# American Indian Studies


### About the major:
The American Indian Studies (AIS) major was implemented in fall 1996. Our program is interdisciplinary; therefore, we draw AIS courses from a variety of disciplines within the university through courses cross listed with AIS. These courses in combination fulfill the requirements for the major as well. Students who pursue an AIS major often find themselves working within cultural heritage centers or in areas such as tribal government, education, human services, and health care. The AIS major also is excellent preparation for graduate or professional study in law, medicine, and business.

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### Required GE or University courses:
Because there are AIS courses in almost every General Education Category, it is possible to earn a minor in AIS simply by choosing AIS courses from several GE categories, in addition to the required AIS 101 and 102 courses. One may earn a second major in AIS with the addition of four core courses: AIS 101, 102, 444, and 480.

**Category IA:** AIS 111 and AIS 112 (Studies in American Indian Languages I and II) fulfill the foreign language requirement and count towards the major. Currently, students learn Beginning Ojibwe in these courses.

**Category IB:** No specific courses required

**Category II:** No specific courses required

**Category III:**
- AIS 101, Intro to American Indian History and Culture (CD3; GE-IIIG)

**Other category III elective courses for the major or minor are:**
- AIS/Pols 250 American Indian Politics (CD3; GE-IIID)
- AIS/Geog 322 Native Geographies (CD3;GE-IIIC)
- AIS/Anth 325 North American Indians (CD3;GE-IIIA)
- AIS/Anth 161 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (FC;GE-IIIA)

**Category IV:** AIS 102, Intro to American Indian Expressive Cultures (GE-IVE)

**Other Category IV elective courses for the major or minor are:**
- AIS/Engl 142, Intro to Literature of the American Indian (CD3; GE-IVD)
- AIS/Hist 240, American Indian History (CD3; GE-IVC)
- AIS/Engl 242, The American Indian in Literature and Film (CD3;GE-IVD)
- AIS/Arth 324, Survey of North American Indian Art (CD3; GE-IVA)
- AIS/Rel 330, Indigenous Religions of the Americas (CD3;GE-IVB)
- AIS/Arth 335, Ancient Art and Architecture of Mexico and Central America (CD3;GE-IVA)
- AIS/Arth 337, Art of Tawantinsuyo (CD3; GE-IVA)
- AIS/Engl 345, American Indian Autobiography (CD3; GE-IVD)
- AIS/Engl 346, Major Works in American Indian Literature (CD3;GE-IVD)
AIS/Hist 368, Studies in American Indian History (CD3;GE-IVC)
AIS/Hist 369, Wisconsin Indian History (CD3;GE-IV)

Helpful Tips:

Information for students exploring the AIS Major/Minor:
Either AIS 101: *Introduction to American Indian History and Cultures* or AIS 102: *Introduction to American Indian Expressive Cultures*, would be a good course to take to explore the major.

New AIS Majors:
Students interested in the AIS major should contact the American Indian Studies office in Hibbard Hall 384 for immediate advisement. Students interested in American Indian Studies on campus may want to become familiar with the Native American Student Association, which has existed since 1989. The student advisers are: Odawa White, Centennial Hall 1106, (715) 836-3499, whiteol@uwec.edu, and Debra K. S. Barker, Hibbard Humanities Hall 384, (715) 836-6045.

Additional Information:
The major and minor in American Indian Studies are designed to support degree programs in Nursing, Education, Business, Political Science and Social Work. Career options include cultural heritage preservation, family service specialist, cultural diversity specialist, community outreach worker, teaching, literacy program coordinator, health educator caseworker, school counselor, law, and work in environmental science.

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UW-Eau Claire respects individual differences. This guide complements rather than substitutes for individual advising.

For instructions about how to declare this major:
www.uwec.edu/registrar/chgofmajor/procedures/