

# NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES MINOR

## Overview

Though only 1.9% of the US population, Native Americans have played and continue to play an important part in American society. Largely invisibilized by the foregrounding of other ethnic minority groups, Native Americans in the US struggle for recognition (federal, state, and local), for survival as cultural groups (cf. Ile de Jean Charles evacuation/resettlement), and for basic rights (legal protections, religious freedom, education, health services, and subsistence). Researchers at Tulane are actively involved with Native American tribes of Louisiana, working with them on issues of language and culture revitalization, displacement due to coastal erosion, health concerns and services, and equity issues. There are many courses at Tulane that deal with Native American culture, history, and languages. Through a structured introduction to these peoples and cultures, Tulane students can gain an appreciation for continuing contribution of these communities to the American story. Students will also have an opportunity to work closely with researchers collaborating with Native communities, learning as they contribute to projects bolstering indigenous lifeways.

Situated in Bvblancha, "the place of other tongues", Tulane is committed to increasing diversity and engagement. Recognition of Native American presence, persistence and legacies (tangible and intangible) contributes to our educational mission.

Mission: To further understanding of indigenous peoples and the issues confronting their communities through engaged learning and research.

## Requirements

The Native American Studies minor requires five courses (15 Credits).

Course ID	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>6</b>
Choose two of the following		
ANTH 1101	Native America: Introduction	
ANTH 3535	Native American Language and Linguistics	
One archaeology course		
<b>Electives (Choose Three) from any of the lists below <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Archaeology Course Offerings:</b>		
ANTH 3060	Ethnology of South America	3
ANTH 3240	Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica	3
ANTH 4120	Conquest and Colonialism	3
ANTH 4130	North American Prehistory	3
ANTH 4410	Olmec and Maya Civilization	3
ANTH 6100	South American Archaeology	3
ANTH 6130	Southeastern U.S. Prehistory	3
<b>Linguistic Electives:</b>		
ANTH 3535	Native American Language and Linguistics	3
ANTH 4930	Languages of Louisiana	3,4
ANTH 6700	Spoken Nahuatl	3
ANTH 6800	Spoken Yucatecan Maya	3
ANTH 6840	Beginning Kaqchikel (Maya) Language	3,4
ANTH 6845	Beginning K'iche' Language	3
ANTH 6850	Intermediate K'iche' Language	3
ANTH 6855	Advanced K'iche' Language	3
LING 3000	Tunica La's Sleeping Language	3
<b>Other electives:</b>		
ANTH 3570	Indigenous Movements in Latin America	3
ANTH 3580	The Politics of Fieldwork	3
ANTH 3710	Historical Ecology of Amazonia	3
ANTH 6860	Introduction to K'iche' Culture	3
ANTH 6870	Kaqchikel Maya Culture	3
ARHS 3700	Art and Architecture of Ancient America	3

MUSC 4270	Indigenous media and sound in Latin America	3
THEA 2750	Native America on Stage and Screen	3

<sup>1</sup> Courses not listed above with 60% or more Native American content can be added to the student's program by approval of the director.

**Additional courses:**

TIDE 1265 Indian Tribes on the Bayou (1 c.h.) This is a one credit TIDES course and does NOT count toward the minor, but may be taken during a student's first semester as an introduction to indigenous cultures of Louisiana. Full title: **TIDE 1265 Indian Tribes Down The Bayou: Native American Communities of Southeastern Louisiana.**