American Indian Studies, BS

Are you interested in topics in indigenous sovereignty, self-determination and human rights? Students in this dynamic, comprehensive program explore the rich cultural knowledge and lived experiences of American Indians to address complex issues while reinvigorating and sustaining the well-being and intellectualism of Indigenous peoples worldwide.

Program Description

The BS program in American Indian studies provides students with unique opportunities to evaluate issues of American Indian nations within domestic and international contexts.

The American Indian studies program is committed to broadening the knowledge of students interested in the histories, languages, cultures, arts and contemporary situations of American Indian nations and peoples, and it encompasses legal, policy, community and economic development as well as arts, languages and culture.

The program is designed to protect the integrity and identity of the indigenous populations of North America and to create a learning environment conducive to critical and creative thought.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

**Required Courses (Major Map)**
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor’s and master’s degree with:

- American Indian Studies (Indigenous Rights and Social Justice), MS
- American Indian Studies (Tribal Leadership and Governance), MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).
Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries, ranging from one week to one year, study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the American Indian studies program are qualified to fill positions at the tribal, state and federal government levels and in the private sector. Graduates can advance to graduate school or can pursue professional careers in fields such as government service or public service. For example, federally and tribally operated schools located in remote areas within Indian Country have high turnover rates for both teachers and staff. American Indian studies graduates should be available to help fill these positions. Furthermore, the federal government, a major employer on many reservations across the country, is in need of qualified people who are knowledgeable in Indian cultures, laws and policies. Additionally, many American Indian nations' economies and infrastructures are developing at a rapid pace, and they are in continuous need to fill mid-management and management-level positions.

Graduates find positions in many areas, such as:

- community action work
- public administration (tribal or state relations, nonprofit management, education administration, planner)
- public health
- the arts
- tribal employment (political office, tribal management, cultural resource programming, grant writer, cultural specialist, youth services)

This program also provides suitable preparation for graduate study or law school.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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