

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

A certificate in American Indian studies is a way of giving recognition to students who have made a significant effort to learn about American Indian 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 STUDIES?

Students of American Indian 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 Studies office. Students should contact the AIS certificate advisor to obtain the form and to obtain more details about the 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 |
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| 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/ART HIST 359 | American Indian Art History: Contemporary Issues | |
| AMER IND/HISTORY 490 | 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 | |

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| AMER IND/LSC 444 | Native American Environmental Issues and the Media |
| <i>Anthropology</i> | |
| AMER IND/ANTHRO 314 | Indians of North America |
| AMER IND 320 | Native Peoples of the Southwest |
| AMER IND/ANTHRO 353 | Indians of the Western Great Lakes |
| AMER IND/ANTHRO 354 | Archaeology of Wisconsin |
| <i>Language</i> | |
| AMER IND 301 | First Semester Ojibwe |
| AMER IND 302 | Second Semester Ojibwe |
| AMER IND/LINGUIS 371 | Survey of North American Indian Languages |
| AMER IND 401 | Ojibwe Language III |
| AMER IND 402 | Ojibwe Language IV |
| <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/ENVIR ST 306 | Indigenous Peoples and the Environment |
| AMER IND/ENVIR ST/GEOG 345 | Managing Nature in Native North America |
| AMER IND/ANTHRO/FOLKLORE/GEN&WS 437 | American Indian Women |
| AMER IND 450 | Issues in American Indian Studies |
| AMER IND/ANTHRO/BOTANY 474 | Ethnobotany |
| AMER IND/HDFS 522 | American Indian Families |
| AMER IND/C&E SOC/SOC 578 | Poverty and Place |
| AMER IND/SOC WORK 636 | Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act |
| AMER IND/SOC WORK 658 | American Indian Affairs |

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 studies (AIS) certificate. For academic advising regarding the certificate, students should contact the AIS 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@letsoci.wisc.edu. Students can also visit the AIS office at 316 Ingraham Hall.

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