

Change to Minor

I was hired in fall 2008 as a tenured Native Studies faculty charged with developing and delivering curriculum to Native Studies and Native communities. Working with a curriculum committee and AIS advisory board, we have put forward several new courses which now make up the American Indian Studies Minor. In addition, I have worked with faculty from across the campus to cross-list courses and develop courses that not only fulfill the American Indian Studies minor but that fulfill requirements for numerous other disciplines across campus.

I am proposing to change the Native Studies minor to American Indian Studies (AIS). AIS better reflects the political status of tribal nations and how they determine for themselves their own identity. Additionally, the minor was in need of restructuring since several of the core courses previously offered to fulfill the minor under are no longer offered since the retirement of the faculty member who previously taught those courses.

The American Indian Studies program has been redesigned to focus on American Indian epistemologies from a distinctly tribal perspective. Therefore the newly restructured AIS minor provides for intellectual engagement and 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, and introduces students to important work in American Indian (de)colonization, political and economic development, arts and culture, Tribal systems of knowledge, health and wellness, environment, resource management, cultural revitalization, political theory, activism, and nation building. The American Indian Studies minor offers students the knowledge and expertise needed to develop critical perspectives and understand the theoretical frameworks used to frame and challenge historic and present issues related to American Indian communities. It challenges students as they develop the research skills and cultural competence needed for community service learning and project development, which can lead to internships with American Indian communities, organizations, and tribal governments. As a whole, the American Indian Studies Minor enriches students by offering them an opportunity to develop the cultural proficiency required to work successfully in the diverse professions that serve American Indian communities.

American Indian Studies is a research-based interactive program grounded in culture-based higher learning. The American Indian Minor offers students an integrated knowledge platform to understand the diverse needs and interests of American Indian communities in California and beyond. There are 18 federally recognized American Indian reservations in San Diego County, more than 35 American Indian reservations in the region, and 110 federally recognized tribes in the state of California. CSUSM is ideally situated to serve the needs of tribal nations in our state. This base of knowledge draws upon multiple areas related to the history and current state of American Indians in the United States, and includes courses in the Social Sciences, Arts and Education, Sciences, Health, Tribal Law, Political Science and Business.

Workforce Readiness:

After careful assessment and evaluation, working with local tribal communities and an American Indian Studies Advisory Committee the new minor has been restricted to better serve our students and better prepare them for workforce.

Students who earn the minor should have the particular knowledge and sensitivity necessary to work successfully as educators, health care providers, administrators of businesses and tribal and other governmental bodies, and members of other professions serving American Indian communities. American Indian Studies is committed to preparing a workforce ready student by providing opportunities for faculty and students to work in partnership with University American Indian programs, and American Indian nations and communities.

REQUIREMENTS:

Completion of the minor requires twenty-one units of credit, fifteen of which must be upper-division courses, and twelve of which must be completed at CSUSM. Courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to count toward the minor.

One course must be an internship AIS 498, approved by the American Indian studies Coordinator, which brings the student into direct contact with the American Indian community. AIS 380 may also be used as an elective. With consent of the AIS program coordinator; as many as six units of independent Study (AIS 390) may be counted toward the minor.

1. 21 Units Total
2. 15 must be upper division AIS courses
3. 12 units must be completed at CSUSM
4. 1 course must be internship AIS 498 or relevant discipline equivalent
5. 1 American Indian Studies Elective

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- All non-articulated courses MUST be reviewed and approved by a faculty advisor.
- All courses used for the minor must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.
- Twelve (12) units must be completed at CSUSM.

I. CORE COURSEWORK (15 UNITS)

Select (5) courses from:

- AIS 101 – Introduction to American Indian Studies
- AIS 348/SOC 348 – American Indian Communities
- AIS 350/SOC 350 – Imagining Indians: American Indians, Media, Film and Society
- AIS 370/SOC 370 – American Indian Women and Activism
- AIS 390 – Independent Study in American Indian Themes
- AIS 400/SOC 400 – Contemporary American Indian Health and Wellness
- AIS 468/SOC 468/PSCI 418 – American Indian Political and Economic Development

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MINOR IN AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

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MISSION STATEMENT

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. Students will learn about the diverse history, government, sovereignty, community, culture, and social needs of American Indians in California and the Nation with the goal of working effectively with and for tribal communities and within the larger community.

PROGRAM OFFERED: AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES MINOR

The American Indian Studies (AIS) minor focus is derived from American Indian epistemologies and a place-based perspective. Provides students with an opportunity 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, and introduces students to important work in American Indian (de)colonization, political and economic development, arts and culture, Tribal systems of knowledge, health and wellness, environment, resource management, cultural revitalization, political theory, activism, and nation building. The American Indian Studies minor offers students the knowledge and expertise needed to develop critical perspectives and understand the theoretical frameworks structuring historical and contemporary issues related to American Indian communities. The AIS Minor challenges students as they develop the research skills and cultural competence needed for community engagement and project development, which can lead to internships and other career opportunities with American Indian communities, organizations, and tribal governments. As a whole, the American Indian Studies Minor enriches students by offering the prospect to develop the cultural proficiency required to work successfully in the diverse professions that serve American Indian communities.

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PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1:** Analyze the legal and historical foundations of American Indian political identity to understand contemporary issues in American Indian relations and communities.
- 2:** Analyze American Indian epistemologies and other forms of knowledge to develop cross-cultural understanding.
- 3:** Communicate knowledge about American Indian cultures, communities and peoples through mass media, film, and arts.
- 4:** Recognize and evaluate the historical, cultural, social, economic and political contributions American Indian leaders, writers, artists, and activists to develop cross-cultural understanding and respect.
- 5:** Evaluate the roles, images, and perceptions of American Indians in historical and contemporary issues and events to decolonize and construct cross-cultural understanding.
- 6:** Apply research skills through community engagement and experiential learning to communicate knowledge about American Indian sovereignty.

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I. CORE COURSEWORK (3 UNITS)

- **AIS 101** – Introduction to American Indian Studies

II. AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES PRIMARY COURSEWORK (15 UNITS)

Select five (5) courses from:

- **AIS 348/SOC 348** – American Indian Communities
- **AIS 350/SOC 350** – Imagining Indians: American Indians, Media, Film and Society
- **AIS 370/SOC 370** – American Indian Women and Activism
- **AIS 390** – Independent Study in American Indian Themes*
- **AIS 400/SOC 400** – Contemporary American Indian Health and Wellness
- **AIS 468/SOC 468/PSCI 418** – American Indian Political and Economic Development

III. ELECTIVES & INTERNSHIP (3 UNITS)

Select one (1) elective course from:

- **AIS 380** – Topics in American Indian studies
- **AIS 390** – Independent Study in American Indian Themes
- **LTWR 345** – American Indian Literature
- **AIS 498** Internship in an American Indian Community

Total Units: 21

****Can be taken as part of the primary or as an elective***

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Hello –

Thank you for all the attention to detail. You're amazing.

Yes, five courses is what was meant and "career opportunities" works for us as well.

Thanks again.

Joely

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