AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Division: Social Sciences

PROGRAM CODE: 2A40547

The American Indian and Indigenous Studies Associate in Arts Degree is designed to provide students a holistic and transdisciplinary education with a focus on the historical and contemporary experiences of Indigenous peoples of North America. American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIS) is committed to critical theorizations of settler colonialism, indigeneity, gender, sexuality, and sovereignty and to the interrogation of interlocking systems of oppression in order to unsettle and disrupt them.

AllS cultivates activist-scholars by providing students opportunities to bridge academic study with community engagement. Graduates develop a decolonial and liberatory vision for social change, an understanding of Indigenous core values and leadership models, and acquire skills in media literacy, critical and creative thinking, and an ability to advance sovereignty for Indigenous peoples.

The major prepares students for transfer and career pathways that serve Indigenous populations in areas/fields such as education and research, cultural and resource management, health and human services, marketing and communications, tribal law and policy, fine and performing arts, American Indian affairs, and more. This degree requires a total of 18 units.

Code	Title	Units	
Required Courses (12 units):			
ETHS 101 F	American Ethnic Studies	3	
or ETHS 101HF	Honors American Ethnic Studies		
ETHS 111 F	Women of Color in the U.S.	3	
ETHS 159 F	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3	
ETHS 160 F	American Indian History (formerly History of the Native Americans)	3	
Restricted Electives (6 units):	6	
ETHS 129 F	Introduction to African-American Studies	3	
ETHS 130 F	African-American History I	3	
ETHS 131 F	African-American History II	3	
ETHS 150 F	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies (formerly ETHS 140 F)	3	
ETHS 151 F	Chicana/o History I (formerly ETHS 141 F)	3	
ETHS 152 F	Chicana/o History II (formerly ETHS 141 F)	3	
ETHS 153 F	Chicana/o and Latina/o Contemporary Issues (formerly ETHS 142 F)	3	
or ETHS 153HF	Honors Chicana/o and Latina/o Contemporar Issues	ſУ	
ETHS 170 F	Introduction to Asian Pacific Islander American Studies	3	
ETHS 171 F	Asian Pacific Islander American History	3	
ETHS 202 F	Race, Ethnicity and Popular Culture	3	
ETHS 235 F	Contemporary Social Justice Movements	3	
or ETHS 235HF Honors Contemporary Social Justice Movements			

Total Units		18
	formerly (Survey of Native American Literature)	
ENGL 251 F	Introduction to Native American Literature	3

Outcome 1: Summarize the key terminology, theoretical orientations, principles and methods used in the field of American Indian & Indigenous Studies.

Outcome 2: Identify and explain historical trends and common themes in American Indian and Indigenous history.

Outcome 3: Construct a coherent and well-informed viewpoint about contemporary issues affecting Indigenous peoples in North America.

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