Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Native American Studies program exists to broaden the understanding of students interested in the history, culture, and contemporary situations of Native Americans in the United States. Our program considers broadly the relationship of indigeneity and settler colonialism, foregrounding the historical contexts and constraints through which indigenous individuals and polities have expressed and continue to express themselves.

The Native American Studies major and minor are offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies, which also offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as a minor in Race and the Law.

PARTICIPATE IN THE MAJOR

- Check out resources from Native American Student Development (NASD).
- Enrich your studies with a summer minor in Race and the Law.
- Get involved with the Indigenous and Native Coalition.
- Complete a senior honors thesis in the major.

“During a time when Indigenous land rights, voting rights, art and culture, and the effects of climate change are making headlines, Native American Studies provides the tools to understand our past and present and to work for a better future.”

- Shari Huhndorf, Professor

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

The Native American Studies curriculum has been structured to provide courses that deal with both historical and cultural analysis of Native American cultures and contemporary legal and social institutions that affect Native American life. The program not only stresses sound academic preparation in the classroom but also allows students the flexibility to take part in community-oriented education through fieldwork or studies directed towards community situations and problems.
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#### Design Your Journey

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<td>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</td>
<td>Get involved with Berkeley Connect In Ethnic Studies and L&amp;S Mentors Program.</td>
<td>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar like Native American Studies 90, L&amp;S 1, or a student-run DeCal course.</td>
<td>Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</td>
<td>Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.</td>
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<td>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.</td>
<td>Join a student organization such as the Indigenous and Native Coalition Recruitment and Retention Center.</td>
<td>Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.</td>
<td>Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</td>
<td>Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.</td>
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<td>Enroll in Native American Studies 20A and 20B if you haven’t done so yet.</td>
<td>Check out resources from Native American Student Development (NASD).</td>
<td>Learn about the Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues.</td>
<td>Get involved with campus issues as a NASD intern.</td>
<td>Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter internship.</td>
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<td>Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major.</td>
<td>Enroll in ETH STD 10AC. Introduction to Ethnic Studies.</td>
<td>Assist faculty in their research through URAP.</td>
<td>Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.</td>
<td>Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.</td>
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<td>Review major guidelines for study abroad.</td>
<td>Enroll in ETH STD 10AC. Introduction to Ethnic Studies.</td>
<td>Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor like Race and the Law.</td>
<td>Work with archaeological data and community partners as part of the BACA Project.</td>
<td>Learn about graduate and professional school options and planning help.</td>
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### FIRST YEAR

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

- **Native American Studies Program**
  - Gain skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including teaching, counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, community and union organizing, and social work, as well as positions in federal, state, and local governments and those at the city and county levels.

#### Jobs and Employers

- **Acquisitions Editor, Oregon State University Press**
- **Anthropologist, Wicanpi Research and Consulting**
- **Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust**
- **Chief Administrative Officer, Native American Health Center**
- **HR Manager, Changing Tides Family Service**
- **Operations Coordinator, DroneBase**
- **Internal Communications Manager, Healthline Media**
- **Native Summer Youth Employment Program Coordinator, United Indian Nations, Inc.**

#### Graduate Programs

- **Counseling, Masters**
- **City and Regional Planning, Masters**
- **Data Science, Masters**
- **Education, Masters, PhD**
- **Law, JD**
- **Medicine, MD**
- **Public Administration, Masters**
- **Public Health, Masters**
- **Public Policy, Masters**
- **Social Work, Masters**

Examples gathered from the Ethnic Studies Department and LinkedIn.

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