Duluth Campus

American Indian Studies B.A.

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College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 40
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

American Indian Studies (AIS) is an interdisciplinary academic department offering coursework committed to broadening knowledge of the worldview, histories, languages, literatures, cultures, arts, and contemporary experiences of American Indian nations and peoples. As American Indian nations maintain a distinct political relationship with the federal government rooted in historical treaties, congressional laws, and executive orders, AIS promotes an awareness for and understanding of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. AIS strives to protect the integrity and identity of the indigenous population of North America and to create an intellectual learning environment conducive to critical and creative thought.

A degree in American Indian studies is designed to give students a broad background while allowing concentrated study in an area(s) of interest. The core of the program includes study in Ojibwe language, historical and contemporary foundations, politics and law, art and literature, and societies and cultures. Majors and minors develop skills in analytical and critical thinking, as well as verbal and written communication. They acquire knowledge of historical and contemporary American Indian experiences, cultures, and (inter)governmental affairs. Additionally, students may focus their area of study in Ojibwe language.

Graduates are prepared for careers in a variety of professional fields, including social services, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, tribal, local, state or federal government, criminal and social justice fields, tribal economic development, as well as business and management. In addition, some graduates pursue advanced degrees in law, health, business, social work, education, museum studies, and fine arts.

Honors Requirements: Students must have a 3.75 GPA in the major.

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.

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.
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

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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

A second field of study (either a minor or another major) is required.

Core (12 cr)

AMIN 1001 - Introduction to American Indian Studies [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
AMIN 1010 - American Indian Experience to 1900 [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
AMIN 1020 - American Indian Experiences: 1900-present [LE CAT, LECD C, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
- AMIN 3997 - Internship in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4191 *{Inactive}*(1.0 - 6.0 cr)
- AMIN 4990 - Directed Research in American Indian Studies (3.0 cr)

Subject Area Electives (24 cr)

One course from four of the five subject areas is required, a minimum of nine AMIN credits must be at the 3xxx-4xxx level and one course from the optional elective area may apply to the 24 credit total. AMIN 3997, 4191, and 4990 do not count toward this requirement.

Take 24 or more credit(s) from the following:

Language

AMIN 11xx, 21xx, 31xx, 41xx courses apply here.
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 1103 - Beginning Ojibwe I [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 1104 - Beginning Ojibwe II [LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2103 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2104 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT3, LECD CAT03, COMM & LAN] (3.0 cr)

Politics and Law

AMIN 12xx, 22xx, 32xx, 42xx courses apply here.
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 2210 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3206 - Federal Indian Policy [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3230 - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4230 - Introduction to Federal Indian Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4240 *{Inactive}*[CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4250 - American Indian Diplomacy: Treaties, Compacts, and Agreements [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Art and Literature

AMIN 16xx, 26xx, 36xx, 46xx courses apply here.
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 1606 - Introduction to American Indian Literature [LE CAT9, HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2605 - Survey of American Indian Arts [LE CAT, FINE ARTS, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3620 *{Inactive}*[CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3660 - American Indian Novel [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4630 - American Indians and the Media [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 4640 - American Indians in the Movies [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Societies and Cultures

AMIN 14xx, 24xx, 34xx, 44xx courses apply here.
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 2015 - Ojibwe History and Modern Culture [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2405 - American Indian Families and Society [LE CAT, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2407 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3410 - Fur Trade in Canada and the United States [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3420 - American Indians in Sports [LE CAT7, LECD CAT07, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3430 - Global Indigenous Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3450 - American Indian Women [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Tribal Administration

AMIN 18xx, 28xx, 38xx, 48xx courses apply here.
Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 2801 - Introduction to Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 2820 - Foundations of Indigenous Leadership (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3810 - Fundamentals of Tribal Strategic Management (3.0 cr)
- AMIN 3820 - Fundamentals of Tribal Project Management (3.0 cr)

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•AMIN 4810 - Business Processes in Tribal Administration (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4840 - Current Issues and Opportunities in Tribal Administration and Governance (3.0 cr)

Optional Elective

To reach the 24 credit minimum elective requirement students can apply one course from the following list.
Take no more than 1 course(s) from the following:
•ANTH 1604 - Cultural Anthropology [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•ANTH 3628 - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 4621 - Myth and Sacred Symbols (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 4631 - Anthropology and Environment [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 4633 - Ethnobotany [SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
•AST 1050 - Native Skywatchers: Indigenous Ethno- and ArchaeoAstronomy [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•COMM 3535 - Intercultural Communication [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
•CRIM 3322 - Law and Society (3.0 cr)
•CRIM 3375 - Restorative Justice (3.0 cr)
•CRIM 4340 - Racial Inequality and Criminalization [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
•ENGL 1582 - Introduction to World Literatures [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•GEOG 2305 - Geography of Cultural Diversity [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•GEOG 4393 - Political Geography (3.0 cr)
•HIST 1304 - US History Part I: 1607-1877 [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 1305 - US History Part II: 1865-Present [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 2350 - Hunting and Gathering and the History of American Health [HUMANITIES, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3939 - Europe in the Age of Renaissance and Reformation: 1348-1648 (4.0 cr)
•LING 1811 - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
•POL 1500 - Introduction to Comparative Politics [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•POL 3515 - Theories of Comparative Politics (3.0 cr)
•POL 3600 - Political Concepts (3.0 cr)
•SOC 4949 - Race and Ethnic Relations [RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
•SW 1619 - Race, Class, and Gender in the United States [LE CAT, LECD C, RACE JUST] (3.0 cr)
•WS 2101 - Women, Race, and Class [LE CAT8, LECD CAT08, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

American Indian Studies Upper Division Electives (9 cr)

Between the subject area electives and this area, a minimum of nine AMIN credits must be at the 3xxx-4xxx level. AMIN 3393 & 3995 apply to this area. AMIN 3997, 4191, and 4990 do not count toward this requirement.
AMIN 3xxx-4xxx level courses

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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