INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Native American Studies program exists to broaden the understanding of students interested in the history, culture, and contemporary situations of Native Americans in the United States. Our program considers broadly the relationship of indigeneity and settler colonialism, foregrounding the historical contexts and constraints through which indigenous individuals and polities have expressed and continue to express themselves.

The Native American Studies major and minor are offered by the Department of Ethnic Studies, which also offers a major and minor in Ethnic Studies as well as a minor in Race and the Law.

“During a time when Indigenous land rights, voting rights, art and culture, and the effects of climate change are making headlines, Native American Studies provides the tools to understand our past and present and to work for a better future.”

– Shari Huhndorf, Professor

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

The Native American Studies curriculum has been structured to provide courses that deal with both historical and cultural analysis of Native American cultures and contemporary legal and social institutions that affect Native American life. The program not only stresses sound academic preparation in the classroom but also allows students the flexibility to take part in community-oriented education through fieldwork or studies directed towards community situations and problems.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Check out resources from Native American Student Development (NASD)
- Enrich your studies with a summer minor in Race and the Law
- Get involved with the Indigenous and Native Coalition
- Complete a senior honors thesis in the major.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

ADVISING

Students can contact the major advisors to schedule appointments or ask questions by emailing Laura Jimenez-Olvera at lauraj@berkeley.edu or Dewey St. Germaine at deweystg@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-4pm

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit ethnicstudies.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

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Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
### NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

**Bachelor of Arts**

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Students in the Native American Studies Program gain skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of fields, including teaching, counseling, law, journalism, marketing, community and housing development, radio and television, health and medicine, community and union organizing, and social work, as well as positions in federal, state, and local governments and those at the city and county levels.

#### Jobs and Employers

- Acquisitions Editor, Oregon State University Press
- Anthropologist, Wicanpi Research and Consulting
- Archaeology Intern, Presidio Trust
- Chief Administrative Officer, Native American Health Center
- HR Manager, Changing Tides Family Service
- Operations Coordinator, DroneBase
- Internal Communications Manager, Healthline Media
- Native American Scholarship Coordinator, United Nations India

#### Graduate Programs

- Counseling, Masters
- City and Regional Planning, Masters
- Data Science, Masters
- Education, Masters, PhD
- Law, JD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Public Policy, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

Examples gathered from the Ethnic Studies Department and LinkedIn.

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#### Design Your Journey

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<td>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</td>
<td>Enroll in Native American Studies 20A and 20B if you haven’t done so yet.</td>
<td>Focus on upper division requirements and electives.</td>
<td>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</td>
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<td>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.</td>
<td>Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major.</td>
<td>Enroll in methods courses ETH STD 101A or ETH STD 101B.</td>
<td>Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</td>
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<td>Enroll in ETH STD 11AC. Introduction to Ethnic Studies.</td>
<td>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.</td>
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<td>Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect in Ethnic Studies and L&amp;S Mentors Program.</td>
<td>Join a student organization such as the Indigenous and Native Coalition Recruitment and Retention Center.</td>
<td>Attend Native American Studies Program events.</td>
<td>Join a professional association such as the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.</td>
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<td>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.</td>
<td>Check out resources from Native American Student Development (NASD).</td>
<td>Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.</td>
<td>Connect with alumni groups like the Native American and Indigenous Alumni Network.</td>
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<td>Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&amp;S.</td>
<td>Listen to the Indigenous United podcast.</td>
<td>Check out events sponsored by the Multicultural Community Center.</td>
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<td>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar like Native American Studies 90, L&amp;S 9, or a student-run DeCal course.</td>
<td>Continue with a Sophomore Seminar. Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.</td>
<td>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.</td>
<td>Teach your own DeCal course.</td>
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<td>Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.</td>
<td>Learn about the Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues.</td>
<td>Explore campus centers and institutes like the Joseph A. Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues.</td>
<td>Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study and submit your work to the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal.</td>
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<td>Visit the Ethnic Studies Library in Stephens Hall and explore the Native American Studies Collection.</td>
<td>Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URBAP and SURF-SMART.</td>
<td>Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor like Race and the Law.</td>
<td>Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</td>
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<td>Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</td>
<td>Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</td>
<td>Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.</td>
<td>Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.</td>
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<td>Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</td>
<td>Get involved with campus issues as a NASD intern.</td>
<td>Work with archaeological data and community partners as part of the BACA Project.</td>
<td>Interested in a public service career? Apply for the John Gardner Fellowship.</td>
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<td>Explore study, research, and career abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</td>
<td>Volunteer with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust’s NASD intern.</td>
<td>Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.</td>
<td>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps. Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</td>
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<td>Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.</td>
<td>Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.</td>
<td>Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</td>
<td>Utilize job search tools from the Career Center.</td>
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<td>Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.</td>
<td>Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.</td>
<td>Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.</td>
<td>Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.</td>
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<td>Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a summer internship.</td>
<td>Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.</td>
<td>Attend career and graduate school fairs like the “Nongprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair.”</td>
<td>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</td>
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<td>Visit the Ethnic Studies website for career ideas after graduating.</td>
<td>Learn about graduate and professional school opportunities.</td>
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