

American Indian Studies, Minor

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An understanding of American Indian nations, perspectives and challenges can help you break down barriers and build up communities. Gain a foundational knowledge to prepare you as an informed citizen and activist.

Description

The minor in American Indian studies teaches students about Indigenous sovereignty, culture, government relations and current events. In addition to these core topics, the minor offers students a breadth of options to gain deeper insights into their areas of interest, including human rights, Indigenous literature and philosophies, tribal governance and more.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The minor in American Indian studies requires 18 credit hours. At least 12 hours must be upper-division coursework, and all courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Required Courses -- 9 credit hours

[AIS 180: Introduction to American Indian Studies \(SOBE OR C\)](#) (3)

[AIS 285: Federal Indian Policy \(CIVI OR H & C\)](#) (3)

[AIS 380: Contemporary Issues of American Indian Nations \(C\)](#) (3)

Electives (select three) -- 9 credit hours

[AIS 320: American Indian Philosophies and World Views \(HUAD OR HU & C\) \(3\)](#)

[AIS 360: Issues in Urban Indian Country \(C\) \(3\)](#)

[AIS 381: American Indian Women \(C\) \(3\)](#)

[AIS 385: Entrepreneurship for American Indian Sustainability \(3\)](#)

[AIS 440: Cultural Professionalism \(C\) \(3\)](#)

[AIS 455: Human Rights and Cultural Resource Laws \(3\)](#)

[AIS 470: Tribal Governance \(3\)](#)

[AIS 480: Actualizing Decolonization \(HU & C & G\) \(3\)](#)

[AIS 484: Internship \(3\)](#)

[AIS 499: Individualized Instruction \(3\)](#)

[ENG 359: Indigenous American Literature \(\(L or HU\) & C\) \(3\)](#)

[HST 337: American Indian History to 1900 \(HUAD OR \(HU or SB\) & C & H\) \(3\)](#)

[HST 338: American Indian History since 1900 \(HUAD OR \(HU or SB\) & C & H\) \(3\)](#)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS in American Indian studies

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

Many industries, including American Indian economies, infrastructures and school systems, are in need of qualified people who are knowledgeable about Indigenous cultures, laws and policies. Graduates who combine the American Indian studies minor with their major are better prepared to serve in roles that protect, serve and advocate for American Indian communities.

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