AMERICAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

American Indigenous Studies, in collaboration with the American Indian Affairs Office and the Native American Student Association, facilitates a space where Indigenous worldviews are an enduring and integral part of the diverse intellectual atmosphere at our University.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Arts in American Indigenous Studies
- Bachelor of Science in American Indigenous Studies
- American Indigenous Studies Minor
- American Indigenous Studies, Certificate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

American Indigenous Studies provides an interdisciplinary and broad understanding of Native Americans, especially the Dakota, and their respective ways of life in the past, present, and future.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Knowledge of Indigenous Histories and Cultures
- Communication Skills
- Research
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Interpersonal Skills

CAREERS

- Community Outreach Manager
- Anthropologist
- Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Historian
- Sociologist

EMPLOYERS

- Especially for Children Child Care
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- MN Prairie County Alliance
- Fon du Lac Reservation
- Enbridge
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

75%

of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 6 Respondents: 4 <u>link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up</u>

MEDIAN SALARY

\$63,800

The median annual wage for Anthropologists and Archeologists in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Anthropologists and Archeologists occupations, at https://link.mnsu.edu/american-indigenous-studies-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



hss.mnsu.edu/ais

COURSE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION	LEGAL STUDIES
AIS 211/212 Native History (3) AIS 300W American Indian Leadership (3) AIS 330 Indigenous Education (3) AIS 455 Museum Science and Representation (3) Optional language courses	AIS 300W American Indian Leadership (3) AIS 330 Indigenous Education (3) AIS 360 Indigenous People and Environmental Struggles (3) AIS 380 The Sacred Landscape (3) Outside electives in government dependent on interests Optional language courses
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE	HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES
AIS 211/212 Native History (3) AIS 330 Indigenous Education (3) Two to four language courses dependent on beginning language level Research on focus culture	AIS 211/212 Native History (3) AIS 240W American Indian Women (3) AIS 300W American Indian Leadership (3) AIS 330 Indigenous Education (3) Outside electives in Counseling and Student Personnel, Social Work, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Gerontology, or Alcohol and Drug Studies, dependent on interests Optional language courses
ENVIRONMENT	
AIS 360 Indigenous People and Environmental Struggles (3) AIS 380 The Sacred Landscape (3) Outside electives in Recreation, Parks and Leadership Studies; Biology; or Anthropology dependent on your interests Optional language courses	

For more information about program requirements, visit: mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog

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