

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Native American Studies

Minor in Indigenous Peoples, Natural Resource Use and the Environment

Minor in Native American Studies

Minor in Tribal Leadership

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- knowledge of and the ability to communicate significant information regarding Native American cultures, histories, federal and tribal law and government, community development, language and tradition, stewardship, sovereignty, and other issues affecting life in Indian country, especially from a Native American perspective
- ability to research issues affecting life in Indian Country by using primary and secondary sources
- ability to explain the concept of tribal sovereignty, and understand the development and importance of modern tribal governments
- knowledge of Indigenous environmental relationships through an awareness of diverse Indigenous cultural and scientific perspectives, and the importance of protection of sacred and historical sites
- ability to recognize the scope of tribal sovereignty as it relates to tribal, federal, and international law (legislative and judicial), including the structure of federal/tribal relationships, indigenous autonomy, and self-governing behaviors.

Unique among CSU campuses in its close proximity to several thriving Native American communities, Humboldt provides a rich environment for studying the Native American heritage and for preparing for careers in areas such as Indian education, counseling, and cultural and natural resource management.

The Department of Native American Studies is a stand-alone department whose faculty

are expert in many areas of arts, humanities, social sciences, natural resources, and Federal Indian Law. Native American Studies majors often work closely with the Indian Tribal and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) and the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence.

The major in Native American Studies, particularly when combined with a minor in a specific field, is good preparation for graduate work in several social sciences, as well as for professional training in law, business, or social work. It also provides an excellent background for prospective teachers.

Other career opportunities: student services counselor; mental health worker; cultural resources specialist; tribal museum curator; Indian language teacher; and tribal administrator.

Preparation

High school students should study the humanities, social studies, and history.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 61-77.

Core Courses (31 units)

Lower Division (6 units)

- NAS 104 (3) Introduction to Native American Studies
NAS 200 (3) Indigenous Peoples in US History

Upper Division (25 units)

- NAS 301 (3) Native American Literature
NAS 306 (3) Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
NAS 325 (3) Native Tribes of California
NAS 331 (3) Indigenous Natural Resource Management Practices
NAS 340 (3) Language & Communication in Native American Communities
NAS 362 (3) Tribal Governance & Leadership
NAS 364 (4) Federal Indian Law I
NAS 492 (3) Native American Studies Capstone Experience

After taking the required core courses, all students will select an additional 6 to

7 units of coursework. Students may pursue a "General" NAS degree and choose courses from any of the 4 elective areas, or choose an emphasis in which to specialize [Law & Government, Environment & Natural Resources, Language & Literature, Society & Culture]. If a student chooses an optional emphasis, the student must take two courses in that area.

Electives (6-7 units)

A student may choose an optional emphasis from the following electives by taking two of the courses listed under a category below.

Law & Government

- NAS 365 (4) Federal Indian Law II
NAS 468 (3) Tribal Justice Systems

Environment & Natural Resources

- NAS 332 (3) Environmental Justice
NAS 366 (3) Tribal Water Rights

Language & Literature

- NAS 302 (3) Oral Literature & Oral Tradition
NAS 345 (3) Native Languages of North America

Society & Culture

- NAS 307 (3) Nature & Issues of Genocide
NAS 320 (3) Native American Psychology
NAS 374 (3) Native American Health

Supplement/Substitute in Major If Offered

Upper division elective courses are recommended for those who would like to pursue interests in subjects or to engage in more in-depth study of an area not required as part of the NAS curriculum. Before enrolling in these elective courses, students will consult with their major advisor. These courses will be offered on an infrequent schedule.

- NAS 327 (3) Native Tribes of North American Regions
NAS 361 (3) Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Citizens
NAS 392 (3) Indigenous Identities in Film
NAS 480 (1-4) Special Topics [Topics vary and may be repeated.]

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

The three NAS minors require a total of 15-16 units each, as follows:

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Students take a total of 9 units of required core courses plus 6-7 units (two courses) from one of two emphasis categories below,

Required Core Courses (9 units)

- NAS 104 (3) Introduction to Native American Studies
- NAS 200 (3) Indigenous Peoples in US History
- NAS 306 (3) Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

Emphasis Categories (6-7 units)

In addition to the core, students select two upper-division courses from one of the following emphasis categories:

Culture & Community (6 units)

- NAS 301 (3) Native American Literature
- NAS 325 (3) Native Tribes of California
- NAS 374 (3) Native American Health

Law & Policy (6-7 units)

- NAS 331 (3) Indigenous Natural Resource Management Practices
- NAS 364 (4) Federal Indian Law I
- NAS 366 (3) Tribal Water Rights

Minor in Tribal Leadership

Required Core Courses (6 units)

- NAS 104 (3) Introduction to Native American Studies
- NAS 200 (3) Indigenous Peoples in US History

Upper Division (10 units)

- NAS 360 (3) Tribal Justice Systems
- NAS 362 (3) Tribal Governance & Leadership
- NAS 364 (4) Federal Indian Law I, **or**
- NAS 365 (4) Federal Indian Law II

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Required Core Course (3 units)

- NAS 104 (3) Introduction to Native American Studies

Upper Division (13 units)

- NAS 331 (3) Indigenous Natural Resource Management Practices
- NAS 332 (3) Environmental Justice
- NAS 364 (4) Federal Indian Law I, **or**
- NAS 365 (4) Federal Indian Law II
- NAS 366 (3) Tribal Water Rights

