

# AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES (AMER IND)

## AMER IND 100 – INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

3 credits.

Focus is history, social organization, political experience, artistic expression of North American Indians, using methods and materials from a number of disciplines as an introduction to the interdisciplinary field.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## AMER IND/AFROAMER/ASIAN AM/CHICLA/FOLKLORE 102 – INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE US ETHNIC AND AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

3 credits.

Introduction to comparative ethnic studies, examining race, ethnicity, and indigeneity within the United States. Includes perspectives from African American, American Indian, Asian American, and Chican@ and Latin@ studies.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## AMER IND/ENGL 172 – LITERATURES OF NATIVE AMERICA

3 credits.

Introduction to the oral and written literatures of the peoples of native North America. An engagement with texts across historical periods, tribal groups, and regions to examine forms such as oratory, sermon, testimony, autobiography, and contemporary poetry and novels.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## AMER IND/HISTORY 190 – INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY

3-4 credits.

A broad survey of American Indian history which centers Indigenous peoples, communities, and nations in the context of U.S. policy and culture that emphasizes decolonial methods and Native ways of knowing the past.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## AMER IND 199 – DIRECTED STUDY

1-3 credits.

Independent study for freshmen and sophomores in collaboration with a faculty member.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2009

## AMER IND/ENGL 246 – LITERATURE BY AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN

3 credits.

Presents a broad range of literatures from diverse Native traditions and eras, to provide students with a basic knowledge of major issues affecting and best-known texts by American Indian women authors.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## AMER IND 250 – INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

3 credits.

Introduction to the various American Indian Nations within Wisconsin's borders with an emphasis on their history, culture, and sovereignty. Examines individual tribes and bands as well as common issues that affect tribal and non-tribal people in Wisconsin.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**AMER IND 301 – FIRST SEMESTER OJIBWE**

3 credits.

Introduction to the Ojibwe language, spoken and written, with emphasis on oral tradition and extensive study of grammar.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**AMER IND 302 – SECOND SEMESTER OJIBWE**

3 credits.

Continuation of Ojibwe language study, with an emphasis on traditional winter cycle myths.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 301**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2024**AMER IND 303 – BEGINNER LEVEL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

Gain an understanding of the grammatical and cultural features of an Indigenous language. Includes exploration of cultural practices and values through the study of oral and written narrative.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**AMER IND 304 – BEGINNER LEVEL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE II**

3 credits.

Focus on proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing of an Indigenous language. Includes exploration of cultural practices and values through the study of oral and written narrative.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 303**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2024**AMER IND/ENVIR ST 306 – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

3 credits.

Indigenous peoples often have very close relationships to ancestral homelands, species and natural resources. However, definitions of "indigenous" can be controversial and highly politicized. Diverse outlooks on identities, worldviews and environmental governance clarify the complex meanings of indigeneity in the US. Highlights American Indian perspectives, conservation practices, and policy environments through consideration of US and international case studies. American Indian experiences shed light on pressing issues of resource sustainability and sovereignty, and demonstrate linkages to global Indigenous environmental issues and strategies.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**AMER IND 308 – BEGINNER LEVEL HOCAK/HO-CHUNK LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

Provides an instruction to the Hoocak language (Ho-Chunk, formerly referred to as the Wisconsin Winnebago). Hoocak is one of the five aboriginal languages spoken in the state of Wisconsin and part of a larger Souian language family found only in North America. Learn the sounds and writing system of the language and examine the associated grammar and vocabulary. Develop literacy and an understanding of the unique sentence and verb structures, and utilize basic introductory conversational skills currently being used among Hoocak speakers.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**AMER IND/ANTHRO 314 – INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA**

3 credits.

Description and analysis of native cultures, and the role of environmental and historical factors in North America.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**AMER IND 320 – NATIVE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTHWEST**

3 credits.

Overview of Indian Peoples and cultures of the "Southwest" from historic times to present, including discussion of contemporary issues impacting tribes in the southwestern United States.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 100 or sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**AMER IND 325 – AMERICAN INDIANS IN FILM**

3 credits.

A critical examination of the portrayal of the American Indian in film, including documentaries and films made by Native filmmakers.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 100 or COM ARTS 350

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

**AMER IND/CSCS 330 – AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES: SOVEREIGNTY, STRUGGLES, AND SUCCESSES**

3 credits.

Learn about contemporary Native communities, both domestically and globally, through a carefully curated selection of readings, podcasts, and videos from Indigenous scholars, community members, knowledge holders, and activists. Offers a broad historical overview of Native American communities in the United States that illustrates the historical trajectory from early colonization and dispossession through self-determination and the recognition of tribal sovereignty in action by local, state, and federal governments.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**AMER IND/ENVIR ST 341 – INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATORS**

3 credits.

Native Nations show leadership globally in addressing major environmental issues. Indigenous languages describe deep relationships with the natural world, including information on environmental stewardship - harvesting, caretaking and reciprocity. Indigenous scholars contribute crucial perspectives to conversations about human relationships to the Earth - cultural relationships to wildlife and plants, and the ethical and practical roles of humans in socio-ecological systems. Focuses on indigenous environmental scholarship, including the ongoing legacy of oral traditions, developing research, writing, and public speaking skills.

