

Native American Studies (NATAMST)

Courses

NATAMST R1A Native American Studies Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session

This course introduces students to the genres of Native American literature (written and oral traditions), provides historical and cultural frameworks for understanding, appreciating, and interpreting Native American writings, and develops basic skills in expository and creative writing. Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of UC Entry Level Writing Requirement

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

NATAMST R1B Native American Studies Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Course examines Native American written and oral traditions in historical and cultural contexts. Emphasis on literary interpretation and creative and analytical writing, so that students increasingly write from positions of strength. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

NATAMST 20A Introduction to Native American Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This course explores the interactions, from friendship treaties and land deals to contemporary American governmental policies, between America's original inhabitants with Europeans and Euro-Americans. Emphasis will be placed on how tribal peoples continue to react to the national myths and policies created by Europeans and Euro-Americans.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 20B Introduction to Native American Studies II: Cultural Practice, Art, and Identity 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course explores Native American identity practices in written and oral traditions in literature, art, dance, theatre, ceremony, and song. The place of these traditions in the contemporary day will be emphasized as creative struggles for maintaining and elaborating on Indian identity in the context of colonialism.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST C22AC Fire: Past, Present and Future Interactions with the People and Ecosystems of California 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

The course presents a diachronic perspective on human-fire interactions with local ecosystems in California that spans over 10,000 years. The course will provide an historical perspective on human-fire interactions at the landscape scale using a diverse range of data sources drawn from the fields of fire ecology, biology, history, anthropology, and archaeology. An important component includes examining how diverse cultures and ethnicity influenced how people perceived and used fire at the landscape scale in ancient, historical and modern times. The implications of these diverse fire practices and policies will be analyzed and the consequences they have had for transforming habitats and propagating catastrophic fires will be explored.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: Stephens, Lightfoot, Nelson

Also listed as: ANTHRO C12AC/ESPM C22AC

NATAMST 39A Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2013

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Priority given to freshmen and sophomores

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

NATAMST C52 History of Native American Land, Colonialism, and Heritage Preservation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023

The purpose of this course is to examine Native American societies, political systems, and human-environment relationships within CA and the U.S. This survey of Native American history will provide context for modern issues in land and resource management and government-to-government relationships between tribes and local, state, and federal agencies. Special attention will be given to the CA region, as there are many aspects of CA that make it an exceptional or unique case within the larger US historical narrative. Recurring themes or core concepts discussed throughout the course will include climate change, cultural and environmental impacts from colonialism, Indigenous persistence, stewardship, cultural landscapes, and tribal sovereignty.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Nelson

Also listed as: ESPM C52

NATAMST C70 Working with Grammar: Linguistic Tools for Learning and Teaching a Native American Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017

This course is for people who want to learn a Native American language, understood to include any of the hundreds of indigenous languages of North, Central, and South America. Since most of these languages are not taught in the usual formal educational settings, a major emphasis of the course is helping students develop strategies for self-directed language learning and effective teaching methods to help others learn as well. The course will also provide a basic introduction to principles of linguistic analysis that will make materials developed by specialists more accessible and useful to learners.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Line Mikkelsen

Also listed as: LINGUIS C70

NATAMST 71 Native Americans in North America to 1900 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An ethnohistorical analysis of America's original inhabitants and their interactions with Europeans and Euro-Americans emphasizing an Indian perspective.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 71A and 71B

NATAMST 72 Native Americans in North America 1900-Present 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

A survey and analysis of issues affecting Native Americans in the 20th and 21st centuries. Course will explore political, economic, and social/cultural developments as they shape federal-Indian relations and tribal sovereignty.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 50 and 71B

NATAMST C73AC Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

This course examines the history of indigenous, aboriginal, native, or "tribal" peoples over the last five centuries. Particular attention is paid to how these groups were brought into relations with an expanding Europe, capitalist development, and modern nation-states. How have these peoples survived, what are the contemporary challenges they face, and what resources and allies have they drawn on in the present?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Biolsi

Also listed as: ETH STD C73AC

NATAMST 90 Freshman Seminar--Myth, Memory and History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

The course will introduce students to different ways of understanding the history of American Indians and to basic resources and research methods for studying the history of Indian tribes.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to Freshmen

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 97 Field Work in Native American Communities 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual conferences to be arranged. Supervised experiences relevant to specific aspects of the Native American community in off-campus settings. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and lower division standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-9 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of fieldwork per week

