

IIS 101 : Introduction to American Indian Studies

Credits 5

Quarter Offered Fall, Spring

Introduction to American Indian and Indigenous Studies, a field of research grounded in the study of American Indian and indigenous peoples. This field emphasizes individual and community wellness, political self-determination, cultural revitalization and cross-cultural understanding. This course presents foundational terms, concepts and ideas and is recommended for all students but is particularly relevant for those who will pursue a degree in Native American Studies or Indigenous Studies or American Indian/Indigenous Studies. This class may include students from multiple sections. (Social Sciences, Elective)

Course Outcomes

Demonstrate an understanding of key terms in American Indian Studies and identify their significance in this field.

Present evidence of understanding the significance of individual and community wellness, political self-determination, cultural revitalization, and cross-cultural understanding.

Demonstrate an understanding of treaties and their significance in Nation building and current legal and environmental tribal efficacy.

Engage with different perspectives of other students in discussions and written responses.

Improve critical thinking skills through engagement with and evaluation of a range of sources including text, video, audio, presentations, case studies, mixed media art, and other expressions.