Native American Studies

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The University of Oregon offers a minor in Native American studies, housed in the Department of Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies.

Native American studies is an interdisciplinary field that uses multiple approaches—from history, anthropology, law, literature, ethnic studies, and other disciplines—to understand contemporary Native American lives, and to examine Native American identities, practices, histories, cultures, and political statuses in context from the earliest times until the present. Academically, the central goal of the minor in Native American studies is to inform students about the unique place of tribes in the state-tribal-federal intergovernmental matrix and about the myriad distinct issues Native peoples of the United States face, from language and cultural protection to environmental issues to economic development and tribal sovereignty. In a state with nine federally recognized Indigenous nations and a Native American population 50 percent higher proportionally than the national average, this is critical information for future leaders in all fields.

Native American and Indigenous Studies

Students may earn a minor in Native American and Indigenous studies. The primary goal of the minor is to help students understand contemporary and historic native lives through attention to the politics, cultures, identities, and practices of Native American and indigenous peoples. A secondary goal of the program is to encourage student awareness of the ethnic and cultural dimensions and applications of other major fields. Students of literature, social sciences, education, urban planning, art history, humanities, international studies—to name only a few—find that related Native American and Indigenous studies courses can enrich their academic programs.

Courses applied to a minor in Native American and Indigenous studies may be used to satisfy major or minor requirements for other programs.

Specific details and course approvals must be obtained from the Native American Studies Program.

Requirements for the Minor

The Native American and Indigenous Studies minor requires 28 credits. At least 16 credits must be taken in residence at the University of Oregon. Up to 4 credits may be counted toward the minor from a list of related courses that fall outside the core of Native American studies but that focus on other issues closely related to the field. Courses must be taken for a grade, and grades must be mid-C or higher to count toward the minor. The course load is distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
ES 256	Introduction to Native American Studies	4
Additional Courses		**24**
16 credits must be in upper-division courses		
At least 4 credits focusing on Oregon Indians		
At least 4 credits in each of three distribution groups [1]		
Up to 4 credits may be taken from a list of related courses approved by a program advisor		
Total Credits		**28**

[1] Distribution groups: 1) culture, language, and education; 2) law, policy, governance, and history; 3) literature, media, and the arts.

Distribution Groups

Code	Title	Credits
Group 1: Culture, Language, and Education		
ANTH 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	1-5
ANTH 248	Archaeology of Wild Foods	4
ANTH 310	Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic] (Oregon Indians)	4
ANTH 320	Native North Americans	4
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
ANTH 434	Native South Americans	4
ANTH 442	Northwest Coast Archaeology	4
ANTH 443	North American Archaeology	4
ANTH 438	Race and Gender in Latin America	4
EDST 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
EDST 456	Decolonization and Education	3
ES 196	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-5
ES 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	1-5
ES 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
FLR 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
HC 231H	Social Science Inquiry: [Topic]	4
LING 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (Native Languages of Oregon)	1-5
LING 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5
LING 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
LT 199	Special Studies: [Topic] (Sahaptin Language; Tolowa and Lushootseed Language)	1-5
PHIL 451	Native American Philosophy	4
Group 2: Law, Policy, Governance, and History		
ENVS 411	Environmental Issues: [Topic] (Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples)	4
ES 258	Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies	4
ES 350	Native Americans and the Environment	4
ES 321	Indigenous Peoples of Oregon	4
ENVS 435	Environmental Justice	4
ES 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (Oregon Indians)	4
ES 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Native American Ethnohistory; Native American and African American Relations; Native-Latinx Relations)	4
ES 456	History of Native American Education	4
ES 464	Relational Studies of Indigeneity, Race and Culture: [Topic]	4
ES 466	Native American Ethnohistory	4
ES 468	Indigenous Research Methods and Ethics	4
HC 431H	Honors College Social Science Colloquium: [Topic]	4

HC 444H	Honors College American Cultures Colloquium: [Topic] (Race and Ethnicity in the American West; North Paiute History)	4
HIST 211	Reacting to the Past	4
HIST 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (Pacific Northwest Indians)	5
HIST 407	Seminar: [Topic] (Indian Nations in the United States)	5
HIST 468	The Pacific Northwest	4
HIST 482	Aztecs and Incas	4
HIST 483	Latin America: [Topic]	4
HIST 469	American Indian History: [Topic]	4
PS 390	American Indian Politics	4
PS 399	Special Studies: [Topic] (American Indian Politics)	1-5
WGS 251	Transnational and Indigenous Feminisms	4
WGS 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-4
Group 3: Literature, Media, and the Arts		
ANTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Native Americans in Film)	1-5
ENG 244	Introduction to Native American Literature	4
ENG 468	Ethnic Literature: [Topic]	4
ENG 361	Native American Writers	4
ENG 381M	Film, Media, and Culture (Native American Film)	4
ENG 488	Race and Representation in Film: [Topic] (Native American Literature and Film)	4
ES 370	Race, Ethnicity, and Cinema: [Topic] (Native Americans and Film)	4
ES 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
J 412	Issues in Communication Studies: [Topic] (American Indians and the Media)	4
TA 472	Multicultural Theater: [Topic] (Native American Theater)	4

Code	Title	Credits
Related Courses		**4**
ANTH 344	Oregon Archaeology (Group 1)	
ANTH 434	Native South Americans (Group 1)	
ANTH 442	Northwest Coast Archaeology (Group 1)	
ANTH 443	North American Archaeology (Group 1)	
ANTH 456	Peopling of the Americas	
ANTH 343	Pacific Islands Archaeology	