St. Cloud State University: American Indian Studies Certificate

Program Notice of Intent

This application has a 20 day review and comment period

- St. Cloud State University

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

START TERM: 1) When students will be able to enroll (ISRS) and 2) attributes published on Minnesota State website.

START TERM 20223 (Fall 2021)

END TERM 99999 (No End)

Program Information

PROGRAM TYPE Full: all courses offered by award granting college/university

COLLABORATING INSTITUTION(s)  

- St. Cloud State University

NAME/TITLE American Indian Studies

# OF CREDITS (whole number) 12.00

AWARD TYPE Undergraduate certificate

DELIVERY MODE Online exclusively: must be completed entirely online; No face-to-face options available

Curriculum Information

CATALOG DESCRIPTION Obtain a Certificate in American Indian Studies from where you live. Four courses (12 credits) are offered completely online. They include an introductory course, a course focusing on women, on contemporary (environmental) issues, and curriculum materials for use in the classroom, workshops, and professional development. You will gain knowledge about the histories, contributions, and creative works of American Indian tribal and urban communities.

Minnesota State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and educator.
Equity and Design Elements List all required courses. Identify MNTC courses and goal area. Describe how this program reflects diversity and inclusion. May attach a document to cover the following Equity by Design considerations.

Equity 2030 Student Populations:

- racial ethnicity
- socioeconomic
- first generation status

How does the curriculum of this program reflect diversity and inclusion?

Explain how the curriculum reflects culturally relevant elements addressing the needs of a growingly diverse student body.

CURRICULUM DESIGN This curriculum exclusively addresses American Indian content using materials created by American Indian people and organizations.

Program Duplication

Area from which 80% of students are likely to attend (counties/regions).

If you live in the Midwest or if you are interested in learning about tribes who reside in the Midwest, this certificate is for you.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota.

NAME MNSCU SCHOOLS THAT OFFER A SIMILAR PROGRAM There are no other completely online certificate programs in American Indian Studies in the Minnesota State system.

Program Requirements

9 credits: ETHS 210, ETHS 410; HIST 352.

Electives

9 credits: Select from the following list of courses with approval by American Indian Studies minor advisor: ANTH 159; ENGL 215, ENGL 315; ETHS 199, ETHS 299, ETHS 301, ETHS 305, ETHS 310, ETHS 312, ETHS 399, ETHS 401; HURL 407. Other courses offered irregularly, such as Ojibwe Language, History and Culture and special topics courses, may count toward the minor with approval of American Indian Studies minor advisor.

The American Indian Studies has been offered as a minor for 20 years. Program Highlights:
Coursework on sovereignty and the unique relationship between the United States government and tribal nations.

Useful insight for fields such as education, political science, law, mass communications, community programming, art, psychology and social work and business.

Opportunity for global and comparative analysis between ethnic minority groups, indigenous communities, and their relations in their ancestral homelands.

Program Distinctions

- **American Indian Center** (AIC) sponsors summer workshops in Native Studies and Native Skywatchers for teachers.
- AIC is a co-sponsor of the annual **Power in Diversity Leadership Conference**.
- 20-year-old center is host for community social and educational programs including a speakers bureau and an annual pow wow and sponsors an **American Indian Speakers series** that has included leaders such Craig Howe, Janice Lafloe and Sherry Sanchez-Tibbets.
- AIC organizes a **service trip** to Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana during spring break.

Student Organizations

- All Tribes Council
- Social Responsibility Student Organization (SRSO)
- Global Horizons Club

Comment and Feedback Directions

To provide comments and feedback submit an email to: AcademicPrograms@minnstate.edu by March 14, 2021