Morris Campus

Native American and Indigenous Studies B.A.

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Academic Affairs

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- 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 Native American and Indigenous Studies.

The Native American and Indigenous Studies major is designed to enhance students' awareness and their overall knowledge about sovereignty and the diversity of Indigenous cultures with primary focus on the United States. Majors are required to engage and learn Native American histories, cultures, literatures, languages, arts, sciences, and expressive cultures.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Native American and Indigenous Studies promotes critical thinking, writing, and communication skills that are also rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems and community involvement by

Developing proficiency in core concepts in the field of Native American and Indigenous Studies;

Locating, exploring, and critically analyzing texts relevant to Native American and Indigenous Studies;

Acquiring an awareness of the complexities of tribal sovereignty;

Developing skills and knowledge necessary to engage in collaborative and ethical research within Indigenous Studies;

Applying interdisciplinary skills and approaches in the study of Indigenous peoples within local and global contexts;

Writing and speaking effectively.

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 advisor.

Native and Indigenous Studies students are especially encouraged to take an American indigenous language, such as Anishinaabe or Dakota to meet the general education language requirement.

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 course is offered as 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.

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Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

With approval of the Native American and Indigenous Studies coordinator(s), a capstone course in a different major may be substituted for NAIS 4901 if it contains primary Native American 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 NAIS courses.
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 Native American and Indigenous Studies

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)
- NAIS 2212 - Indian Residential Schools: Their History and Legacy [E/CR] (2.0 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)
- NAIS 3403 - American Indian Education: History and Representation [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- NAIS 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
- ANTH 3402 - Representations from the Field: American Indian Ethnography and Ethnohistory [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- ANTH 3455 - North American Archaeology [SS] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3311 - American Indian Literature [HDIV] (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 3402 - Representations from the Field: American Indian Ethnography and Ethnohistory [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3403 - American Indian Education: History and Representation [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3614 - Race and Ethnicity in Latin America [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
- IS 3253H - Honors: Honoring Native Treaties: Human Rights and Civic Responsibilities [E/CR] (2.0 cr)
- **Primary Native American and Indigenous Studies, 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 Native American and Indigenous 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.

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