Minor in American Indian Studies

There are no admission requirements and no prerequisites for the American Indian Studies minor. Any undergraduate student with at least sophomore standing (45 credits completed) who is officially declared in any major may declare this minor with his or her major adviser's permission.

If you have not yet declared a major, but you are interested in pursuing the American Indian Studies minor, you are welcome to enroll in courses that will eventually apply toward the minor. These courses will apply to the minor (or major) requirements if you choose to declare the minor (or major) in the future.

To declare the minor, please meet with your adviser in your major to complete the paperwork. For more information, see the UW's policies on undergraduate minors. For help with course planning, timelining, and other advising concerns within the AIS minor, contact Kai Wise, AIS adviser, at kaiwise@uw.edu.

Minor Requirements:

Minimum 30 credits to include:

1. **Introductory courses** (10 credits):
   - AIS 102 Introduction to American Indian Studies (taught every Autumn)
   - AIS 103 The Indigenous Pacific Northwest (taught every Winter)

2. **Content course** (5 credits), at least one course from:
   - AIS 170 American Indian Art and Aesthetics
   - AIS 202 Intro to American Indian Contemporary and Social Issues
   - AIS 203 Introduction to Indigenous Knowledges
   - AIS/HSTAA 209 Unsettling of the Red Continent: History to 1815
   - AIS/HSTAA 210 Inconvenient Indians and the "American Problem": History since 1815

3. **Electives** (15 credits total): 3 courses in AIS or approved courses taught by AIS Adjunct Faculty. At least 5 credits must be at the
300 level or higher.

How does the minor differ from the major?

The AIS minor requires 25 credits fewer than the AIS major, successful completion of which results in the awarding of a B.A. in American Indian Studies. In the AIS major, these credits must be completed at the 300-level or above.

Students are free to transition between the minor and the major, as long as they have satisfied the basic entry requirements.

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