MINOR IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Think About It.

For centuries Arkansas has been home to multiple Native American civilizations, whose industry, ideas, and art informed and continue to enrich the globe. Seek the minor in Indigenous Studies and get connected to Arkansas and beyond through the vibrancy of Indigenous worlds.

The Minor in Indigenous Studies

(INDS) Requirements:

- 3 courses, 1 from each of the 3 core groups: Culture, History, and Literature
- 2 additional elective courses from the list for a total of 5 courses or 15 credit hours*

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*Other courses not listed may serve the requirements, though only as approved by the Indigenous Studies Program director. Only 6 credit hours can count toward requirements of other majors and minors.

Contact the Indigenous Studies Program

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Why Indigenous Studies?

America began over thirty thousand years ago when Indigenous people first circled the fire to share ideas and art. Take a course, encounter an Indigenous life, and celebrate the imagination to build a world.

“The Indigenous Studies minor has enriched my knowledge of Native American people.” --Gabriella Tovar, student, Navajo Nation

Meet Your Professors

Shaun Austen, History
Freddie Bowles, Education
Robert Cochran, English
John DuVal, English
Kirstin Erickson, Anthropology
Janie Hipp, Law
Toni Jensen, English
Linda Jones, World Languages
Stacy Leeds, Law
R. D. Madison, English
Martin Matlock, Engineering
Justin Nolan, Anthropology
Luis Fernando Restrepo, Spanish
George Sabo, Anthropology
Frank Scheide, Communication
Sean Teuton, English
Elliot West, History
Jeannie Whayne, History
Kay Yandell, English

Courses

Culture
ANTH 3203 American Indians Today
ANTH 3213 Indians of North America
ANTH 3263 Indians of Arkansas and the South
ANTH 3473 Native American Prehistory
ANTH 3533 Medical Anthropology
ANTH 4143 Ecological Anthropology
History
HIST 3263 History of the American Indian
Literature
COMM 3983 Topics: Native Americans in Film
ENGL 3553 Topics in Native Literature*
ENGL 4553 Studies in Native Literature*
WLLC 4043 New France Archives#
WLLC 4053 French Mississippi Archives#

*Topics and studies include over a dozen courses.

#Courses focus on early Indigenous and French encounters including the Arkansas area. Taught in English.

The Indigenous Studies minor invites discovery of alternative world views, ecological relationships, societies, religions, arts, and governments of Indigenous peoples in North America and beyond from antiquity to the present. Immersed in this inherently interdisciplinary field of study, students have the opportunity to master and employ its many theories and methodologies, debates and issues, in often comparative contexts. Such exposure and training prepare those who achieve the minor for graduate work in the humanities, business, law, and the sciences as they pertain to Indigenous peoples, but also for any career that requires a supple knowledge of cultural difference between Arkansas and an increasingly global world.