

# NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies (CNAIS) offers both a graduate and undergraduate certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS). These certificate programs offer students the opportunity to strengthen their interdisciplinary knowledge and experience in this increasingly important area. The rise of global and scholarly attention to issues of indigeneity signals a larger transformation in conceptions of nation, citizenship and transnationalism in the context of globalization.

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, geography, history, law, linguistics, literature, political science, religion and sociology.

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 or contact [cnais@colorado.edu](mailto:cnais@colorado.edu).

## Requirements

This interdisciplinary certificate requires a total of four courses (12 credits). One introductory course (ETHN 6103) is required of all students; the other courses can be taken electively, with the provision that two of the four courses be outside the student's home department.

*Note:* some courses listed in the catalog are taught by revolving faculty member who are not affiliated with CNAIS. Catalog course content is subject to change from semester to semester. For questions regarding course sections or more information on approved courses, please visit the department's graduate certificate webpage (<https://www.colorado.edu/cnais/certificate-program/graduate-certificate/>) or contact [cnais@colorado.edu](mailto:cnais@colorado.edu).

## Required Courses and Semester Credit Hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Course</b>		
ETHN 6103	Indigenous Thought and Theory: Foundations in NAIS	3
<b>Electives</b> <sup>1</sup>		
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At least three of the four required elective courses must be taken outside the student's home department.

### Approved Anthropology Courses

ANTH 5045	Introduction to Museum Anthropology
ANTH 5210	Southwestern Archaeology

ANTH 5220	From Olmec to Aztec: The Archaeology of Mexico
ANTH 5224	Archaeology of the Maya and Their Neighbors
ANTH 5270	Plains Archaeology
ANTH 5630	Nomadic Peoples of East Africa
ANTH 6150	

### Approved Art and Art History Courses

ARTH 6939	Graduate Seminar: Open Topics in Art History (Topic: Visual, Material and Artistic Culture of the Plains and Plateau regions, 1800-1900)
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### Approved English Courses

ENGL 5169	Multicultural/Postcolonial Studies
ENGL 7179	Advanced Multicultural/Postcolonial Studies

### Approved Ethnic Studies Courses

ETHN 5233	Native American and Indigenous Environmental Issues
ETHN 5353	Indigenous Traditions and Law: A Global Perspective
ETHN 6101	Topics: Specialized Comparative Studies (Indigenous Film & Media)
ETHN 6841	Advanced Directed Readings in Ethnic Studies (Indigenous Topics)

### Approved Geography Courses

GEOG 6402	Seminar: Political Ecology
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### Approved Law School Courses

LAWS 6602	Cultural Property Law
LAWS 7715	Indigenous Peoples in International Law
LAWS 7725	American Indian Law I
LAWS 7735	American Indian Law II
LAWS 7846	Independent Legal Research (on an American Indian Law topic)
LAWS 8725	Seminar: Advanced Topics in American Indian Law

### Approved Linguistics Courses

LING 7800	Open Topics in Linguistics (Language Revitalization)
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### Approved Music Courses

MUSC 5112	Proseminar in Ethnomusicology
MUSC 5142	American Indian Music

### Approved Museum and Field Studies Courses

MUSM 5045	Introduction to Museum Anthropology
MUSM 5912	Collections Research Practicum in Cultural Anthropology

**Total Credit Hours** 12

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