American Indian Studies, Minor

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Complement your major area of study with a breadth of understanding of Indigenous culture, knowledge that can be helpful in a variety of careers that connect either directly or indirectly with American Indian nations and communities.

Description

The minor in American Indian studies is designed for students interested in developing an understanding of American Indian issues and analyzing issues through critical inquiry.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

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 (C)** (3)
- **AIS 285: Federal Indian Policy (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 (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 ((HU or SB) & C & H) (3)
HST 338: American Indian History since 1900 ((HU or SB) & C & H) (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, 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. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. 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 program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor can alone provide.

A minor in American Indian studies can help students as they pursue careers in Native communities, with tribes and organizations.