

# AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES (AIST)

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## **AIST-101** **American Indian Studies**

### **3 Credits**

**Lecture:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course provides a general overview of American Indian history, culture, philosophy, religious practices, music, art, literature, tribal law, government, and sovereignty. The course will focus on both traditional and contemporary cultures with an emphasis on issues in American Indian life. The course will also cover the origins and development of content and method in American Indian studies, focusing on patterns of persistence and change in American Indian communities, especially political, linguistic, social, legal, and cultural change.

## **AIST-225 Native People of North America**

### **3 Credits**

**Lecture:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course offers an examination of who the North American Indians are and who they were. Various facets of Indian culture are explored, including hunting, religion, art, living styles, foods, and relationships between the Native American tribes both now and in the past. AIST-225 is an interesting course for students curious about Native Americans and their relationship with the environment. This course is the same as ANTH-225.

**Recommended Prerequisites:** ANTH-100

## **AIST-240 American Indian History**

### **3 Credits**

**Lecture:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course provides a historical overview of post-contact Indian and non-Indian relations and their effect on Indian culture, including reactions, adaptations, and conflicts in social, political, and economic systems. Some emphasis will be placed on prominent Indian personages and geographical groups, their migrations and intertribal and U.S. government relationships, including federal Indian policy. Students will gain a deeper sense of "nations" and an understanding of the importance of tribal heritage and identify from a historical perspective. This course is the same as HIST-240.

**Prerequisites:** ENGL-101

## **AIST-250 American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Policy** **3 Credits**

**Lecture:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course provides a critical overview of American Indian Sovereignty as it relates to citizenry, history, governance, culture, ideology, tribal case law, practices, literature, tribal law, treaty rights, tribal gaming, and environmental (land and water) rights. The course will focus on the cultural and political relationship of indigenous communities and the United States by drawing upon decolonization methods and critical race theory with an emphasis on issues in American Indian experience. The course will also cover the contemporary case law affecting indigenous communities in the Pacific Northwest, specifically political, linguistic, social, legal, and cultural shifts.

**Prerequisites:** AIST-101

## **AIST-285** **American Indian Literature**

### **3 Credits**

**Lecture:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Spring Only, All Years

This course explores traditional American Indian world views and belief systems as reflected in myths and legends, as well as contemporary poetry, short stories, and novels by Native Americans. The difference between American Indian and Eurocentric world views and the implications of these differences will be considered, as illustrated in literature. The course will also explore political, sociological, and psychological effects on American Indians of U.S. governmental policies and actions taken in regard to various tribes. This course is the same as ENGL-285.

**Prerequisites:** ENGL-101

**Recommended Prerequisites:** ENGL-175