

Indigenous Studies (INDS)

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The Indigenous Studies minor invites discovery of alternative world views, ecological relationships, societies, religions, arts, and governments of indigenous peoples in North America and beyond from antiquity to the present. Immersed in this inherently interdisciplinary field of study, students have the opportunity to master and employ its many theories and methodologies, debates and issues, in often comparative contexts. Such exposure and training prepares those who achieve the minor for graduate work in the humanities, business, law, and the sciences as they pertain to indigenous peoples, but also for any career that requires a supple knowledge of cultural difference between Arkansas and an increasingly global world.

Requirements for a Minor in Indigenous Studies

Students seeking the minor in Indigenous Studies must complete three courses, one from each of three core groups: Culture, History and Literature. Students then complete two additional elective courses from the list below for a total of 15 credit hours. Other courses not listed below may serve the requirements, although only as approved by the Indigenous Studies program director. Only 6 credit hours can count toward requirements of other majors or minors.

Culture

ANTH 3213	Indigenous Peoples of North America: Anthropological Perspectives	3
ANTH 3473	North American Prehistory	3
ANTH 3533	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 4143	Ecological Anthropology	3

History

HIST 3263	History of the American Indian	3
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Literature

COMM 3983	Special Topics	3
ENGL 3553	Topics in Native American Literature and Culture ¹	3
ENGL 4553	Studies in Native American Literature and Culture ¹	3
WLLC 4043	The Early French in North America ²	3
WLLC 3053	The Colonial French in the Mississippi Valley ²	3

¹ Topics and studies include over a dozen courses.

² Courses focus on early indigenous and French encounters in the Canadian Quebec region and along the Lower Mississippi River Valley, including the Arkansas area, respectively, combining ethnohistory and literary study of accounts found in original documents. Taught in English language.