

# Career Outlook: Indigenous Studies

## Indigenous Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Majors:** Indigenous Studies (B.A.), Indigenous Sustainability Studies (B.S.) \*\* New Major\*\*

**Minors:** Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Sustainability Studies, Ojibwe

**Certificates:** Indigenous Studies, Ojibwe Language Instruction

**Website:** <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/indigenous-studies/>

## **EMPLOYMENT AREAS:**

There are many different career opportunities for graduates of Indigenous Studies major, though most jobs are in tribal government or administration, education in Indian communities, law enforcement, and social services.

## **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES GRADUATES:**

Of the six Bemidji State University class of 2019-2020 Indigenous Studies graduates, 75% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. The one Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Indigenous Sustainability Studies graduate reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

## **PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU INDIGENOUS STUDIES GRADUATES: \*(This list only includes employment within one year after graduation for the years 2018-2020)**

Empowerment Services, Inc.	Direct Support Staff	Biwabik, MN
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Child Welfare Assessment Worker	Cass Lake, MN
Leech Lake Tribal Police	Crime Data Analyst	Cass Lake, MN
Minnesota Alliance with Youth	Promise Fellow	St. Paul, MN
Red Lake Tribal Courts	Probation Officer	Red Lake, MN
Schoolboard	Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Aide	Devlin, ON
Wright County Parks and Recreation	Recreation Specialist	Buffalo, MN

## **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU INDIGENOUS STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

\*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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