AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
MINOR

for the Minor in American Indian Studies

program website: http://ais.illinois.edu
program faculty: American Indian Studies Faculty (https://ais.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units)
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American Indian Studies (AIS) prepares students in a range of methodologies, theories, technologies, and teaching approaches that compliments 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.

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**Subject Area Courses**

Students must complete 12 hours selected from 3 of the 4 subject areas.

**Culture, Identity, Ethics, and Community**

- AIS 140  Native Religious Traditions
- AIS 165  Lang & Culture Native North Am
- AIS 288  American Indians of Illinois

**Sovereignty, Governance, and Politics**

- AAS 215  US Citizenship Comparatively
- HIST 277  Encounters in Native America
- HIST 278  Native American History
- AIS 280  Intro to Federal Indian Policy
- AIS 430  Indigenous Governance

**Literature, Language, and Performance**

- AIS 265  Intro to American Indian Lit
- AIS 275  Am Indian and Indigenous Film
- AIS 451  Politics in Children's Lit
- AIS 459  Topics in American Indian Lit
- AIS 461  Politics of Popular Culture

**Colonialism, Decolonization, and Indigeneity**

- AIS 285  Indigenous Thinkers
- AIS 481  History of Amer Indian Educ

**Total Hours**

18

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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