10 weeks - 4.5-13.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 98 Supervised Group Study and Research 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Supervised research by lower division students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Limited to freshmen and sophomores

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual conferences to be arranged. The individual student, with consent and guidance of an instructor, researches an interest not covered in the courses offered in the Program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Lower division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 100 Native American Law 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Historical background of the unique relationship between the United States government and Native American tribes, and examination of contemporary legislation, court cases, and federal, state, and local policies affecting Native American social, political, legal, and economic situations.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 71, 72, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 101 Native American Tribal Governments 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

The roles of tribal governments in the formation of internal and external policies affecting the lives of Native American people, the basis for their political power historically and in contemporary society, and their structure and functions.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 71, 72, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 103

NATAMST 102 Critical Native American Legal and Policy Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Key contemporary issues in the critical study of tribal and federal policy pertaining to American Indians and Alaska Natives in the U.S. Topics include political and cultural sovereignty; religious, gendered, sexual, racial, and other tribal minorities, and civil rights within tribes; Native legal identity and tribal enrollment; the role of violence against women in the history of colonialism, and the struggle for justice and healing; and the movement for traditional or other culturally appropriate forms for tribal self-governance.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100, 101, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Biolsi

NATAMST 105 Indigenous Issues Across the Americas 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course addresses how Indigenous communities throughout the Americas deal with their contemporary political dilemmas. It explores the ways in which internal colonialism, projects of assimilation, political and economic marginalization, land loss, and resistance have affected how Indigenous people view themselves in relationship to the dominant societies in which they reside. It explores local differences, attentive to the specificity of the national or regional dimension of "the Indian Problem." And it examines the varied and often complementary tactics that Indigenous people take in their pursuit of political and cultural self-determination.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 110 Theories and Methods in Native American Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Overview of literary theory and criticism, historiography, and social sciences theories and methods useful in the study of Native American literature, history and contemporary tribal groups. Course will develop skills of information gathering and development of theories that structure information.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 71 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 120 Topics in Native American Arts 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2008, Spring 2008

This course explores the practice of Native American art forms from the perspective of Native American Artists and scholars. Focused on specific art forms such as dance, music, film, crafts, and other traditions, this course provides a critique of conventional understandings of the relationships of Native American cultural traditions and their place in the world of "art."

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 120AC Photography and the American Indian: Manifest Destiny, American Frontier, and Images of American Indians 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course explores the development of photography, historical photographs of Indigenous peoples, Black Indians, and the push to win the American West. Central to the course are research methods that deconstruct stereotypical representations of Native Americans, African Americans (who either married into Native nations, were owned by Native peoples, or who joined the military to fight Native peoples), and the theories and methods that influenced photography.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Pearson

NATAMST 145 Images of Native Americans in American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2012

This course explores the ways in which an invented, generic "Indian" has played a variety of roles in master narratives of United States history. We shall examine changes in images of key figures and events constituting "our" collective historical memory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 149 Gender in Native American Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

This course examines gender roles from the period before the invasion to the present. An emphasis will be placed on the ways in which contact with European gender practices transformed those prevalent in Native North American before the conquest.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 150 Native American Narratives 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2017

This workshop provides intensive study of the crafts of writing in relation to various Native American genres as well as writing and discussion of student work.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing and completion of 1A-1B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 151 Native American Philosophy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

A study of the philosophical and metaphysical aspects of Native American world views, with emphasis on systems of knowledge, explanations of natural phenomena, and relations of human beings to nature through ritual and ceremonial observances.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 71 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST C152 Native American Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An analysis of the written and oral tradition developed by Native Americans. Emphasis will be placed on a multifaceted approach (aesthetic, linguistic, psychological, historical, and cultural) in examining American Indian literature.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 151 is recommended but not required

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: AMERSTD C152

NATAMST 158 Native Americans and the Cinema 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course will analyze the sociological, psychological, and literary aspects of Hollywood moviemakers' stereotyping of the American Indian through the history of film. The format will include representative Indian films, lectures, and guest speakers from the movie industry.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST N158 Native Americans and the Cinema 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1996 10 Week Session

This course will analyze the sociological, psychological, and literary aspects of Hollywood moviemakers' stereotyping of the American Indian through the history of film. The format will include representative Indian films, lectures, and guest speakers from the movie industry.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 72 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of laboratory per week

8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Wilson

NATAMST 160 Maya Traditions 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 1999 10 Week Session

