



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All non-articulated courses **MUST** be reviewed and approved by a faculty advisor.

All courses used for the major must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

A Minimum of 27 units in the Major must be completed at CSUSM.

Upper-division coursework and electives (Core and Electives) must total a minimum of 27 units

Courses used for the major may **NOT** double count towards upper-division general education requirements and may **NOT** be in the same discipline as your major.

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES MAJOR

I. LOWER DIVISION CORE COURSEWORK (15 UNITS)

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR (6 UNITS):

AIS 101 - INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
 AIS 150 - INTRODUCTION TO FEDERAL INDIAN LAW POLICY

II. LOWER-DIVISION CRITICAL/THEORETICAL/CULTURAL COURSES (9 UNITS):

SELECT 3 COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

AIS 220—AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, AND WORLDS
 AIS 230—CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AMERICAN INDIAN ART
 AIS 240—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
 AIS 280—AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE
 AIS 290—AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION, EQUITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

III. UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (27 UNITS)

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES CORE (21 UNITS):

AIS 348 - AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES—(GE: DD)
 AIS 350 - IMAGINING INDIANS: AMERICAN INDIANS, MEDIA, FILM AND SOCIETY
 AIS 400 - CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS
 AIS 468 - AMERICAN INDIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 AIS 490 - AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES RESEARCH, METHODS, AND APPLICATION
 AIS 498 - INTERNSHIP OR SPECIAL PROJECT IN AN AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY
 SELECT 1 COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

AIS 370*—AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN AND ACTIVISM
 AIS 440*—AMERICAN INDIAN TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

III. AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES ELECTIVES (9 UNITS)

SELECT 2 COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

AIS 370*—AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN AND ACTIVISM
 AIS 390 - INDEPENDENT STUDY IN AMERICAN INDIAN THEMES
 AIS 440*—AMERICAN INDIAN TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
 LTWR 345 - NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURES
 VSAR 440—ADVANCED DIGITAL ARTS

American Indian Studies MAJOR

THE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

THE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A RESEARCH, COMMUNITY- AND PLACE-BASED PROGRAM OF STUDY THROUGH AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING TRIBAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DIVERSE HISTORY, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP, COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIANS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S. WITH THE GOAL OF WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH AND FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AS THEY INTERFACE WITH NON-INDIAN COMMUNITIES TO EXERCISE TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY.

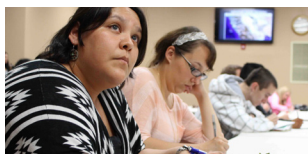
ABOUT THE MAJOR IN AIS

THE MAJOR IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES PROVIDES A CRITICAL ACADEMIC FIELD OF STUDY, INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT WITH, AND PLACE-BASED UNDERSTANDING OF, AMERICAN INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGIES.

GRADUATES WILL INVESTIGATE THE FORMATION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE CULTURE AND IDENTITY OF TRIBAL NATIONS, COMMUNITIES, AND PEOPLES AS DISTINCT POLITICAL AND CULTURAL GROUPS IN THE AMERICAS. GRADUATES WILL GAIN BOTH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT, AND EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES.

GRADUATES WILL BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH A POLITICALLY DISTINCT SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS, SUCH AS HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, MEDIA, ARTS, ENVIRONMENTAL, BUSINESS, NON-PROFIT PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT. THE CAPSTONE COURSE FOR THE MAJOR PROVIDE A RIGOROUS OPTION FOR STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR APPLIED KNOWLEDGE THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

WHAT CAN A MAJOR/MINOR IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES AT CSUSM DO FOR YOU? INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN LAW, PUBLIC POLICY, POLITICS, JOURNALISM, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL WORK, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, PUBLIC RELATIONS, URBAN PLANNING, AND OTHER SOCIALLY ENGAGED CAREERS? AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES IS A DYNAMIC AND INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELD OF STUDY THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE THE COMPLEX POLITICAL STATUS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AS SOVEREIGN NATIONS IN THE US. THE AIS MINOR / MAJOR IS ESPECIALLY COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND COMPASSIONATE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH TRIBAL COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENTS, AND PEOPLES.



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