



Morris Campus

American Indian Studies B.A.

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Academic Affairs

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2015
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 40
- NA
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This is an interdisciplinary major under the authority of the vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. The program is administered by the coordinator(s) of American Indian Studies.

The American Indian Studies major is designed to enhance a student's awareness and his or her overall knowledge about sovereignty and the diversity of Indigenous cultures throughout all of Native North America. Majors are required to engage and learn American Indian history, policies, cultures, literature, language, arts, sciences, and other creative endeavors within a globalized context. American Indian Studies promotes critical thinking, writing, and communication skills that are also rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems and community involvement. The curriculum emphasizes the role of the student as an active learner and participant within a growing and vibrant intertribal campus community.

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. For more information, see the [general education requirements](#).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 2 semester(s) of any second language.

Students develop a coherent program of study in consultation with their major adviser.

American Indian Studies students are especially encouraged to take an American indigenous language, such as Anishinaabe and Dakota.

Up to 4 credits of coursework with a grade of D or D+ may be used to meet the major requirements. Courses may not be taken S-N, unless S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the major to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

With approval of the American Indian Studies coordinator(s), a capstone course in a different major may be substituted for AMIN 4901 if it contains primary American Indian content (e.g., ENGL 4017 - Research Seminar: Tricksters-Conjurers in American Indian and African American Literature).

[NAIS 1101](#) - Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

[NAIS 4901](#) - Senior Project in Native American and Indigenous Studies (4.0 cr)

[ENGL 2411](#) - Representations of American Indians in Popular and Academic Culture [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

NOTE: ENGL 3311 is the preferred literature course.

[ENGL 3311](#) - American Indian Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

or [ENGL 3312](#) - World Indigenous Literature and Film [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

[HIST 2251](#) - American Indians and the United States: A History [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Students must complete at least 20 credits from the electives listed below, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Courses are exclusive of any used to complete the required courses.
2. At least 12 credits must be from Primary American Indian Studies.
3. No more than 4 credits of directed studies (X993) may be applied to the major.
4. No more than 3 credits of ARTS 1050 may be applied to the major.
5. No more than 8 credits of American Indigenous languages may be applied to the major.

Take 20 or more credit(s) from the following:

Primary American Indian Studies Electives

Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [NAIS 1801](#) - American Indian Song and Dance [IC] (2.0 cr)
- [NAIS 1803](#) - Native America in the 20th Century [IC] (4.0 cr)
- AMIN 2211 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (3.0 cr)
- [NAIS 2252](#) - Comparative Indigenous History: Beyond Native America [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- [NAIS 2801](#) - Anishinaabe Song and Dance: An Exploration of Song and Dance, Traditions and Practices [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [NAIS 2993](#) - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
- AMIN 3201 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- AMIN 3202 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- AMIN 3211 *{Inactive}*[SS] (4.0 cr)
- AMIN 3213 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (3.0 cr)
- [NAIS 3993](#) - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3455](#) - North American Archaeology [SS] (4.0 cr)
- [ENGL 3312](#) - World Indigenous Literature and Film [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [ENGL 4017](#) - Research Seminar: Tricksters-Conjurers in American Indian and African American Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2252](#) - Comparative Indigenous History: Beyond Native America [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3304](#) - Race, Class, and Gender in American History [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3359](#) - Native Strategies for Survival, 1880-1920 [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 3614](#) - Race and Ethnicity in Latin America [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

Primary American Indian Studies Electives, Indigenous Languages

Take at most 8 credit(s) from the following:

- [NAIS 1001](#) - Beginning Dakota Language I (5.0 cr)
- [NAIS 1002](#) - Beginning Dakota Language II [WL] (5.0 cr)
- [NAIS 1011](#) - Beginning Anishinaabe Language I (4.0 cr)
- [NAIS 1012](#) - Beginning Anishinaabe Language II [WL] (4.0 cr)
- [NAIS 2011](#) - Intermediate Anishinaabe Language I [HUM] (4.0 cr)
- [NAIS 2012](#) - Intermediate Anishinaabe Language II [HUM] (4.0 cr)

Related American Indian Studies

Take at most 8 credit(s) from the following:

- [ARTS 1008](#) - Visual Studies for Non-Majors: Ceramics [ART/P] (2.0 - 4.0 cr)
- [CMR 3411](#) - Intercultural Communication Theory and Research [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [ENGL 3301](#) - U.S. Multicultural Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [HIST 2451](#) - The American West [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- [PSY 3542](#) - Multicultural Psychology [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- SOC 2101 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- [SOC 3121](#) - Sociology of Gender and Sexuality [HDIV] (4.0 cr)

Other Elective Courses

Directed studies and interdisciplinary internships, with appropriate subject matter, may be used to meet the elective requirements.