

Indian Studies

Since time immemorial, American Indians have occupied the Upper Great Lakes area, including what is now known as the State of Minnesota. Tribes and Indian peoples currently residing on reservations and in rural and urban areas include Ojibwe, Dakota (Sioux), Menominee, Pottowatomie, Sac and Fox, Winnebago, Ottawa, Oneida, and members of other North American tribes.

The Indian Studies program is open to all students. It offers Ojibwe and other Indian students an academic area of study relevant to the diversity of their cultural heritage. It offers Indian and other students a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity of Indian history, language, and culture.

The Indian Studies major is designed to provide a cultural, political, and historical background for a companion major in a skills area (applied study major).

The Department of Languages and Ethnic Studies offers a minor in Ojibwe. Campus services available to Indian students include the American Indian Resource Center, the Council of Indian Students, Native Americans into Medicine, and an American Indian Science and Education Society chapter.

Programs

- Indian Studies, B.A. *major*
- Indian Studies *minor*

Career Directions

Education
Law Enforcement
Social Services
Tribal Government
Also: Graduate Study

Indian Studies, B.A. *major*

Required Credits: 37
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- INST 1107 Introduction to Indian Studies (3 credits)
- INST 2201 American Indians: Precontact to 1887 (3 credits)
- INST 2202 American Indians: 1887 To The Present (3 credits)
- OJIB 1111 Elementary Ojibwe I (4 credits)
- OJIB 1112 Elementary Ojibwe II (4 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- ANTH 2100 Native North Americans (3 credits)
- INST 2410 Ojibwe Crafts (2 credits)
- POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)
- SOC 1104 Society and Social Issues (3 credits)
- VSAR 2410 Ojibwe Crafts (2 credits)

II REQUIRED ELECTIVES

SELECT A MINIMUM OF 15-16 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES;

A MINIMUM OF 12 SEMESTER CREDITS MUST BE AT THE 3000 AND 4000 LEVELS:

- ED 3170 Education of the American Indian (3 credits)
- ENGL 3606 Culture Topics (3 credits)
- INST 3210 American Indian Lands (3 credits)
- INST 3307 History of the Ojibwe (3 credits)

- INST 3317 Tribal Government (3 credits)
- INST 3568 Survey of American Indian Art (3 credits)
- INST 4418 Federal Indian Law (3 credits)
- VSAR 3410 Advanced Ojibwe Crafts (1-4 credits)
or INST 3410 Advanced Ojibwe Crafts (1-4 credits)

ADDITIONAL COURSES:

- INST 2207 First Nations of Canada (3 credits)
- SOWK 2310 The American Indian: Social Welfare Perspective (3 credits)

III REQUIRED RESEARCH COURSE

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- INST 4990 Thesis (3 credits)

SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR INDIAN STUDIES MAJOR, B.A.

This program strongly advises completion of the introductory courses, INST 1107, INST 2201, and INST 2202, as well as the other disciplinary courses in the first two years before continuing on to 3000 and 4000 level courses. Also strongly recommended is completion of ENGL 2152 Argument and Exposition during the Freshman year.

Indian Studies *minor*

Required Credits: 19
Required GPA: 2.00

I REQUIRED COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- INST 1107 Introduction to Indian Studies (3 credits)
- INST 2201 American Indians: Precontact to 1887 (3 credits)
- INST 2202 American Indians: 1887 To The Present (3 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- ANTH 2100 Native North Americans (3 credits)
- INST 2410 Ojibwe Crafts (2 credits)
- POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)
- SOC 1104 Society and Social Issues (3 credits)
- VSAR 2410 Ojibwe Crafts (2 credits)

II REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Select 3 courses, 2 of which must be at the 3000 and/or 4000 level.

SELECT AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ED 3170 Education of the American Indian (3 credits)
- ENGL 3606 Culture Topics (3 credits)
- INST 3210 American Indian Lands (3 credits)
- INST 3307 History of the Ojibwe (3 credits)
- INST 3317 Tribal Government (3 credits)
- INST 3568 Survey of American Indian Art (3 credits)
- INST 4418 Federal Indian Law (3 credits)
- INST 3410 Advanced Ojibwe Crafts (1-4 credits)
or VSAR 3410 Advanced Ojibwe Crafts (1-4 credits)

ADDITIONAL COURSES:

- INST 2207 First Nations of Canada (3 credits)
- SOWK 2310 The American Indian: Social Welfare Perspective (3 credits)

Indian Studies Courses

INST 1107 Introduction to Indian Studies (3 credits)

Provides an introduction to the study of the American Indian from a cultural and academic perspective. The academic overview will include considerations of scope, method, terminology, and principles of the various disciplines which include the American Indian in their fields of study. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 7

INST 2201 American Indians: Precontact to 1887 (3 credits)

The course surveys the continuity of and changes in American Indian cultures brought about through social, economic, political and religious policies and practices of European and American societies in what is now known as the United States. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 7

INST 2202 American Indians: 1887 To The Present (3 credits)

Course surveys the changes and survivals of American Indian cultures in the social, political, economic, and cultural environment of the United States. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 7

INST 2207 First Nations of Canada (3 credits)

The course surveys the continuity of and changes in Indian cultures brought through social, economic, political, and religious policies and practices of European and Canadian societies from discovery and exploration to the present. Might not be offered every year. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 8

INST 2410 Ojibwe Crafts (2 credits)

An introduction to the Ojibwe crafts in relation to their culture. Demonstration, instruction and studio experience in basketmaking, hidetanning, the making of leather goods, beading, jewelry making and quilting.

INST 3210 American Indian Lands (3 credits)

A geographical analysis of Indian lands of the United States including the physical, economic, cultural, and recreational aspects. In addition the course will review aspects of the federal Indian relationship including law, treaties, judicial cases, jurisdiction, and current issues related to Indian land tenure. Prerequisites: GEOG 2100 and GEOG 2200. Might not be offered every year.

INST 3307 History of the Ojibwe (3 credits)

The oral and written history of the People from origins to the early 20th century, analyzing the Ojibwe response to changes brought by European and American society. Prerequisite: INST 1107 or INST 2201 or INST 2202.

INST 3317 Tribal Government (3 credits)

The course offers the student a deeper understanding of traditional, transitional, and contemporary tribal governments based on the experiences of the Chippewa in Minnesota and other tribes. Prerequisite: INST 2201 and INST 2202.

INST 3410 Advanced Ojibwe Crafts (1-4 credits)

Advanced study of American Indian craft media techniques and concepts geared to meet the needs of individual students and to help them develop personal direction. May be repeated for a total of 6 credits. Prerequisite: INST/VSAR 2410.

INST 3568 Survey of American Indian Art (3 credits)

Survey of American Indian Art by culture area, i.e., Northwest Coast, Plains, Sub-Arctic. Includes not only the arts and crafts of each indigenous area, but a brief consideration of the culture producing them. Prerequisite: ANTH 2100 or INST 1107 or VSAR 2552. Might not be offered every year.

INST 4418 Federal Indian Law (3 credits)

The American Indian enjoys and suffers a unique legal status. This course will survey and analyze the federal legal instruments which serve as foundations for the unique situation and rights as well as the obstacles to the exercise of their sovereign rights. Prerequisites: INST 3317 and POL 1200. Might not be offered every year.

INST 4990 Thesis (3 credits)

When taken as Senior Thesis in Indian Studies, the following description applies: The course requires students, in a seminar format, to review course materials from their academic program, to gauge their future academic or vocational goals, and to write a significant paper based on their academic and future interests.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS