



AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

The UW-Eau Claire American Indian Studies program, created in 1996, is designed to provide students with a greater understanding of the history, cultures and values of the indigenous tribal nations of the United States. It is a broad field program encompassing several disciplines including anthropology, art, astronomy, biology, botany, education, geography, healing arts, history, language, law, literature, music and politics.

WHY STUDY AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES?

- Prepare for work in tribal government, education, human services, health care and other areas through interactions with Indian professionals, tribal leaders and peers.
- It is excellent preparation for graduate study.
- Learn more about the American Indian culture and heritage.
- The major and minor in American Indian studies are designed to support degree programs in nursing, education, business and social work.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire was the first university in the UW System to offer the American Indian studies major.
- Several general elective categories include American Indian Studies courses, making it possible to earn a minor in American Indian Studies simply by choosing the appropriate electives. Also, a second major in American Indian Studies can be earned without many additional courses.
- On-campus activities during American Indian Awareness Month enhance classroom studies.

- Students can participate in our annual Spring Celebration Pow Wow.
- Our on-campus Native American Student Association provides students with additional opportunities for social interaction and cultural enrichment.
- Students gain hands-on experience through internships and research projects.
- Small classes and individual attention.
- Unlike many other public universities, classes are not taught by teaching assistants. Students work alongside dedicated professors who inspire learning.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Family services specialist
- Race relations specialist

UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

- Community outreach worker
- Teacher
- Literacy program coordinator
- Health educator caseworker
- School counselor
- Work in environmental science
- Work in tribal law and government

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The UW-Eau Claire department of American Indian studies offers:

Major/minor

- American Indian studies

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- All students who enroll at UW-Eau Claire are required to have a minimum of 17 college preparatory units including:
 - 4 years of English (at least 3 composition and literature)
 - 2 years of a single foreign language
 - 3 years of math (algebra, geometry, 1 advanced college preparatory math)
 - 3 years of natural science
 - 3 years of social science (1 must be world or American history)
 - 2 additional units in the areas already mentioned or other academic areas

COURSE WORK

The American Indian studies major consists of 36 semester credits, including:

- AIS 101, Introduction to American History and Cultures
- AIS 102, Introduction to American Indian Expressive Cultures
- AIS 480, Capstone Course

Remaining credits selected from:

- AIS 111 Studies in American Indian Languages I
- AIS 112 Studies in American Indian Languages II
- AIS/Engl 142 Introduction to Literature of the American Indian
- AIS/Anth 161 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- AIS/Hist 240 American Indian History
- AIS/Engl 242 The American Indian in Literature and Film
- AIS/Pols 250 American Indian Politics
- AIS 291 Special Topics
- AIS/Geog 322 Native Geographies
- AIS/Arth 324 Survey of North American Indian art
- AIS/Anth 325 North American Indians
- AIS/Rels 330 Indigenous Religions of the Americas
- AIS/Arth 335 Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America
- AIS/Arth 337 Art of Twantinsuyo
- AIS/Engl 345 American Indian Autobiography
- AIS/Engl 346 Major Works in American Indian Literature
- AIS 395 Directed Studies
- AIS399 Independent Study
- AIS/Hist 468 Studies in American Indian History
- AIS/Hist 482 Wisconsin Indian History
- AIS 491 Special Topics
- AIS 498 Internship
- AIS 499 Independent Study

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's programs in American Indian studies, contact:

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