The Center for Sustainability Studies and Department of Indigenous Studies at Bemidji State University are excited to announce an interdisciplinary Indigenous Sustainability Studies major and minor. The major is designed to recruit students who want to learn how to solve problems through a Western science and an Indigenous lens. Indigenous knowledge perspectives will become more legitimized alongside Western worldviews, a change that is crucial for the long-term paradigm shift that this degree program intends to bring about. All Bemidji State University students, American Indian and non-American Indian alike, will begin to appreciate and use the multiple worldviews provided by understanding both Western and Indigenous knowledge perspectives to help bring about creative problem solving and long-term, sustainable changes in the world.

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**INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES major**

**Required Credits:** 48  
**Required GPA:** 2.25

### I. Required Core

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

- ENVR 2000 Introduction to Environmental Science (3 credits)
- ENVR 3880 Environmental Controversies (2 credits)
- ENVR 4880 Senior Seminar I (1 credit)
- INST 1107 Introduction to Turtle Island (3 credits)
- INST 2202 Introduction to Contact (3 credits)  
  - OR-  
  - INST 2201 Survivance Since Contact (3 credits)
- INST 3700 Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: A Global Perspective (3 credits)

**SELECT FROM:**

**II. Required Electives**

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

- INST 2201 Survivance Since Contact (3 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3740 Environment, Wellness & the Sacred Connection to Place (3 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3750 Global Sustainability: Global Indigenous Perspective (3 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3720 Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: Global Sustainability (3 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3730 Sustainable Communities: Local Indigenous Perspective (3 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3710 Indigenous Environmental Current Events (3 credits)
- ENVR 4990 Thesis (3 credits)

**SELECT FROM:**

**II. Required Electives**

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

- ENVR 3880 Environmental Controversies (2 credits)
- ENVR 4880 Senior Seminar I (1 credit)
- INST 1107 Introduction to Turtle Island (3 credits)
- INST 2202 Introduction to Contact (3 credits)  
  - OR-  
  - INST 2201 Survivance Since Contact (3 credits)
- INST 3700 Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: A Global Perspective (3 credits)

**SELECT FROM:**

**II. Required Electives**

**SELECT 15 SEMESTER CREDITS OF ELECTIVES. SELECT FROM:**

- BIOL 2339 Ethics of Fish and Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 credits)
- BIOL 3361 Limnology (4 credits)
- BIOL 3400 Fish & Wildlife Law and Administration (3 credits)
- BIOL 3420 Human Dimensions of Wildlife and Fisheries Management (3 credits)
- BIOL 3610 Principles of Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- BIOL/GEOS 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- BIOL 3730 Plant Diversity (4 credits)
- BIOL 4623 Forest Ecology (4 credits)
- CHEM 3110 Laboratory Management and Safety (2 credits)
- CRJS 4477 Restorative Justice (3 credits)
- ENVR 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)
- ENVR 3600 Environmental Justice and Sustainability (3 credits)
- ENVR 3500 Natural Resource Management (3 credits)
- ENVR 4210 Environmental Law and Policy (3 credits)
- ENVR 4220 Sampling & Analysis (4 credits)
- ENVR 4600 Sustainability: Theory and Practice (4 credits)
- GEOF 3231 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 credits)
- GEOF 3410 Geography of North America (3 credits)
- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)  
  - OR-  
  - GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 3120 Soils (4 credits)  
  - OR-  
  - GEOL 3211 Environmental Hydrology (3 credits)  
    - OR-  
    - GEOL 3212 Hydrogeology (3 credits)
- HLTG 2800 Multicultural Health in America (2 credits)
- HLTG 3500 Community Health (3 credits)
- INST 1202 Indigenous Environmental Current Events (3 credits)
- INST 2925 People of the Environment: Indigenous Knowledge Perspective (3 credits)

Or any other relevant course(s) approved in advance by a Center for Sustainability Studies advisor or Indigenous Studies advisor. Please note that you must complete 40 credits at the 3000-level or higher to graduate.

**INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES minor**

**Required Credits:** 17  
**Required GPA:** 2.25

### I. Required Core

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

- ENVR 2000 Introduction to Environmental Science (3 credits)
- INST 1107 Introduction to Turtle Island (3 credits)
- ENVR 3880 Environmental Controversies (2 credits)
- ENVR/INST 3710 Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: A Global Perspective (3 credits)

### II. Required Electives

Select 6 semester credits from INST or ENVR or any other relevant course(s) approved in advance by a Center for Sustainability Studies advisor or Indigenous Studies advisor.

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