Morris Campus

American Indian Studies Minor

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- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2015
- Required credits in this minor: 20

The American Indian Studies minor 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. Minors 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)

Minor Requirements

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 minor requirements. Courses may not be taken S-N unless S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the minor 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

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

Electives

Students must complete at least 16 credits from the electives below, subject to the following restrictions:
1. Students must have at least one course from two of the disciplines below.
2. No more than 4 credits of directed studies (X993) may be applied to the minor.
3. No more than 8 credits of an American Indigenous language may apply to the minor.
Take 16 or more credit(s) from the following:
- 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)
- ANTH 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
- ENGL 2411 - Representations of American Indians in Popular and Academic Culture [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3301 - U.S. Multicultural Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4017 - Research Seminar: Tricksters-Conjurers in American Indian and African American Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2251 - American Indians and the United States: A History [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2252 - Comparative Indigenous History: Beyond Native America [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2451 - The American West [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)

- ENGL 3311 - American Indian Literature [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
  or ENGL 3312 - World Indigenous Literature and Film [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- 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)

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