



AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES MINOR

LOWER-DIVISION PREPARATION (3 UNITS)

AIS 101-INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES PRIMARY COURSEWORK (15 UNITS):

SELECT 5 COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

AIS 348-AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES--(GE: DD)

AIS 350-IMAGINING INDIANS: AMERICAN INDIANS, MEDIA, FILM AND SOCIETY

AIS 370-AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN AND ACTIVISM

AIS 390-INDEPENDENT STUDY IN AMERICAN INDIAN THEMES

AIS 400-CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

AIS 468-AMERICAN INDIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE OR INTERNSHIP (3 UNITS)

SELECT 1 COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

AIS 390-INDEPENDENT STUDY IN AMERICAN INDIAN THEMES

LTWR 345-NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURES



American Indian Studies MINOR

THE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES (AIS) MINOR FOCUS IS FRAMED IN AMERICAN INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGIES AND A PLACE-BASED PERSPECTIVE, PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE INTELLECTUALLY AND TO DEVELOP CRITICAL UNDERSTANDING OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, THE CULTURE AND IDENTITY OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL NATIONS, AND AMERICAN INDIANS IN NORTH AMERICA MORE GENERALLY.

THE MINOR PRIORITIZES THE WORLDVIEWS OF TRIBAL NATIONS, INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO RELEVANT RESEARCH IN AMERICAN INDIAN (DE)COLONIZATION, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS AND CULTURE, TRIBAL SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, CULTURAL REVITALIZATION, ACTIVISM, AND NATION BUILDING.

AS A WHOLE THE MINOR ENRICHES STUDENTS BY DEVELOPING THE CULTURAL PROFICIENCY REQUIRED TO WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN THE DIVERSE PROFESSIONS THAT SERVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES.

AIS MINOR REQUIREMENTS

21 Units Total	15 must be upper division AIS courses	12 units must be completed at CSUSM	1 course must be internship AIS 498 or relevant discipline equivalent	1 American Indian Studies Elective
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