

AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

A certificate in American Indian & Indigenous Studies is a way of giving recognition to students who have made a significant effort to learn about American Indian & Indigenous culture and the place of American Indians in American society. Students receiving a certificate will have the achievement officially recorded via transcript notation.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A CERTIFICATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN & INDIGENOUS STUDIES?

Students of American Indian & Indigenous Studies go on to successful careers in administration, advising, academics, advocacy, the arts, business, community outreach, consulting, education, government, health or health education, journalism, library science, literacy programming, lobbying, management, politics, publishing, school counseling, social work, research, and many more.

HOW TO GET IN

To begin the certificate declaration process, students must submit the Certificate Program Application form to the American Indian and Indigenous Studies office. This form can be found on our Certificate Website (<https://amindian.wisc.edu/certificate-program/>). The certificate is open to Special students and undergraduate students regardless of the college of enrollment.

REQUIREMENTS

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15 total credits are required, as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Introduction to American Indian Studies:		
AMER IND 100	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3
Complete four courses from at least two of the following areas:		12
<i>History</i>		
AMER IND/ HISTORY 190	Introduction to American Indian History	
<i>Literature and Media</i>		
AMER IND/ ENGL 172	Literatures of Native America	
AMER IND/ ENGL 246	Literature by American Indian Women	
AMER IND 325	American Indians in Film	

AMER IND/ ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE 431	American Indian Folklore
<i>Anthropology</i>	
AMER IND/ ANTHRO 314	Indians of North America
AMER IND 320	Native Peoples of the Southwest
AMER IND/ ANTHRO 354	Archaeology of Wisconsin
<i>Language</i>	
AMER IND 301	First Semester Ojibwe
AMER IND 302	Second Semester Ojibwe
AMER IND 303	Beginner Level Indigenous Language
AMER IND 304	Beginner Level Indigenous Language II
AMER IND 308	Beginner Level Hoocak/Ho-Chunk Language
AMER IND/ LINGUIS 371	Survey of North American Indian Languages
AMER IND 401	Ojibwe Language III
AMER IND 402	Ojibwe Language IV
AMER IND 403	Intermediate Level Indigenous Language
AMER IND 404	Intermediate Level Indigenous Language II
<i>American Indian Social and Cultural Issues</i>	
AMER IND/ AFROAMER/ ASIAN AM/ CHICLA/ FOLKLORE 102	Introduction to Comparative US Ethnic and American Indian Studies
AMER IND 250	Indians of Wisconsin
AMER IND/ CSCS 330	American Indian Communities: Sovereignty, Struggles, and Successes
AMER IND/ ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE/ GEN&WS 437	American Indian Women
AMER IND 450	Issues in American Indian Studies
AMER IND/ C&E SOC/ SOC 578	Poverty and Place
AMER IND 425	Special Topics in American Indian Studies
AMER IND/ SOC WORK 636	Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act
<i>Environment</i>	
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST 306	Indigenous Peoples and the Environment
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST 341	Indigenous Environmental Communicators

AMER IND/ ENVIR ST/ GEOG 345	Managing Nature in Native North America
AMER IND/ GEOG 410	Critical Indigenous Ecological Knowledges
AMER IND/ LSC 444	Native American Environmental Issues and the Media
AMER IND/ ANTHRO/ BOTANY 474	Ethnobotany

Total Credits**15**

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.
- 6 credits may be taken as pass/fail. All other credits must be taken for a letter grade.
- At least 8 certificate credits must be completed in residence.

UNDERGRADUATE/SPECIAL STUDENT CERTIFICATES

This certificate may be completed within the context of an undergraduate degree or as a Special student after an undergraduate degree has been awarded from any institution. The certificate may be completed in its entirety while enrolled as a Special student. Candidates are encouraged to contact the certificate coordinator to discuss course enrollment and the sequencing of certificate requirements.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Apply knowledge and methods of inquiry characteristic of this interdisciplinary field.
2. Apply knowledge of historical precedents to contemporary issues.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the creativity and ethos contained within the diverse ways of knowing (Indigenous Knowledge Systems) among American Indian nations and communities.
4. Apply knowledge of the effects (ongoing) of oppression and racism that American Indians experience.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the contributions of American Indian value-belief systems and practical knowledge across all fields of human endeavor.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

Students are required to declare the American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIIS) certificate. For academic advising regarding the certificate, students should contact the AIIIS certificate advisor to obtain more details about the certificate program and general academic advising. Contact Denise Wiyaka at denise.wiyaka@wisc.edu or request information by sending an email to ais@lets.wisc.edu.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and

other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

PEOPLE

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For a full list of faculty and staff, please see the department website (<https://amindian.wisc.edu/people/>).