

Programs of Study Offered at NWIC

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

The Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Native American Studies provides core courses that introduce students to Native culture, history, language and values while increasing understanding of the unique political status, rights, and responsibilities of tribal nations. The emphasis is on providing students with a broad and realistic understanding of issues that impact Native communities and people. The Native American Studies degree program is a direct transfer degree designed for students who are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree. Students should consult with their advisor to determine the appropriate courses for their area of interest and to ensure that they meet the requirements of the college or university to which they plan to transfer.

NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

BIOL 104	Biology and Natural History of Place (meets NSL requirement)	5
CMPS 101	Introduction to Computers, or above	3
EDUC 110	History of Native American Education (meets SS requirement)	3
ENGL 236	Survey of Native American Literature (meets HT requirement)	5
HIST 111	Pre-contact Native American History (meets SS requirement)	2
HIST 112	Post-contact Native American History (meets SS requirement)	3
HMDV 110	Introduction to Successful Learning	4
NASD 105A-C	Northwest Indian College Seminar (1 credit per quarter for 3 quarters)	3
NASD 110	Introduction to Native American Studies (meets SS requirement)	3
POLS 225	History of Federal Indian Policy (meets SS requirement)	5

TOTAL NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS **36**

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – Refer to pages 66-99 for AAS Distribution Codes and Courses

ENGL 101	English Composition I	5
ENGL 102 OR ENGL 202	English Composition II OR Technical Writing	5
CMST 101 OR CMST 210 OR CMST 220	Introduction to Oral Communication OR Interpersonal Communication OR Public Speaking	4
MATH 102	College Algebra or higher (meets Quantitative Skills requirement)	5
Humanities Distribution – Courses from at least two disciplines coded HP (max 5 credits) or HT		10
Social Sciences Distribution (All credits met in Northwest Indian College Requirements)		0
Natural Sciences Distribution – 5 credits in a physical science; one course other than Biology		10
Native American Studies (All credits met in Northwest Indian College Requirements)		0
Electives – AAS Distribution courses coded CS, QS, HT, HP, SS, NS, NSL or TE		7
Electives – Any course numbered 100 to 299		8

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS **54**

TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS **90**

Students who declare the Native American Studies degree as their program of study may choose to focus on a specific area of interest such as tribal law and government, tribal environmental studies, tribal culture and society or tribal language. Courses should be chosen in consultation with their Advisor.

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Program Outcomes for the AAS in Native American Studies:

Place: Students will be able to:

Identify and defend the traditional homeland(s).

Identity: Students will be able to:

Distinguish the difference between "inherent rights and acquired rights."

Sovereignty: At the end of 2 years, students will be able to:

Demonstrate knowledge of inherent rights, and the impact of federal policies on tribes today.