

American Indian Studies Minor - Requirement Sheet

What will I learn? The Department of American Indian Studies is the home of American Indian, Alaska Native, and indigenous knowledge at the University of Washington. Through our work, we aim to foster native wellness, cultural revitalization, political sovereignty, and cross-cultural understanding.

Who is the minor for? While often of particular interest to students of Native American heritage, the minor is an excellent learning opportunity for anyone interested in working with diverse groups of people and understanding our nation’s history of encountering difference and how this history affects current social and racial issues today.

How do I apply? The AIS minor is an open minor: there are no prerequisites and no admissions process. Students in good academic standing can declare the minor at any time once they have a declared major.

REQUIRED COURSES	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
AIS 102	Introduction to American Indian Studies (AUT only)	5	
AIS 103	The Indigenous Pacific Northwest (WIN only)	5	
1 Content Course	AIS 170, AIS 202, AIS 203, AIS 209 or AIS 210	5	
3 Elective Courses	Any AIS course or from approved list, at least 5 credits at the 300/400 level	15	
Total		30	

AIS Content Course Options

- 170 American Indian Art and Aesthetics
- 202 Intro to Contemporary and Social Issues
- 203 Introduction to Indigenous Knowledges
- 209 Unsettling of the Red Continent: American Indian History to 1815
- 210 Inconvenient Indians and the “American Problem”: History since 1815

AIS Electives

- 212 Indigenous Leaders and Activists
- 308 American Indians and Environment
- 313/314/315 Southern Lushootseed Language
- 335 American Indians and the Law
- 340 Indian Children and Families
- 360 American Indians in Cinema
- 379 Powwow: Tradition and Innovation
- 380 Indigenous Food Sovereignty
- 385 Indigenous Ecologies & Climate Change
- 443 Indigenous Films, Sovereign Visions
- 466 Producing the Documentary Short
- 475 Research Topics in AIS
- 480 Indigenous Resistance

*Example of available electives to choose from (see Time Schedule for full listing).

*Additional courses taught by AIS Adjunct Faculty may be approved by program advisor.



Oceanic and Pacific Islander Studies Minor - Requirement Sheet

What will I learn? The Oceania and Pacific Islander Studies (OPIS) Minor offers students an opportunity to learn about the histories and contemporary cultures of Oceania through academic coursework and community experiences. The OPIS curriculum is multidisciplinary, comparative, and designed to increase students' critical and transformative thinking about all aspects of knowledge and practice related to Oceania.

How do I apply? The OPIS minor is an open minor: there are no prerequisites and no admissions process. Students in good academic standing can declare the minor at any time once they have a declared major.

REQUIRED COURSES	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
AIS 102	Introduction to American Indian Studies (AUT only)	5	
1 API Course	AAS 206 Contemporary Issues of API Americans (WIN only) or AAS 210 Asian American & Pacific Islander American Identity: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture (SPR only)	5	
1 Practicum Course	AES 494 Community Practicum and Internship, AIS 497 Internship, or ANTH 489 Anthropology Practicum	5	
2 Elective Courses	Any course from approved list, at least 5 credits at the 300/400 level	10	
Total		25	

Practicum Course Options

Examples of Practicum experiences include community research or work while studying abroad, internship with a local community organization, special project with a campus organization such as PSA or PISC, research/community work at the Burke Museum, public health research with PI communities in Seattle, etc.

OPIS Elective Courses

AAS 320 Hawai'i's Literature
AAS 360 Critical Filipino American Histories
AAS 385 Asian & Pacific Islander Americans: Race, Law, and Justice
AAS 392/GWSS 392 Asian American and Pacific Islander Women
AAS 402 Contemporary Asian American Literature
ANTH 306 Pacific Islander Representation
ANTH 312 Pacific Islander Literature and Film
ARCHY 325 Archaeology of Islands of Southeast Asia and the Pacific
ENG 257 Asian American Literature
SMEA 103 Society and the Oceans
SMEA 485 Pacific tourism

*Any other course with significant Oceania/Pacific Islander Studies content may be approved by the program advisor