

# 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/>

## **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)**

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
Leech Lake Tribal College	Director of Library and Learning Center	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 (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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**For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu**

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