American Indian Studies Minor Contacts:

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Ohio today has an extremely diverse and dynamic American Indian population. The 2000 federal census counted 76,075 Ohioans who identified as American Indian. Ohio was where Indian Studies began as international and intertribal alliances were forged to hold back Euro-Americans, quite successfully for half a century.

The American Indian Studies (AIS) interdisciplinary minor (http://americanindianstudies.osu.edu) upholds traditional Native regard for a philosophy of balance, harmony, value, and respect by expanding its offerings outward from a focus on Native Ohio and the Ohio River as the heartland of the Great Lakes at the center of the continent. Matching this sweep of space is that of time. We embrace knowledge gained from diverse fields such as geology, archaeology, history, political science, folklore, law, geography, anthropology, and more. We value Native oral traditions, artifacts, and mementos as well as documents from European empires.

Students are required to take 20 hours of coursework to complete this minor. Students must choose a minimum of four courses, from at least two different academic units.

Three courses must come from the “American Indian Studies” list below and one course from the “Global Indigenous and Comparative Ethnic Studies” list. Students can undertake a variety of experiential and scholarly projects within AIS ranging from community action with local Native groups to archival work in local and regional repositories.

Students may include up to five credit hours of variable credit courses such as ASC 699 Undergraduate Research and/or ASC 489 Internship Experience, with the approval of the AIS Minor Faculty Advisory Committee. Such coursework will be developed with a faculty member representing either AIS or Global Indigenous and Comparative Ethnic Studies.

American Indian Studies (15 credit hours)
Anthropology 350, 421.08, 553.02
Art Education 467.01
Comparative Studies 322, 542
English 586
History 368, 568.01, 568.02
Linguistics307

Global Indigenous and Comparative Ethnic Studies (5 credit hours)
Anthropology 241, 400, 553.01, 553.04
Art Education 367.01, 768
Comparative Studies 241, 242, 274, 543, 544
Linguistics 597.01
Political Science 504, 508, 608
Psychology 375
Sociology 380, 382, 463
Spanish 330, 555, H565, 650

Special Topics and Regional Campus Offerings (optional)
Several courses may be offered at regional campuses. In addition, the following special topics coursework may be substituted if the specific offering has appropriate AIS content. Students should contact the AIS coordinator to see if a substitution may be granted.

Art Education 605
Comparative Studies 470, 651
English 261, 270, H367.01, 367.02, 581, 583, 592
History 594

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines
The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No
Credit hours required A minimum of 20
Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10
Overlap with the GEC Permitted
Overlap with the major Not allowed and
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The same course may not be counted on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

100-level course For every five credit hours of 100-level coursework on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required Advising will be done by the coordinator of the minor, Arts and Sciences advisors, and by departmental advisors with courses listed on the minor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.