**Requisites:** Satisfied Communications A requirement and sophomore standing, or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Gen Ed - Communication Part B

Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**AMER IND/ENVIR ST/GEOG 345 – MANAGING NATURE IN NATIVE NORTH AMERICA**

3 credits.

Surveys the concepts, practices, and issues associated with natural resource management in American Indian communities.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**AMER IND/ANTHRO 354 – ARCHAEOLOGY OF WISCONSIN**

3 credits.

Introduction to the archaeological evidence for the diverse Native American cultures of Wisconsin over the past 12,000 years.

**Requisites:** Junior standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**AMER IND/LINGUIS 371 – SURVEY OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGES**

3 credits.

Overview of native languages of North America, including topics such as history, distribution, diversity, government policy, language endangerment, elaboration of cultural domains, language and worldview, speech styles, language structure (phonology, morphology, grammatical categories), performance (narrative, song), writing systems.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2023**AMER IND 401 – OJIBWE LANGUAGE III**

3 credits.

Represents the third semester of the Ojibwe language, focusing on word structure and conversational skills.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 302**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 3rd semester language course

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2019**AMER IND 402 – OJIBWE LANGUAGE IV**

3 credits.

Represents the fourth semester in the Ojibwe language, focusing on conversational skills.

**Requisites:** AMER IND 401**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 4th semester language course

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2020**AMER IND 403 – INTERMEDIATE LEVEL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

Build on elementary skills of a specific indigenous language. Advanced grammar and syntax; advanced conversation and composition; cultural background of Indigenous people speaking the language through reading of stories, histories and cultural exploration. Requires completion of AMER IND 304 in the same language.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 3rd semester language course

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**AMER IND 404 – INTERMEDIATE LEVEL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE II**

3 credits.

Build on intermediate skills of a specific indigenous language. Increased focus on developing conversational skills. Requires completion of AMER IND 403 in the same language.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 4th semester language course

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**AMER IND/GEOG 410 – CRITICAL INDIGENOUS ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGES**

3 credits.

Critical Indigenous Ecological Knowledges are a set of diverse understandings, responsibilities, and laws held by distinct groups of Indigenous peoples that are enacted in multiple ways across socio-political and geographical contexts. These knowledges intersect with Indigenous political sovereignties and longstanding, complex, and nuanced relationships to the more-than-human world. Learn multiple entry points to exploring and examining these knowledge sets in the context of what's for now called the U.S. and Canada to think critically about the politics of Nature, environmentalism, race, indigeneity, and colonialism both historically and in the contemporary moment. Reflect upon how critical Indigenous knowledges about ecology, environment, and government have been erased, co-opted, criminalized, and also continually practiced, reimagined, and revitalized in multiple spheres through a range of interdisciplinary, critical, and cutting-edge Native scholarships and writings.

**Requisites:** Junior standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2022**AMER IND 425 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES**

3 credits.

Special focus on American Indian thought and perspectives on subjects in the arts and sciences.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**AMER IND/ANTHRO/FOLKLORE 431 – AMERICAN INDIAN FOLKLORE**

3 credits.

An introduction to the genres of American Indian Folklore. Special attention is given to creation stories, trickster tales, and the relationship between folklore and historical memory.

**Requisites:** Junior standing and (AMER IND/ANTHRO 314, FOLKLORE 100, 230, or 320), or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2015

**AMER IND/ANTHRO/FOLKLORE/GEN&WS 437 – AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN**

3 credits.

Examines and interprets the roles of American Indian women in traditional societies, and in contemporary North America.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**AMER IND/LSC 444 – NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THE MEDIA**

3 credits.

Explores public understanding and media coverage of Native American environmental issues including treaty rights, air and water quality, land-into-trust, and sacred sites. Analysis of organizational and structural constraints of media coverage relating to issues of sovereignty and intergovernmental relationships.

**Requisites:** Satisfied Communications A requirement or graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2017

**AMER IND 450 – ISSUES IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES**

3 credits.

Special focus on American Indian thought and perspectives on subjects in the arts and sciences.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**AMER IND/ANTHRO/BOTANY 474 – ETHNOBOTANY**

3-4 credits.

Study of the interactions between human cultures and plants. Topics include: traditional resource management and agriculture; crop domestication, evolution, and conservation; archaeobotany; indigenous knowledge; folk taxonomy; plants in symbolism and religion; dietary patterns; phytochemistry; global movement of plants and peoples.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Either Biological Science or Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**AMER IND/C&E SOC/SOC 578 – POVERTY AND PLACE**

3 credits.

The allocation of economic and social rewards in the United States; emphasis on persistently poor regions and communities; analysis of selected minority groups and their poverty statuses; poverty programs and their consequences for structural and cultural changes.

**Requisites:** SOC/C&E SOC 140, 210, 211, or SOC 181

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**AMER IND/SOC WORK 636 – SOCIAL WORK IN AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES: THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT**

3 credits.

The role of social workers and social services in American Indian and tribal communities, particularly compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. Historical context includes land removal and loss, the boarding school and adoption eras, and social determinants of health including the impacts of historical and intergenerational trauma.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**AMER IND 699 – DIRECTED STUDY**

1-3 credits.

Independent study for junior, senior and graduate students in collaboration with a faculty member.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**AMER IND/HISTORY 941 – INDIANS AND EMPIRES**

3 credits.

Examining the centuries of imperial competition in Native America, explores recent developments in early American Indian history.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2016