Career Outlook: Indigenous Studies

Indigenous Studies Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Majors: Indigenous Studies (B.A.), Indigenous Sustainability Studies (B.S.)

Minors: Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Sustainability Studies, Ojibwe

Certificates: Indigenous Studies, Ojibwe Language Instruction

Website: [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/indigenous-studies/](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 Indigenous communities, law enforcement, and social services.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES GRADUATES:
Of the three Bemidji State University class of 2020-2021 Indigenous Studies graduates, one reported obtaining
related employment within one year of graduation. The other two Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Indigenous
Sustainability Studies graduates went on to continue their education. 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 2018-2021)*

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<td>Direct Support Staff</td>
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<td>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</td>
<td>Child Welfare Assessment Worker</td>
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU INDIGENOUS STUDIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR
EDUCATION:
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)
- Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School of Addiction Studies, Minneapolis, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, 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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Bemidji State University Undergraduate Catalog 2022-2023. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2023)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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[https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/)

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