American Indian and Native Studies, Certificate

The undergraduate Certificate in American Indian and Native Studies requires a minimum of 21 s.h. The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not concurrently enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate.

A student may earn the certificate or the minor in American Indian and native studies, but not both.

Students plan their programs in close cooperation with American Indian and Native Studies Program (AINSP) faculty advisors. Students may count a maximum of 6 s.h. of course work from their major toward the AINSP undergraduate certificate. Courses applied toward the AINSP certificate also may be used to complete the General Education Program or the requirements for a major or a minor.

The Certificate in American Indian and Native Studies requires the following course work.

All of these:
- AINS:1049/AMST:1049 Introduction to American Indian and Native Studies 3
- AINS:3002/HIST:3202 Introduction to American Indian History and Policy 3
- AINS:3441/ENGL:3441 Native American Literature 3

At least 3 s.h. from these:
- AINS:3276/RELS:3976 American Indian Environmentalism 3
- AINS:4990 Independent Study arr.

And:

Electives chosen from "Associated Courses" below and courses with the prefix AINS 9

Associated Courses

AINSP accepts the following courses as electives. Although these courses are not offered by AINSP, they are concerned in part with Native North Americans or other indigenous peoples of the Americas. Students may petition the AINSP faculty for permission to use other relevant courses as electives for the undergraduate certificate.

Anthropology
- ANTH:2220 Archaeology of Mesoamerica 3
- ANTH:3265 Archaeology of the Great Plains 3

Art and Art History
- ARTH:1095 American Indian Art 3
- ARTH:3120/LAS:3120 The Art of Ancient Mexico 3
- ARTH:3990 Topics in Art History (when content is appropriate) 3

Education

English
- ENGL:2410 Selected American Authors After 1900 (when content is appropriate) 2-3
- ENGL:3418 Literature and Culture of America Before 1800 3
- ENGL:3419 Literature and Culture of Nineteenth-Century America 3
- ENGL:3444 Literatures of the American Peoples 3

History
- HIST:4221 The Frontier in American History 1840-Present 3
- HIST:4510 Colonial Latin America 3

Spanish and Portuguese
- SPAN:3220 Visual Culture: Colonial Spanish America 3
- SPAN:4330 Colonial Spanish American Literature 3

Cultural Experience

The program highly recommends that students have an in-depth American Indian cultural experience, usually through study or volunteer work, before they complete their undergraduate requirements. Consult AINSP faculty advisors about available options.