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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**Total Hours:** 12

**Subject Area Courses**

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

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| **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.