

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES MINOR, UG

for the Undergraduate Minor in American Indian Studies

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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Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
AIS 101	Intro to Amer Indian Studies	3
AIS 102	Contemp Issues in Ind Country	3
Subject Area Courses		
Students must complete 12 hours selected from 3 of the 4 subject areas.		12
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 American Indian Education
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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American Indian Studies Program website (<http://ais.illinois.edu>)
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Overview of College Admissions & Requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)