

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

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Program Offered

Minor in Native American Studies

The Native American Studies program is designed to provide a minor with a multidisciplinary approach to Native Americans through ethnography, history, sociology, and the humanities. By approaching the multiplicity of Indian cultures from a variety of academic perspectives, a deeper understanding of native societies, past and present, will emerge. The program is designed to present a variety of American Indian experiences and issues within the wider context of human history and evolution. The program is especially interested in providing teachers, community service personnel, tribal administrators, and other interested persons with useful skills in dealing with indigenous/native communities. Special emphasis will be placed on assisting educators with practical and theoretical approaches to Indian education. Students in the NAMS minor are also encouraged to apply for internships to gain direct experience in working with tribal organizations and communities.

Students may develop a special major in Native American studies; those interested should review the guidelines for special majors and consult the program coordinator.

Minor in Native American Studies

Requirements: Choose 20 units from the following:

NAMS 160 A/B Learning Community (C3)	4
NAMS 165 Native Cultures of Northern CA (C2)	4
NAMS 200 Introduction of Native Americans (D1)	3
NAMS 205 Introduction of Native American Arts (C1)	4
NAMS 354 Native American Literature (C2)	4
NAMS 338 Native Americans and the Cinema (C1)	4
NAMS 346 Philosophical Systems and Sacred Movements in Native North America (C2)	4

Requirement:

NAMS 495 Special Studies	
or Internship at a local Native American agency or organization	4
Total units in minor	24

Minor Electives

Select 12 units from the following courses:

NAMS 300 Experimental	1-5
NAMS 400 Special Topics in Native American Studies	1-4
NAMS 410 Seminar in an Individual Native American Culture	4
NAMS 412 Native California History and Culture	4
NAMS 414 Native American Cultures of the Southwest	4
NAMS 418 Regional Historical Studies	4
NAMS 420 Fundamentals of Native American Education	1-4
NAMS 430 Advanced Native American Workshop	4
NAMS 442 Contemporary Affairs of Native Americans of California	4
NAMS 495 Special Studies	1-4