

Duluth Campus

Tribal Administration & Governance B.A.

American Indian Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 54
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The Tribal Administration and Governance major is designed to prepare students to work for tribes and governmental and non-governmental entities that work closely with tribes. This major combines fundamental courses in business administration from the Labovitz School of Business & Economics with courses focused on tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, and federal Indian law and policy. The curriculum is based on studying the interrelationships between federal and tribal governments and the methods used by Native Nations to administer programs. Students will learn the history of federal-tribal-state relations; learn the roles of tribal leaders and administrators; and learn the laws, policies, and issues that impact tribal governments.

The major is flexible to accommodate a variety of student needs. All required courses for the major are offered online. Students may either transfer to UMD with an A.A. or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum and complete the required courses for the major completely online in two years OR students who are beginning their undergraduate studies may come to UMD and take courses to fulfill the UMD liberal education program requirements while taking the online courses.

Students who graduate with a B.A. in Tribal Administration and Governance will:

- Demonstrate understanding of tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and self-governance.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of tribal constitutions, jurisdictions, ordinances, statutes, and laws.
- Demonstrate the capacity to provide strategic administration in tribal contexts.
- Demonstrate the capacity to manage tribal organizations and programs.
- Demonstrate the capacity to manage human capital in tribal contexts.
- Demonstrate the capacity to successfully manage projects in tribal contexts.
- Demonstrate applicable understanding of key principles and cases in federal Indian law and the unique legal status of Indian tribes.
- Demonstrate applicable understanding of significant federal statutes, policies and issues that impact tribal governments and their reservations.
- Demonstrate applicable understanding of the fundamentals of accounting, economics, organizational management, applied statistics, financial management, and marketing.
- Demonstrate applicable understanding of the leadership qualities required of tribal administrators.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- completely online (all program coursework can be completed online)

Admission Requirements

Students can declare this major at any time but once they begin the major they should take the TAG and BUS classes offered each semester (with the exception of internship which should be taken their last semester).

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.
[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

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](#).

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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. Students will receive a Certificate in Business Administration from the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE).
2. A second field of study (either a major or minor) is not required.

Certificate of Business Administration (16 cr)

After the successful completion of this required core, students will receive a Certificate in Business Administration from LSBE. These courses are provided in an online format and can be taken in any order. See Class Search for variable start dates of courses (1st half, 2nd half or full-term). Up to two of the following courses may be substituted with equivalent classroom classes.

- [BUS 2100](#) - Fundamentals of Accounting (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2200](#) - Fundamentals of Economics (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2300](#) - Fundamentals of Operations Management (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2400](#) - Fundamentals of Organizational Management (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2500](#) - Fundamentals of Applied Statistics (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2600](#) - Fundamentals of Financial Management (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2700](#) - Fundamentals of Marketing (2.0 cr)
- [BUS 2800](#) - Fundamentals of Human Resource Management (2.0 cr)

Required courses (34 cr)

- [TAG 2801](#) - Introduction to Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 2820](#) - Foundations of Indigenous Leadership (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 3206](#) - Federal Indian Policy [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 3230](#) - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 3810](#) - Fundamentals of Tribal Strategic Management (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 3820](#) - Fundamentals of Tribal Project Management (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 3997](#) - Internship in American Indian Studies (4.0 cr)
- [TAG 4230](#) - Introduction to Federal Indian Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 4250](#) - American Indian Diplomacy: Treaties, Compacts, and Agreements [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 4810](#) - Business Processes in Tribal Administration (3.0 cr)
- [TAG 4840](#) - Current Issues and Opportunities in Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

- [WRIT 31xx](#) - Adv Writing (3 cr)