Our Program

The Department of Native American Studies is an independent academic department, where students are prepared for careers and advanced study in which collaboration with native communities plays a vital role. Students are provided with quality instruction utilizing interdisciplinary, quality research and public service curriculum that foregrounds Native American epistemologies and knowledges. Our students gain skills in and are challenged to think creatively, logically, and critically with regard to literature, art, history, law, environment and politics. This prepares them to go out into the world with a knowledge of Native American issues that will make them assets to the communities in which they work and live.

Native American Studies maintains the core position that cultural, spiritual and educational growth are inseparable. With that in mind, we are committed to guiding students toward becoming productive and socially responsible individuals. To achieve this the program curriculum fosters diversity, social justice and cultural democracy with a commitment to scholarly rigor, theoretical clarity, and critical/creative pedagogy, all while recognizing our responsibility to indigenous communities.

The major in Native American Studies, particularly when combined with a minor in a specific field, is good preparation for graduate work in several social sciences, as well as for professional training in law, business, or social work. It also provides an excellent background for teachers at all levels of education.

The only prerequisite for students enrolling in a Native American Studies course is an interest in indigenous peoples and their multifaceted heritage.

Bachelor of Arts
Major in Native American Studies

Minors
Native American Studies
Indigenous Peoples, Natural Resource Use & the Environment
Tribal Leadership

Related Careers
Archival Researcher
Counselor
Consultant
Cultural Arts Teacher
Cultural Resource Specialist
Curator
Environmental Policy
Historian
Human Services Worker
Interethnic-Relations Specialist
Lawyer
Linguist
Lobbyist
Mental Health Worker
Natural Resource Manager
Social Worker
Sociological Researcher
Teacher
Tribal Administrator
Tribal Council Member

Some of the careers listed may require additional or specialized coursework.

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