

Native American and Indigenous Studies, Minor

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The minor in Native American and Indigenous Studies is an interdisciplinary, interschool program, global in scope. Beginning with a focus on more local Indigenous communities, the two 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 in the form of Indigenous self-representation. Upper division offerings, drawing upon research and teaching specializations of faculty from different departments and schools, further enrich the minor with analysis of global Indigenous political, contemporary, historical, and artistic expressions.

Seven courses (28 units) are required for the minor.

A. Select two from the following:	
COM LIT 6	Native American and Indigenous Literatures
ENGLISH 8	Multicultural American Literature
HISTORY 15A	Native American History
HISTORY 40A	Colonial America: New Worlds
B. Select five courses from the following:	
ANTHRO 121D	Cross-Cultural Studies of Gender
ANTHRO 162A	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
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 Literatures in English
HISTORY 169	Topics in Latin American History
SOCIOL 149	Special Topics: Structures
SOCIOL 169	Special Topics in Age, Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division courses required for the minor must be completed successfully at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the program director.

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