This course considers Maya traditions as performance, oral literature, and creative resource which informs the present and the future. The course will illustrate the ways Maya mythic narratives are tied and untied in Maya cultural histories and geographies with close attention to contemporary use of the 260-day sacred calendar, creation accounts, ceremony, and the publically emergent role of the AjQ'ijab, the spiritual leaders.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Poz

NATAMST 161 Native American Art 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2017 3 Week Session, Summer 1999 10 Week Session

This course is a survey of contemporary Native American Indian art from the 19th century to the present. The general philosophical foundations of traditional tribal arts and culture will be discussed in the first week of the course. The second and third week of the course contemporary art will be studied through selected readings, slide presentations, and other reproductions of painting and sculpture by Native American Indian artists.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: LaPena

NATAMST 162 Native American Environments 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 1999 10 Week Session

This course is a general survey of competing environmental interests of Native American Indians. Sacred sites and stewardship of the environment will be discussed in the first week. The legacy of radioactive waste disposal on tribal land will be studied in the second week of the course. Lectures in the third week will consider mining and the pollution of air and water on treaty reservations.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Biestman

NATAMST 163 Native American Ceremonies 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 1999 10 Week Session

This course will consider Native American Indian ceremonies through the introductory examination of diverse religious beliefs, practices, and performances. Among the topics discussed will be the role of healing practices, revitalization movements, and religious changes in tribal communities in North America. The lectures will compare various tribal philosophies and world views in the context of culture and history.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Garcia

NATAMST 164 Native Americans of California 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 1999 10 Week Session

This introductory course will compare the general cultural themes and political histories of Native American Indians in California. The lectures in the first week of the course will consider demographic studies and the diversity of tribal cultures. The second week will review colonial dominance, mission activities, assimilation policies, and relations with the United States government. In the third week discussions will focus on the general political issues of tribal casinos in California.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Karr

NATAMST 165 Native American Images 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 1999 10 Week Session

Native American Indians have been the cultural objects of photographers and the exotic figures of filmmakers for more than a century. Lectures in the first week will critique the images of Native American Indians in photographs. The second week will focus on selected scenes in motion pictures. General theories of simulation, historical and ethnographic representations will be considered in the third week. Students will read selected essays and view slides and scenes from films.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Vizenor

NATAMST 167 Plains Warriors 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

This course will compare the general cultural themes and political histories of Native American Indian warrior cultures of the North American Great Plains, with an emphasis on the diversity of traditional cultural roles.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Karr

NATAMST 170 Native American Sovereignty 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

This course will explore the unique legal status of Native American Indian tribes and reservation lands in the United States, including discussions of treaties, federal trust relationships, and the evolution of laws and policies that determine sovereignty.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Myers

NATAMST 172 Medicine and Public Health 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2000 10 Week Session

This course considers the health of Native American Indian communities past and present. The lectures will be comparative and explore medical public health issues in urban areas and on reservations.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Ramsey

NATAMST 173 First Nations in Canada 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course will examine the cultural history and contemporary political dynamics of First Nations in Canada. The lectures will focus on early encounters with natives recorded in , and on recent land claims and the Nunavut treaty.

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Samson

NATAMST 173AC Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2022

This course examines the history of indigenous, aboriginal, native, or "tribal" peoples over the last five centuries. Particular attention is paid to how these groups were brought into relations with an expanding Europe, capitalist development, and modern nation-states. How have these peoples survived, what are the contemporary challenges they face, and what resources and allies have they drawn on in the present?

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students that have previously taken ETH STD/ NATAMST C73AC are not eligible to receive credit for taking ETH STD/ NATAMST 173AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Biolsi

Also listed as: ETH STD 173AC

NATAMST 174 Indigenous Peoples and the North American West 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025

Since time immemorial, the North American West has been the home of indigenous peoples. The rich environmental landscapes hosted some of the most diverse communities in the history of the world. But since the arrival of Europeans, it's been a region of conflict and contestation. This course offers a historical and contemporary analysis of indigenous peoples in the American West. It will survey pre-contact indigenous communities of the region, address the enduring legacies of settler colonialism and westward expansion, and highlight the recent successes of tribal communities in revitalizing and reclaiming traditional lands and cultural practices.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

NATAMST 175 History of Native Americans in California 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

History of the Native Americans of California with emphasis on the lifeways, mores, warfare, and relations with the United States government. Attention will be given to the background and evolution of acculturation up to the present.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 176 History of Native Americans in the Southwest 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2012, Spring 2011

