



BA IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES PROGRAM REQUIREMENT SHEET

The Department of American Indian Studies is the home of American Indian, Alaska Native, and indigenous knowledge at the University of Washington. Through our work, we aim to foster native wellness, cultural revitalization, political sovereignty, and cross-cultural understanding. Students in the major will study innovative theories that increase knowledge about Indigenous Peoples and take classes in the 3 concentration areas of Governance, Environment and Health, and Culture and History. Students will be prepared to work in diverse fields from language revitalization with tribal governments to our own Husky football team. Our alumni are entrepreneurs, lawyers, writers, artists, tribal council members, linguists, academics, researchers, teachers, policy analysts, PR specialists, program managers, firefighters, and more.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES – 10 CREDITS

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	TO DO
AIS 102	Introduction to American Indian Studies	5		AUT only
AIS 103	The Indigenous Pacific Northwest	5		WIN only

CONTENT COURSES – 10 CREDITS

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	TO DO
AIS ____	Two from: AIS 170, 202, 203, 209, or 210	5		
AIS ____		5		

CONCENTRATION COURSES – 25 CREDITS (At least one course in each concentration area)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	TO DO
Governance	Examples: American Indians and the Law, Native Peoples of the Pacific Northwest, etc	5		
Environment & Health	Examples: Indigenous Food Sovereignty, Indigenous Ecologies & Climate Change, etc	5		
Culture & History	Examples: Contemporary American Indian Lit, Powow Tradition & Innovation, etc	5		
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GENERAL ELECTIVES – 10 CREDITS

(Any additional AIS courses or approved courses by AIS Adjunct Faculty)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	TO DO
		5		
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

___ Good academic standing at the time of Application (2.0 cum GPA or above)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

___ 20 credits VLPA
 ___ 20 credits I&S
 ___ 20 credits NW
 ___ 4 or 5 credits QSR
 ___ Foreign Language
 ___ 5 credits Composition
 ___ 10 credits Writing (Writing and/or Composition)
 ___ 3 credits Diversity

- Completion of all Program Requirements
55 credits AIS major coursework
- All AIS major credits must be graded **(no S/NS)**
- Minimum of 30 AIS major credits at the 300 level or above
- Total of 180 credits
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative UW GPA
- Complete Graduation Application 2-3 quarters prior to graduation



American Indian Studies Minor - Requirement Sheet

What will I learn? The Department of American Indian Studies is the home of American Indian, Alaska Native, and indigenous knowledge at the University of Washington. Through our work, we aim to foster native wellness, cultural revitalization, political sovereignty, and cross-cultural understanding.

Who is the minor for? While often of particular interest to students of Native American heritage, the minor is an excellent learning opportunity for anyone interested in working with diverse groups of people and understanding our nation’s history of encountering difference and how this history affects current social and racial issues today.

How do I apply? The AIS minor is an open minor: there are no prerequisites and no admissions process. Students in good academic standing can declare the minor at any time once they have a declared major.

REQUIRED COURSES	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
AIS 102	Introduction to American Indian Studies, AUT only	5	
AIS 103	The Indigenous Pacific Northwest, WIN only	5	
1 Content Course	AIS 170, AIS 202, AIS 203, AIS 209 or AIS 210	5	
3 Elective Courses	Any AIS course or from approved list, at least 5 credits at the 300/400 level	15	
Total		30	

AIS Elective Courses

- 170 American Indian Art and Aesthetics
- 202 Intro to Contemporary and Social issues
- 209 American Indian History to 1815
- 212 Indigenous Leaders and Activists
- 308 American Indians and Environment
- 313/314/315 Southern Lushootseed Language
- 335 American Indians and the Law
- 340 Indian Children and Families
- 360 American Indians in Cinema
- 379 Powwow: Tradition and Innovation
- 380 Indigenous Food Sovereignty
- 385 Indigenous Ecologies & Climate Change
- 443 Indigenous Films, Sovereign Visions
- 466 Producing the Documentary Short
- 475 Research Topics in AIS
- 480 Indigenous Resistance

*Example of available electives to choose from (see Time Schedule for full listing).

*Additional courses taught by AIS Adjunct Faculty may be approved by program advisor.