

AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

A certificate in American Indian & Indigenous Studies is a way of giving recognition to students who have made a significant effort to learn about Native culture and the role of American Indians and Indigenous peoples in society. The certificate is an interdisciplinary program that delves into the histories, cultures, languages, and contemporary issues of American Indian and Indigenous peoples. Students can tailor their studies by selecting from a diverse array of courses across disciplines such as literature, anthropology, social work, environmental studies, and more.

Additionally, the program offers opportunities to learn Indigenous languages spoken in Wisconsin, including Ojibwe (Anishinaabemowin), Ho-Chunk (Hoocąk), Menominee (Omāeqnomenēweqnaesen), and Oneida (Ukwehuwehnéha).

To enhance the academic experience, the program hosts events like the annual Evening of Storytelling (<https://am-indian-indigenous.wisc.edu/programs/storytelling/>), the Elder-in Residence Program (<https://am-indian-indigenous.wisc.edu/programs/eir/>), and the AIIS Colloquium series (<https://am-indian-indigenous.wisc.edu/colloquiums/>), fostering community engagement and a deeper understanding of Indigenous narratives. Students pursuing the certificate may also be eligible for the American Indian & Indigenous Studies Scholarship (<https://am-indian-indigenous.wisc.edu/scholarships/>), a one-time, nonrenewable award supporting education-related expenses.

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To begin the certificate declaration process, students must complete the Certificate Program Application which can be found on our Certificate Website (<https://amindian.wisc.edu/certificate-program/>). The certificate is open to all undergraduate students and those enrolled through the Special Student program, regardless of the college of enrollment.

REQUIREMENTS

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15 total credits are required, as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Introduction to American Indian Studies:		
AMER IND 100	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3
Complete four courses from at least two of the following areas:		12
<i>History</i>		
AMER IND/HISTORY 190	Introduction to American Indian History	
<i>Literature and Media</i>		

AMER IND/ENGL 172	Literatures of Native America
AMER IND/ENGL 246	Literature by American Indian Women
AMER IND 325	American Indians in Film
<i>Anthropology</i>	
AMER IND 250	Indians of Wisconsin
AMER IND/ANTHRO 314	Indians of North America
AMER IND/ANTHRO 354	Archaeology of Wisconsin
AMER IND/ANTHRO 355	Archaeology of Eastern North America
AMER IND/ANTHRO/FOLKLORE/GEN&WS 437	American Indian Women
<i>Language</i>	
AMER IND 301	First Semester Ojibwe
AMER IND 302	Beginner Level Ojibwe Language II
AMER IND 401	Intermediate Level Ojibwe Language
AMER IND 402	Intermediate Level Ojibwe Language II
AMER IND 308	Beginner Level Hoocak/Ho-Chunk Language
AMER IND 309	Beginner Level Hoocak/Ho-Chunk Language II
AMER IND 405	Intermediate Level Hoocak/Ho-Chunk Language
AMER IND 310	Beginner Level Menominee Language
AMER IND 311	Beginner Level Menominee Language II
AMER IND 407	Intermediate Level Menominee Language
AMER IND 312	Beginner Level Oneida Language
AMER IND 313	Beginner Level Oneida Language II
AMER IND 411	Intermediate Level Oneida Language
AMER IND 303	Beginner Level Indigenous Language
AMER IND 304	Beginner Level Indigenous Language II
AMER IND 403	Intermediate Level Indigenous Language
AMER IND 404	Intermediate Level Indigenous Language II
AMER IND/LINGUIS 371	Survey of North American Indian Languages
<i>American Indian Social and Cultural Issues</i>	
AMER IND/AFROAMER/ASIAN AM/CHICLA/FOLKLORE 102	Introduction to Comparative US Ethnic and American Indian Studies

AMER IND 185	Indigenous Athletes and Sports
AMER IND 230	Indigenous Resistance and Activism
AMER IND/ CSCS 330	American Indian Communities: Sovereignty, Struggles, and Successes
AMER IND 425	Special Topics in American Indian Studies
AMER IND 450	Issues in American Indian Studies
AMER IND/ C&E SOC/ SOC 578	Poverty and Place
AMER IND/ SOC WORK 636	Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act
<i>Environment</i>	
AMER IND/ LAND ARC 106	Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST 306	Indigenous Peoples and the Environment
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST 341	Indigenous Environmental Communicators
AMER IND/ ENVIR ST/ GEOG 345	Caring for Nature in Native North America
AMER IND/ GEOG 410	Critical Indigenous Ecological Knowledges
AMER IND/ ANTHRO/ BOTANY 474	Ethnobotany

Total Credits**15**

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.
- 6 credits may be taken as pass/fail. All other credits must be taken for a letter grade.
- At least 8 certificate credits must be completed in residence.

UNDERGRADUATE/SPECIAL STUDENT CERTIFICATES

This certificate may be completed within the context of an undergraduate degree or as a Special student after an undergraduate degree has been awarded from any institution. The certificate may be completed in its entirety while enrolled as a Special student. Candidates are encouraged to contact the certificate coordinator to discuss course enrollment and the sequencing of certificate requirements.

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1. Apply knowledge and methods of inquiry characteristic of this interdisciplinary field.
2. Apply knowledge of historical precedents to contemporary issues.

3. Demonstrate knowledge of the creativity and ethos contained within the diverse ways of knowing (Indigenous Knowledge Systems) among American Indian nations and communities.
4. Apply knowledge of the effects (ongoing) of oppression and racism that American Indians experience.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the contributions of American Indian value-belief systems and practical knowledge across all fields of human endeavor.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING AND CAREERS DECLARE OR CANCEL THIS CERTIFICATE

Please follow the process described on the American Indian & Indigenous Studies website (<https://am-indian-indigenous.wisc.edu/certificate-program/>). Talk with the academic advisor about courses and requirements: aiis@lets.wisc.edu.

Students of American Indian & Indigenous Studies go on to successful careers in administration, advising, academics, advocacy, the arts, business, community outreach, consulting, education, government, health or health education, journalism, library science, literacy programming, lobbying, management, politics, publishing, school counseling, social work, research, and many more.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students