

What about a major in...?

American Indian Studies

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What is American Indian Studies?

The American Indian Studies program provides a multidisciplinary understanding of the history of current events among Native peoples of the United States and Canada. The program emphasizes the interrelations among history, culture, language, literature, the arts, philosophy, religion, political and social forces, and the legal status and sovereignty of Native nations. Through this understanding, the American Indian Studies program provides a place where Native voices can challenge the dominant society's assumptions about Native people's history and culture. Two tracks in the major (language focus and non-language focus) and a minor are offered.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select "undergraduate majors."

How do I declare an American Indian Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon an American Indian Studies major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form or plan to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn about your new major's declaration process.

What can I do with a major in American Indian Studies?

Skills

American Indian Studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Knowledge about American Indian affairs
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Analyzing and critical thinking skills—ability to think "outside the box"
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Nonprofit—social service, fundraising, lobbyist, management
- Government—public information, campaigns, research, elected official
- Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management

For more information:

About the American Indian Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising
2 Scott Hall
(612) 624-1338
<http://cla.umn.edu/amerind/>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Society and Culture
Student Community
122 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-2549
<http://sandc.class.umn.edu/>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.
Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.mlk.umn.edu/>
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community
Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu/
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.honors.class.umn.edu/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

- Arts and Entertainment—announcing, writing, managing, development
- Public Relations and Advertising—corporate public affairs, consultant

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!