

NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES - CERTIFICATE

The Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies (CNAIS) offers both a graduate and undergraduate certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS). The certificate program offers a unique interdisciplinary curriculum for CU Boulder students interested in studying the history, cultures, languages, arts, policies and rights of Indigenous peoples from the Americas and around the globe. CNAIS encourages interdisciplinary and intersectional study that develops students' awareness of the diversity and complexity of Indigenous peoples, cultures and nations. It also encourages students to link their academic study of Indigeneity with community outreach and service learning.

A founding principle of CNAIS is to value and expand upon the connections and interdisciplinary nature of Native American & Indigenous scholarly work. The issues facing Native American and Indigenous peoples today require expertise from multiple disciplines and draw from scholarship in a number of fields, including art & art history, anthropology, ethnic studies, environmental studies, gender studies, geography, history, law, linguistics, literature and religion. CU Boulder has recruited an unprecedented number of faculty working in a wide array of areas related to NAIS, and already enjoys a high national and international reputation in several of these areas. In pursuing the NAIS certificate, students join a vibrant and growing community at CU Boulder, including graduate and undergraduate students and more than 40 professors.

For more information, visit the Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies (<http://www.colorado.edu/cnais/>) website.

Requirements

Students pursuing this certificate must complete an undergraduate degree in any of the academic areas offered by CU Boulder, and complete a total of 18 credits of acceptable coursework from the certificate program list.

At least 6 of the 12 credit hours of elective courses must be upper division, and students may choose to apply up to 3 credits of independent study/internship toward the credit requirement. Any independent study must be undertaken with a CNAIS core faculty member, and may be done when a student wishes to pursue an individualized course of study not normally offered in the NAIS course offers. Independent study is typically reserved for third- and fourth-year students.

Only nine credits from the student's major or minor may be counted toward the certificate, students must maintain a C average (2.0) or better, and students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses that count toward the certificate.

Required Courses and Credit Hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ETHN 1023	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies	3

ENGL 4717	Native American and Indigenous Studies Capstone Seminar (*or the equivalent)	3
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Electives ¹ 12

At least three of the four required elective courses must be taken outside the student's major department.

Approved Anthropology Courses

ANTH 1105	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: Tibet	
ANTH 1120	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: Pueblo Indians of the Southwest	
ANTH 1140	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: The Maya	
ANTH 1141	Indigenous Imperialism on the Andes: The Inca Realm and its People	
ANTH 1145	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: The Aztecs	
ANTH 1150	Exploring a Non-Western Culture: Regional Cultures of Africa	
ANTH 1155	Exploring Global Cultural Diversity (The Andes)	
ANTH 1170	Exploring Culture and Gender through Film	
ANTH 1200	Culture and Power (Democracy)	
ANTH 2100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 3100	Africa: Peoples and Societies in Change	
ANTH 3110	Ethnography of Mexico and Central America	
ANTH 3160	Peoples of the South Pacific	
ANTH 4020	Explorations in Anthropology	
ANTH 4045	Introduction to Museum Anthropology	
ANTH 4210	Southwestern Archaeology	
ANTH 4220	From Olmec to Aztec: The Archaeology of Mexico	
ANTH 4224	Archaeology of the Maya and Their Neighbors	
ANTH 4270	Plains Archaeology	
ANTH 4465	The Archaeology of Inequality	
ANTH 4470	Collections Research Practicum in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 4630	Nomadic Peoples of East Africa	
ANTH 4690	Anthropology of Tibet	
ANTH 4740	Peoples and Cultures of Brazil	
ANTH 4800	Language and Culture	

Approved Art and Art History Courses

ARTH 3929	Special Topics in Art History (Native North American Art)	
ARTH 4419	The Arts of Colonial Mexico and Peru	
ARTH 4459	Precolumbian Art of Mesoamerica	
ARTH 4919	Capstone Seminar: Topics in Art History (Contemporary Indigenous Art)	

Approved Cinema Studies and Moving Image Arts Courses

CINE/ETHN 2203	American Indians in Film	
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Approved English Courses

ENGL 1800	American Ethnic Literatures	
ENGL 2717	American Indian Literature	

Approved Ethnic Studies Courses

ETHN 2013	Critical Issues in Native North America
ETHN/CINE 2203	American Indians in Film
ETHN 2703	Native American and Indigenous Religious Traditions
ETHN 2713	American Indian Literature
ETHN 3103	Selected Topics in American Indian Studies
ETHN 4233	Native American and Indigenous Environmental Issues

Approved Geography Courses

GEOG 3812	Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean
GEOG 3832	India and Its Neighbors: Societies, Economies, and Geopolitics
GEOG 3862	Global Africa: Environment, Development, and Culture
GEOG 4812	Political Ecology & Latin America

Approved History Courses

HIST 1018	Introduction to Early Latin American History to 1810
HIST 4018	Aztecs, Incas, and the Spanish Conquest of the Americas
HIST 4117	Colorado History
HIST 4118	History of Mexico to 1821
HIST 4416	Environmental History of North America

Approved Linguistics Courses

LING 3220	American Indigenous Languages in their Social and Cultural Context
LING 4800	Language and Culture

Approved Music Courses

MUEL 2772	World Musics: Asia and Oceania
MUSC 2772	World Musics: Asia and Oceania
MUSC 4112	Ethnomusicology
MUSC 4142	American Indian Music

Approved Religious Studies Courses

RLST 2700	Native American and Indigenous Religious Traditions
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Total Credit Hours **18**

¹ Elective courses not taught by CNAIS core or affiliate faculty must be approved by the CNAIS director.