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. completed at the University of Iowa. Students must earn a g.p.a. 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 concurrently enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program.

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 as indicated below. Elective courses reflect the certificate program’s emphasis on Indigenous histories in the Americas, Indigenous cultures and literatures, and Indigenous peoples in global perspective. 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

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Elective Courses

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

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