Minor in Native American Studies

The minor in Native American Studies is an interdisciplinary, interschool program, hemispheric in scope. Focusing on North America and Mesoamerica, the three core courses provide an overview respectively of: pre-Columbian history, worldviews, social organization, religion, and the centrality of place; American Indian diplomacy, law and history since 1776; and a critical assessment of colonialism, evolutionary theory, and ethnography. Upper division offerings, drawing upon research and teaching specializations of faculty from different departments, further enrich the minor with analysis of Native American literature and histories of native Latin America.

The minor is open to all UCI students. Advising information is available from the undergraduate counseling offices in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Requirements for the Minor

A. Core Courses:
- HISTORY 12: Introductory Topics in History
- HISTORY 15A: Native American History
- SOCIOL 65/ANTHRO 85A: Cultures in Collision: Indian-White Relations Since Columbus

B. Select four upper-division courses from the following:
- ANTHRO 121D: Cross-Cultural Studies in Gender
- ANTHRO 135A: Religion and Social Order
- ANTHRO 162A: Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
- ART HIS 175: Studies in Native and Tribal Art
- EDUC 124: Multicultural Education in K-12 Schools

Students may also select from the following courses when the topics presented relate to Native American Studies:
- ANTHRO 149: Special Topics in Archaeology
- ANTHRO 169: Special Topics in Area Studies
- COM LIT 105: Topics in Comparative Multiculturalism
- ENGLISH 105: Multicultural Topics in Literature in English
- HISTORY 169: Topics in Latin American History
- SOCIOL 149: Special Topics: Structures
- SOCIOL 169: Special Topics in Age, Gender, Race, and Ethnicity