

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program

Interest Areas:









Soc. Sciences and Human Svcs.

The American Indian Studies program was designed in collaboration with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and examines the contemporary and ancient experiences and ways of life of the first peoples of North America from their perspective. The curriculum is designed to provide a study of American Indians from a holistic and humanistic viewpoint by focusing on their cultural, historical, and contemporary life. It is an interdisciplinary program drawing on the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural resources, science, and professional studies.

This program satisfies the requirements for an associate's academic transfer degree and is intended to serve both Indian and non-Indian students. Course selections should be tailored to match requirements of the intended transfer institution.

Program Website (https://www.nic.edu/programs/viewprogram.aspx?program_id=4)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1	Written Communication	6
GEM 2	Oral Communication	3
GEM 3	Mathematical Ways of Knowing	3-5
GEM 4	Scientific Ways of Knowing	8
GEM 5	Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing ¹	3
GEM 6	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing ¹	3
GEM 7	Institutionally Designated	4-6
Program Requirements		
AIST-101	American Indian Studies  	3
AIST-225	Native People of North America	3
	or ANTH-225 Native People of North America	
AIST-285	American Indian Literature   	3
	or ENGL-285 American Indian Literature   	
AIST-240	American Indian History	3
	or HIST-240 American Indian History	
AIST-250	American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Policy	3
Elective Requirements		
Courses 100-level or higher		13-15
Total Credits		60-64

¹ This General Education Requirement is partially met by the Program Requirements.

Course Key



GEM



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Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Describe and conduct research on the shifting socio-cultural diversity of history, culture, and politics in the development of tribal worldviews that relate to modern and contemporary issues of concern for American Indian peoples.
- Recognize how American Indian stereotypes reify and influence the complex nuances of American Indian identity from historical and contemporary contexts.
- Articulate the significance, and contributions, of American Indian written literature, oral traditions, ceremonies, spirituality, and rituals in American Indian cultures.
- Explain and critique the effects of colonial laws and policies on American Indian cultures, sovereignty, and contemporary tribal governance.
- Pursue their educational and professional goals through transfer or transition to a different field.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.