An historical analysis of the Native American Nations of the southwestern United States.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 178 Topics in Native American History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

This course explores the history of Native Americans from the point of view of Native American historians and scholars. Focused on specific periods and regional case studies the course provides a rereading of much United States history as it has been conceived, set into periods, written, and taught. The chronological scope of the course begins before the European invasions and continues to the end of the 20th century.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 178AC Africans in Indian Country 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008

This seminar will explore the intersections of Native American and African American histories and communities in the context of the United States which was formerly "Indian Country." We will read historical texts, first-person accounts, fiction, and primary documents primarily from the perspective of Native American, African American, and Black-Indian scholars and writers.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 179 Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Change 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2024

This course explores the dynamic relationships between indigenous communities and the continuously changing environmental landscapes of the North American West from before European contact to the present, and how these communities have continually adapted traditional cultural practices to meet ever-changing environmental realities. With this broader context, this course examines how specific indigenous communities have navigated their relationship with the natural world amidst the challenges of colonialism, globalization, environmental ruin, and climate change in the North American West. Additionally, this course highlights the active role of Native peoples in regional and environmental histories of the region.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

NATAMST C183 Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024

This course examines the history of indigenous, aboriginal, native, or "tribal" peoples over the last five centuries. Particular attention is paid to how these groups were brought into relations with an expanding Europe, capitalist development, and modern nation-states. How have these peoples survived, what are the contemporary challenges they face, and what resources and allies have they drawn on in the present?

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for NATAMST 171 after completing NATAMST 173AC.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Biolsi

Also listed as: ETH STD C183

NATAMST 190 Seminar on Advanced Topics in Native American Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Advanced seminar in Native American Studies with topics to be announced at the beginning of each semester.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST 194A Native American Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is the first of the two-semester seminar required for the Native American Theme Program residents. This installment of the seminar component will build a general understanding of basic historical developments affecting Native and Indigenous peoples of North America, with a focus on Native American identity and contemporary issues from a variety of academic and philosophical standpoints, laying the groundwork for the spring seminar. Using an interdisciplinary lens that covers academic genres to memoir, the course will think critically and reflectively about Native American identity both historically and contemporaneously, and its intersections with gender, class, and other forms of difference.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 194B Native American Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is the second half of the two-semester seminar required for the Native American Theme Program residents. This installment of the seminar uses builds on concepts from the fall semester to take a more in depth look at Native identity and community through Native scholars. Using an interdisciplinary lens that covers academic genres to memoir, the course asks students to think critically and reflectively about Native American identities in the academy, communities, activism and as well as in their own lives.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Alternative to final exam.

NATAMST 195 Senior Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Writing of a thesis under the direction of member(s) of the faculty.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

NATAMST H195 Native American Studies Honors Course 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2011

The course will entail directed study and completion of an honors research project under the direction of a faculty committee. The project should have originated from a regularly scheduled course in the department.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Student must have junior standing; a 3.5 GPA overall; a 3.5 GPA in major; and have been admitted to the honors program by the faculty adviser

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

NATAMST H195A Senior Honors Thesis for Native American Studies Majors 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Course for senior Native American Studies majors designed to support and guide the writing of a senior honors thesis. For senior Native American Studies majors who have been approved for the honors program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing. Approval of Faculty Advisor, 3.5 GPA on all University work, and a 3.5 GPA in courses in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

NATAMST H195B Senior Honors Thesis for Native American Studies Majors 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

Course for senior Native American Studies majors designed to support and guide the writing of a senior honors thesis. For senior Native American Studies majors who have been approved for the honors program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Senior standing. Approval of Faculty Advisor, 3.5 GPA on all University work, and a 3.5 GPA in courses in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 197 Field Study in Native American Studies 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Supervised fieldwork experience with campus and community organizations related to the vision and mission of Native American Studies. This University organized and supervised field program is an opportunity for students to think critically about the work of engaged scholarship through their participation a variety of community-based activities and events. Students will be required to meet regularly with a faculty sponsor and submit a final project.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-9 hours of fieldwork and 0-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of fieldwork and 0-0 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 4.5-13.5 hours of fieldwork and 0-0 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

NATAMST 198 Supervised Group Study 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Individual conferences to be arranged. Group discussion, research, and reporting on topics by students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor and upper division standing preferred

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

NATAMST 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual conferences to be arranged. The individual student, with consent and guidance of an instructor, researches an interest not covered in the courses offered in the Program.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Native American Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.