

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

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Program Offered

Minor in Native American Studies

The Native American Studies program is designed to provide a minor with a multidisciplinary approach to Native Americans through ethnography, history, sociology, and the humanities. By approaching the multiplicity of Indian cultures from a variety of academic perspectives, a deeper understanding of native societies, past and present, will emerge. The program is designed to present a variety of American Indian experiences and issues within the wider context of human history and evolution. The program is especially interested in providing teachers, community service personnel, tribal administrators, and other interested persons with useful skills in dealing with indigenous/native communities. Special emphasis will be placed on assisting educators with practical and theoretical approaches to Indian education. Students in Native American studies are encouraged to apply toward the NAMS minor selected courses from history, anthropology, art, Chicano and Latino studies, American multicultural studies, and education.

Students may develop a special major in Native American studies; those interested should review the guidelines for special majors and consult the program coordinator.

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The suggested pattern for completing the minor is:

Minor Core Requirements

NAMS 200 Introduction to Native Americans or	
NAMS 205 Introduction to Native American Arts	3
NAMS 305 North American Indian History	4
NAMS 346 Philosophic Systems and Sacred Movements in Native North Americans	3

Total units in minor core **10**

Minor Electives

Select 10 units from the following courses:

NAMS 300 Experimental	1-5
NAMS 354 Native American Literature	3
NAMS 338 Native Americans and the Cinema	3
NAMS 400 Special Topics in Native American Studies	1-4
NAMS 410 Seminar in an Individual Native American Culture	4
NAMS 412 Native California History and Culture	4
NAMS 414 Native American Cultures of the Southwest	4
NAMS 418 Regional Historical Studies	4
NAMS 420 Fundamentals of Native American Education	1-4
NAMS 430 Advanced Native American Workshop	4
NAMS 442 Contemporary Affairs of Native Americans of California	4
NAMS 495 Special Studies	1-4

Total units in minor electives **10**

Total units in the minor **20**