

# Minor: Native American Studies (NAS)



University of Oregon students may earn a minor in Native American studies. The minor helps students understand contemporary and historic Native lives through attention to the political statuses, cultures, identities, and practices of Native American nations specifically and Indigenous peoples in general. The program encourages student application of political and cultural dimensions of Native American studies to other major fields. Students in virtually every discipline find that related Native American studies courses enrich their academic programs.

## Top 5 reasons to study Native American Studies

- 1 Understand tribal sovereignty, Indigenous nationhood, and settler colonialism.
- 2 Understand historic and contemporary Native experiences.
- 3 Learn to recognize, and to challenge, systems of power and inequality.
- 4 Build a foundation for a wide variety of further studies.
- 5 Join a strong community of scholars with a robust cultural, political, and intellectual orientation.

## Minor credits

Required	4 credits
Electives	24 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 credits</b>

## Where can I go?

A minor in Native American Studies can take you in multiple directions. Native American Studies provides students with a foundation for employment in:

- Tribal, local, state, and federal governments and organizations
- Legal professions
- College and university teaching, research, leadership, and advising
- K-12 education and school programs
- Nonprofit organizations and public interest groups
- Environmental organizations
- Artistic, theatrical, and other creative endeavors
- Newspapers, magazines, and broadcast media companies

## Courses you will need

- ES 256
- 16 credits from upper-division courses
- At least 4 credits in each of the three distribution groups:
  - Group 1: Culture, Language, and Education
  - Group 2: Law, Policy, Governance, and History
  - Group 3: Literature, Media, and the Arts
- At least 4 credits focusing on Oregon Indians

## Majors commonly combined with

- Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies (IRES)
- Education
- English
- Environmental Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

## What will I learn?

A minor in Native American Studies can give you skills in:

- Leadership and advocacy
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Ethical interdisciplinary research methodologies
- Incorporation of Indigenous ways of thinking into multiple arenas
- Culturally and politically informed communication and relationship-building
- Policy development and analysis
- Community education and outreach