



# Native American Studies



## Special Points of Interest

- The Native American Studies Program draws its courses from a number of departments and colleges across the University of Oklahoma campus.
- The program allows students to explore a number of disciplinary approaches to the study of Native American tribes and their cultures-- anthropological, historical, artistic, philosophical, and political.
- Gain insight and study the history and culture of the great state of Oklahoma.

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## Interested in Native American Studies?

### About the Major

The Native American Studies major is an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students take courses offered by NAS faculty in several departments, including Anthropology, Art History, Communication, English, Geography, History and Music. Students will also have the opportunity to take Native American language courses offered by the university.



### Internship

All Native American Studies majors are required to complete an internship. The internship provides career real life experiences in focused areas such as education, health, business, law, policy, and sociological and community services in tribal, federal, state, and local governments/agencies and private business sponsors). Internship hours require special permission from the program, junior or senior status, an application for sponsorship, a minimum of 3 "on site" hours for each hour of academic credit enrollment and a final project report. Though most internship options are non-paying, interns are often hired by the sponsor after graduation.

### Native American Science and Math Society

The American Indian Math & Science Society (AIMSS) is designed to provide enrichment activities for middle school and high school (7th, 8th and 9th grade) American Indian students from rural Oklahoma schools. AIMSS goal is to address the disparity in the numbers between white and American Indian students in math and sciences disciplines.



## Native American Studies Curriculum

The Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma is designed to enhance students' skills in oral and written communication and analytical thinking. The program promotes understanding of cultural diversity by comparing cultural values and issues of Native Americans and other groups. The curriculum provides students with a basic understanding of American history and the role that Native Americans have played in it, an understanding of contemporary social and political issues that affect Native American communities, and an appreciation of the importance of art, music, and dance in Native American life.



Website: [cas.ou.edu/nas](http://cas.ou.edu/nas)