studies*

**College of Liberal Arts**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

### **Contact Information:**

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 6
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Grounded by a strong commitment to the worlds, histories, representations, and political struggles of Indigenous peoples locally and globally, the intellectual project of American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIS) uses interdisciplinary methods of critical inquiry as a means through which doctoral students engage research and scholarship in their major fields of study. An AIIS minor is composed of graduate course work with core and affiliated Indigenous studies faculty in the Department of American Indian Studies and other departments.

The AIIS graduate minor strengthens students' work in their major field of study, as they will learn how to best integrate American Indian and Indigenous Studies into their existing work as well as how to complement their research to include indigenous methodologies.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

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

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

### **Special Application Requirements:**

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the AIIS director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

## **Program Requirements**

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Minor field coursework offered on both the A-F and S/N grading basis must be taken A-F.

The cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.00.

### **Required Core Course (3 credits)**

Select one of the following core courses in consultation with the AIIS director of graduate studies.

[AMIN 5890](#) - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)

[AMIN 8301](#) - Critical Indigenous Theory (3.0 cr)

[HIST 5890](#) - Readings in American Indian and Indigenous History (3.0 cr)

### **Electives (3-9 credits)**

Masters students select 3 credits and doctoral students select 9 credits from the following, in consultation with the AIIS director of graduate studies, to complete minimum credit requirements. Courses from the Required Core course list not applied to that requirement can be used as electives. Topics coursework must be preapproved by the AIIS director of graduate studies and must be



taken for 3 credits. If chosen, AMIN 4994 or AMIN 4996 must be taken for 3 credits.

AAS 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)  
or AMIN 4231 - Color of Public Policy: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, & Chicanos in the U.S. (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 4501 - Law, Sovereignty, and Treaty Rights (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 4511 - Indigenous Political Economies (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 4525W - Federal Indian Policy [WI] (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 5141 - American Indian Language Planning (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 5202 - Indigenous Peoples and Issues Before the United States Supreme Court (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 5402 - American Indians and the Cinema [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 5409 - American Indian Women: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Perspectives [HIS, DSJ] (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 5412 - Comparative Indigenous Feminisms [GP] (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 5920 - Topics in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)  
AMIN 8910 - Topics in American Indian and Indigenous Studies (1.0 - 3.0 cr)  
AMST 8920 - Topics in American Studies (3.0 cr)  
ANTH 8510 - Topics in Archaeology (3.0 cr)  
CI 8645 - Indigenous Language Revitalization and Activist Research Methods (3.0 cr)  
ESCI 4602 - Sedimentology and Stratigraphy (3.0 cr)  
HIST 5910 - Topics in U.S. History (1.0 - 4.0 cr)  
AMIN 5602 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)  
or ANTH 5601 - Archaeology and Native Americans [DSJ] (3.0 cr)  
HIST 5891 - American Indian and Indigenous Studies Workshop (1.5 cr)

## Program Sub-plans

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

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Doctoral

Masters