



Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor

Interested in learning about the histories and contemporary cultures of Native American and Indigenous Peoples in the Borderlands and abroad?

Explore theory and praxis, cultural history, indigenous sovereignty, colonization, resistance and mobilization, literature and cultural expression, self-governance and capacity building, indigenous law and politics, systems of justice, and international community-building through the interdisciplinary NAIS minor (18 credit hours) with courses offered by leading UTEP experts and practitioners.

NAIS 4350 (27114): Arctic Anthropology

Dr. Olga Lauter

M W 1:30-2:50

This course investigates the cultures of the circumpolar North with an emphasis on social organization, subsistence patterns, traditional knowledge and belief systems. It examines the ways in which the Indigenous peoples have been adapting to the challenges of their social, ecological and political environments in the rapidly changing Arctic.

NAIS 2300 (27113): Intro to Indigenous Studies

Dr. Denis O'Hearn

M W 12:00 - 1:20

This course offers an introduction to central methods and theories at the foundation of the interdisciplinary field of Native American and Indigenous Studies. The course will involve a wide range of readings, several guest speakers, potential site visits, and other pedagogies of engagement. All students minoring in NAIS are required to take this course.

POLS 3324 (26928): Indigenous Law and Politics

Dr. Rebecca Reid

T Th 1:30-2:50

This course offers an introduction to indigenous affairs and law. Students are challenged to critically analyze the roles and structures of colonization, law, political institutions, and political processes in terms of how they impact indigenous and non-indigenous communities. Through their examination of legal policy and case law, students will evaluate how law and courts have impacted indigenous sovereignty as well as how contemporary law can enable or restrict indigeneity, repatriation, legal pluralism, and rights advocacy.

HIST 3323 (27072): American Indian History

Dr. Jeffrey P. Shepherd

M W 3:00 - 4:20

This course provides a general introduction to the histories of Indigenous peoples in what is presently the United States. The main themes include Indigenous origins, settler colonialism and conquest, native resistance and nation-building, federal Indian policy, political activism, Indigenous survival, and native economic development.

For more information:

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