

# NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

## PROGRAM OFFICE

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## Native American Studies at NMU

The mission of the Center for Native American Studies is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of the indigenous peoples of North America from a Native American perspective. This is indeed a difficult mission not only because the indigenous peoples of the United States were subjected to genocide, but also because the survivors were then confronted with a definition of who they were by the colonizers, a further act of destruction. The mission of the center is to provide an academic setting where Native American history, culture, and current issues can be viewed from multiple lenses. Articulation, re-articulation and the creation of the Native American identity can be addressed from a Native American perspective within the center. The mission of the center is one where false images, stereotypes, inaccurate myths, distortions, as well as facts can be presented in an academic forum to develop a language of empowerment and understanding between people who are different.

The center also oversees the Native American Studies minor program. The courses are designed for both Native American and non-Native American students so they can better understand human similarities and differences as well as recognize the contributions that Native American peoples have made to the world, thereby widening the multicultural curriculum of Northern Michigan University.

## Student Organizations

- *Anishinaabe News* ([www.nmu.edu/anishinaabe](http://www.nmu.edu/anishinaabe))
- Native American Student Association

## MINOR PROGRAM

### Native American Studies Minor

This minor examines the contemporary and historical experiences and ways of life of the indigenous people of North America from their perspective. It is designed to provide a study of Native American issues from a holistic and humanistic viewpoint by focusing on their cultural, historical and contemporary life.

**Total Credits Required for Minor** 24

<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>5-8</b>
NAS 204 The Native American Experience	4
NAS 488 Native American Service Learning Project	1-4

**Electives** 16-19

*All students must take at least four credits from each category unless an alternative plan is pre-approved by the director of the Center for Native American Studies.*

**Native American Content Courses in English and Oral Traditions** 4

*Choose from the following:*

NAS 280 Storytelling by Native American Women (4 cr.)  
 EN311Z World Literature in English\* (4 cr.)  
 EN 314 Traditional Oral Literatures: Selected Native American Cultures (4 cr.)  
 EN 316 Native American Novels and Poetry (4 cr.)  
 EN 317 Native American Drama, Non-fiction, and Short Stories (4 cr.)  
 EN 430 Major Authors\* (3-4 cr.)

**Native American Content Courses in Anthropology, History and Sociology** 4

*Choose from the following:*

AN 320 Native People of North America (4 cr.)  
 AN 330 Indians of the Western Great Lakes (4 cr.)  
 HS 233 Native American History (4 cr.)  
 HS 234 Indigenous People of Latin America (4 cr.)  
 HS 295 Special Topics in History\* (1-4 cr.)  
 SO 295 Special Topics in Sociology\* (1-4 cr.)

**Native American Content Courses in Anishinaabe Language, Art and Design and Music** 4

*Choose from the following:*

NAS 101 Anishinaabe Language, Culture and Community I (4 cr.)  
 NAS 102 Anishinaabe Language, Culture and Community II (4 cr.)  
 AD 200 Native American Art and Architecture (4 cr.)  
 AD 295 Special Topics in Art and Design\* (1-4 cr.)  
 MU 325 World Music\* (4 cr.)

**Native American Content Courses in Education  
and Political Science**

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*Choose from the following:*

NAS 287 The Legal and Political History of Michigan Indian  
Education (2 cr.)

NAS 288 Politics of Indian Gaming (4 cr.)

NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government (4 cr.)

NAS 484 Native American Inclusion in the Classroom (2 cr.)

NAS 485 American Indian Education (3 cr.)

PS 295 Special Problems in Political Science\* (1-4 cr.)

*\*Note: EN 311Z, EN 430, HS 295, SO 295, AD 295, MU 325, and PS 295  
are courses of variable content. Credit only applies to the minor when these  
courses deal with Native American subject matter.*

*NAS 295 Special Topics in Native American Studies may include course content  
that is not presently included in these categories. NAS 298 Directed Study in  
Native American Studies may also be taken for 1-4 credits with approval.*