

# NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (NAS)

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**NAS 1101 - Introduction to American Indian Studies - 4 cr.**  
Overview of American Indian history, philosophy and culture.

**NAS 2201 - American Indian History I (Conceptions : VCHI - History) - 4 cr.**  
Political, economic, social and cultural development of the American Indian from precontact through conquest.  
**Equivalent Course:** HIS 2201

**NAS 2202 - American Indian History II - 4 cr.**  
Political, economic, social and cultural development of the American Indian from conquest to the present.

**NAS 2203 - American Indian Literature (Conceptions : VCLI - Literature) - 4 cr.**  
Organized chronologically as a survey of 20th and 21st century Native American Literature. Classes focus on the historical, political, and social conditions that produce and shape Native American literature and examines how that literature fits into the canon of American literature.  
**Equivalent Course:** ENG 2203

**NAS 2204 - American Indian Art and Music (Conceptions : VCFA - Fine Arts) - 4 cr.**  
Meaning and development of American Indian art forms. Expressions in symbolic form of Indian philosophy and religion are presented. A study of the traditional and contemporary forms of American Indian music including local and alternative music is included.  
**Equivalent Course:** ART 2204

**NAS 2610 - Indigenous Peoples of North America (Conceptions : VCSS - Social Science) - 4 cr.**  
Introduction to traditional and contemporary Native American life and culture. Evaluate the historical, political, social, and economic relationship between Native Americans and contemporary American culture. Explore the interactions, from friendship treaties and land deals to contemporary American governmental policies, between America's original inhabitants with Europeans and Euro-Americans. Analyze how tribal people continue to react to the national myths and policies created by Europeans and Euro-Americans.

**NAS 2777 - Topics in Indian Studies - 1-4 cr.**  
Courses not a part of the regular curriculum but taught because of a special need, interest or opportunity.

**NAS 2999 - Independent Study - 1-4 cr.**  
Self-determined program of study under faculty direction for students whose interests extend beyond curricular offerings of the department.

**NAS 3301 - American Indian Philosophy (Conceptions : VCPH - Philosophy) - 4 cr.**  
Philosophy and religious systems, shamanistic and priesthood societies, reversion and amalgamation religions, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, philosophy and social movements.  
**Equivalent Course:** PHL 3301

**NAS 3308 - Ojibwe History - 4 cr.**  
History and culture of the Ojibwe people.

**NAS 3320 - American Indian Women: Myth/Reality - 4 cr.**  
Issues of early American Indian/white relations, spirituality and religion, economic roles, policy, cultural persistence, land tenure, socialization and property rights, and the role of mothers from the Indian female perspective.

**NAS 4401 - American Indian Law & Policy - 4 cr.**  
American Indian traditional and contemporary governments, legal-political status, changing codes and statutes and social policy issues.

**NAS 4410 - Counseling the American Indian - 4 cr.**  
Historical and cultural aspects of the relationship of American Indians to the counseling process. Course involves group dynamics and practical techniques.

**NAS 4415 - American Indian Families - 4 cr.**  
Traditional and contemporary concepts of American Indian families. The social and political changes that have impacted American Indian families will be identified and the degree of impact is assessed.

**NAS 4420 - Human Behavior and the American Indian Community - 4 cr.**  
Understanding of human behavior, cultural issues and their implication for human service interactions with American Indian communities. A systems theory approach will be utilized to address the issues of individual, family, community and societal behavior.

**NAS 4777 - Topics in Indian Studies - 1-4 cr.**  
Courses not a part of the regular curriculum but taught because of a special need, interest or opportunity.

**NAS 4999 - Independent Study - 0-4 cr.**  
Self-determined program of study under faculty direction for students whose interests extend beyond curricular offerings of the department.