

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree

with a major in Native American

Studies—with specialization options in Language & Literature, Law & Government, Natural Resources & the Environment, Society & Culture

Minor in Native American Studies

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The Program

Unique among CSU campuses in its close proximity to several thriving Native American communities, Humboldt provides a rich environment for studying the Native American heritage and for preparing for careers in areas such as Indian education, counseling, and cultural and natural resource management.

The Department of Native American Studies coordinates an interdisciplinary program drawing on faculty in many areas of the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural resources, sciences, and professional studies. The department works closely with the Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP); the Indian Natural Resource, Science, and Engineering Program (INRSEP); and the Center for Indian Community Development (CICD).

The major in Native American Studies, particularly when combined with a minor in a specific field, is good preparation for graduate work in several social sciences (particularly anthropology and history), as well as for professional training in law, business, or social work. It also provides an excellent background for prospective teachers.

Other career opportunities: student services counselor, mental health worker, cultural resources specialist, tribal museum curator, Indian language teacher, and tribal administrator.

Preparation

High school students should study the humanities, social studies, and history.

Requirements for the Major

Core

NAS 104 Introduction to Native American Studies

NAS 200 The Indian in American History

NAS 364 Federal Indian Law I

In addition to the core courses, majors must take an additional 24 upper division units in Native American Studies or in Native American topics in related disciplines (with the approval of the major advisors). Twelve of these units must come from one of the four specialization options or the general option.

Specialization Options

Language & Literature:

NAS 310 Native American Literature

NAS 311 Oral Literature & Oral Tradition

NAS 340 Language & Communication in Native American Communities

NAS 345 Native Languages of North America

NAS 401 International Indigenous Issues [literature & language]

NAS 482 Special Topics in Native American Language & Literature

Law & Government

NAS 360 Tribal Justice System

NAS 361 Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Citizens

NAS 362 Tribal Governance & Leadership

NAS 365 Federal Indian Law II

NAS 366 Tribal Water Rights

NAS 401 International Indigenous Issues [law & government]

NAS 460 Tribal Rights: Federal Role

NAS 481 Special Topics in Native American Law & Government

Natural Resources & the Environment:

NAS 331 Introduction to Native American Perspectives on Natural Resources Management

NAS 332 Environmental Justice

NAS 366 Tribal Water Rights

NAS 401 International Indigenous Issues [natural resource/environmental]

NAS 484 Special Topics in Native American Natural Resources & Environment

Society & Culture:

NAS 306 Native Peoples of North America

NAS 320 Native American Psychology

NAS 325 Native Tribes of California

NAS 327 Native Tribes of North American Regions

NAS 336 Nature & Issues of Genocide

NAS 352 Archaeology of Northwestern California

NAS 374 Native American Health

NAS 401 International Indigenous Issues [society & culture]

NAS 483 Special Topics in Native American Society & Culture

General Option (12 units)

Required:

NAS 331 Introduction to Native American Perspectives on Natural Resources Management

One from:

NAS 310 Native American Literature **or**
NAS 311 Oral Literature & Oral Tradition **or**

NAS 340 Language & Communication in Native American Communities

One from:

NAS 306 Native Peoples of North America **or**

NAS 325 Native Tribes of California **or**

NAS 327 Native Tribes of North American Regions

Electives

In addition to an option, majors must take an additional 12 upper division units in Native American studies. Students with a specialization option must take six of these units outside their option. With approval of the major advisor, majors may substitute one or more courses in Native American topics in related disciplines.

Students are encouraged, but not required, to make at least three of their elective units a directed research project (NAS 499).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

Select 15 units from among the Native American Studies courses (6 units must be upper division courses). ITEPP courses don't count toward the minor requirement.

