American Indian Studies (AIS) prepares students in a range of methodologies, theories, technologies, and teaching approaches that complements a thorough undergraduate education.

Specifically, an undergraduate minor is designed to assist students in preparing for graduate school or for careers in a variety of pursuits including public and business administration, education, public relations, marketing, politics, and government, especially as they relate to American Indian and Native American constituencies. Career opportunities also exist in agencies such as Indian Health Services, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management.

For many, AIS is an ideal minor that presents a critical and intellectual foundation for success in an increasingly challenging world.

American Indian Studies (AIS) is an interdisciplinary program with four subject areas:

1. Culture, Identity, Ethics, and Community
2. Sovereignty, Governance, and Politics
3. Literature, Language, and Performance
4. Colonialism, Decolonization, and Indigeneity

The courses chosen must form a coherent program of study and be approved by an AIS advisor.

Only three courses (9 hours total) at the 100-level may be counted toward the minor. Students also are required to complete two courses (6 hours) at the 300- or 400-level. These advanced course credits must be distinct from credit earned for the student’s major or another minor.

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