

Native American and Indigenous Studies, Certificate

Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS) requires a minimum of 18 s.h., including at least 12 s.h. in courses completed at the University of Iowa. Students must earn a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all certificate coursework.

The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) students may earn the certificate when the undergraduate classification is primary.

All students develop an individual certificate plan of study in consultation with the NAIS coordinator. In some cases, students may be able to count certificate courses toward certain GE CLAS Core requirements. Students complete one introductory course and 15 s.h. in elective coursework. Elective courses reflect the certificate program's emphasis on Indigenous histories in the Americas, Indigenous cultures and literatures, and Indigenous peoples in global perspectives. Elective courses from several departments ensure that students are exposed to different themes.

The Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies requires the following coursework.

Introductory Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
NAIS:1049/ AMST:1049/ HIST:1049	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies	3
NAIS:2165/ AMST:2165/ ANTH:2165	Native Peoples of North America	3
NAIS:2292/ AMST:2292/ HIST:2292	Native American Law and Policy: A History	3

Elective Courses

Students must choose 15 s.h. in elective coursework. They may petition for certificate credit for courses not in the following list that contain significant Indigenous content.

Course #	Title	Hours
NAIS:1049/ AMST:1049/ HIST:1049	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies (if not taken as an introductory course)	3
NAIS:1095/ ARTH:1095	Native American Art	3
NAIS:1290/ AMST:1290/ GHS:1290/ HIST:1290	Native American Foods and Foodways	3

NAIS:1500	Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies	3
NAIS:2165/ AMST:2165/ ANTH:2165	Native Peoples of North America (if not taken as an introductory course)	3
NAIS:2292/ AMST:2292/ HIST:2292	Native American Law and Policy: A History (if not taken as an introductory course)	3
NAIS:2300/ AMST:2300	Native Americans in Film	3
NAIS:2500	Indigenous Art, Land, and Social Justice	3
NAIS:3110/ ANTH:3110/ CBH:4200/ GHS:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3
NAIS:3145/ ANTH:3145/ MUSM:3145	Excavation to Exhibit: Making Artifacts Public	3
NAIS:3240/ ANTH:3240	Cultural Resources Management Archaeology: Practice and Practicalities	3
NAIS:3243/ ANTH:3243	Archaeology of the American Midcontinent	3
NAIS:3257/ ANTH:3257	North American Archaeology	3
NAIS:3270/ HIST:3270	Colonial North America, ca. 1600-1775	3
NAIS:3289/ HIST:3289	The Atlantic World c. 1450-1850	3
NAIS:3305/ ANTH:3305	Human Osteology	3
NAIS:3430/ POLI:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3
NAIS:3432/ POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3
NAIS:3441/ ENGL:3441	Native American Literature	3
NAIS:3502/ HIST:3502/ LAS:3502	A Journey Through Mexico's Past: From Tenochtitlan to Independence	3
NAIS:3580/ PBAF:3580/ SSW:3580	Native American Public Policy	3
NAIS:4500	Special Topics in Native American and Indigenous Studies	1-3
NAIS:4990	Independent Study	arr.
ENGL:2505	Introduction to Postcolonial Studies	3
ENGL:3431	American Novel Since 1945 (when topic is Native American literature)	3
ENGL:3515	Topics in Postcolonial Studies	3
FREN:4090	Quebec Literature	3
GWSS:3350/ ANTH:3125/IS:3350	Transnational Feminism	3
HIST:1040	Diversity in History (when topic is Indigenous feminisms; consult instructor)	3

HIST:2151	Introduction to the History Major (when topic is focused on Indigenous peoples)	3
HIST:3273	War and Violence in Early American Societies and Culture	3
HIST:4130/ MUSM:4130	Museum Literacy and Historical Memory	3
SPAN:3240	Mexico City	3