

# American Indian Studies

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)



## Embrace The History Of The American Indians

Experience the Culture! Are you intrigued with American Indian culture and the tribes of South Dakota and the surrounding plains? South Dakota and the Black Hills are rich in Native American history and culture. A degree in American Indian Studies will guide you on your own journey as you reach new frontiers of learning.

## Prepare For Your Future

The BHSU American Indian Studies program will give you a vivid understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of the American Indians. You'll be exposed to the Lakota language, opening a window to the American Indian Culture. Through your coursework and experiences, you'll learn about tribal law as well as economic and government issues facing the American Indian people. You'll be introduced to a wide variety of career opportunities on the reservations of South Dakota and across the United States. Great job potential lies in American Indian economic development, education, resource management, human services, government relations, tourism, gaming, research, and many others.

## Learn From the Best

BHSU American Indian Studies professors share their life experiences, professional knowledge, and research in the classes they teach. They have dedicated their lives to shedding new light on American Indian history and culture.

## Enjoy The Experience

As an American Indian Studies student, you'll become involved in the Center for American Indian Studies. The Center provides a social connection to the American Indian students on campus, sponsors the annual powwow that brings more than 2,000 participants and audience members to campus each year, and organizes the annual Native American Awareness Week in conjunction with the powwow. Lectures, performances, and exhibits offer diverse opportunities for students to expand their learning and appreciation for American Indian history and culture.

## find your career:

Previous graduates have had successful occupations as:

- Interpreters
- Tourism
- Gaming
- Teachers
- Professors
- Political Activists
- Tribal Chairs
- Multicultural Advisors

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## Required Core .....

4 AIS 101 Introductory Lakota I\*\*

3 AIS 251 American Indian Art History\*\* OR 3 AIS 214 Introduction to American Indian Literature\*\*

3 AIS 257 Early American Indian History & Culture\*\*

3 AIS 369 Modern American Indian History & Culture since 1867

3 AIS 417 American Indian Government & Politics OR 3 AIS 422 Issues in Contemporary Indian Life

3 AIS 444 Siouan Tribal Culture

*Take an additional 18 hours of electives from AIS or INED prefix*

## General Education Requirements .....

Gen Ed - Mathematics *3 semester hours*

Gen Ed - Social Science *6 semester hours*

Gen Ed - Arts & Humanities *6 semester hours*

Gen Ed - Natural Science AND Lab *3-5 semester hours*

ENGL 101 - Composition I

ENGL 201 - Composition II

SPCM 101, OR SPCM 215, OR SPCM 222 *Speech*

WEL 100 - Wellness for Life AND WEL 100L

A *minor* is required with this major plus electives to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300-400 level courses.

\*\*Completes one general education requirement.