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# NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR

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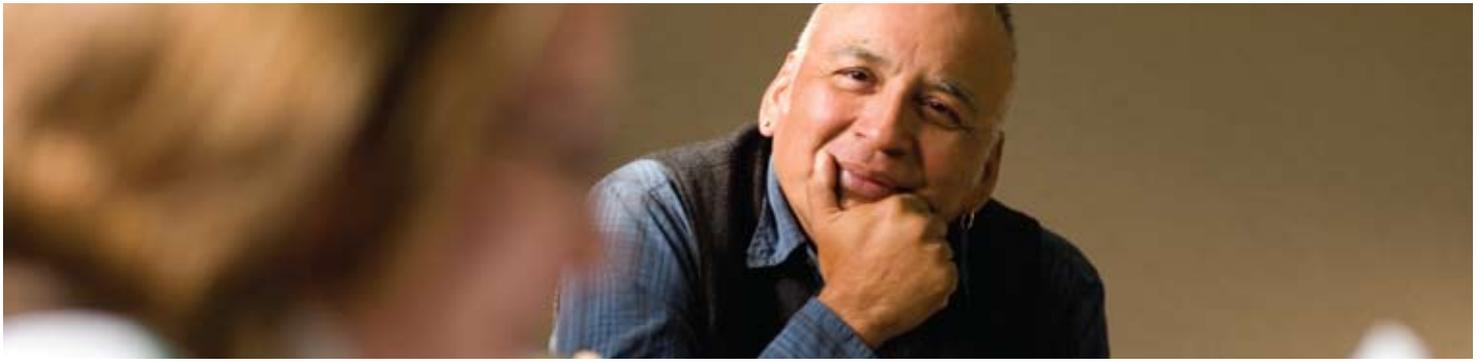
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## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Do you want to learn about different cultures? Are you prepared to live, work, and thrive in a diverse world? In Ball State University's Native American studies minor program, you will:

- encounter America's rich cultural heritage
- evaluate Native American political and economic changes
- examine the United States' three-tiered system of government—federal, state, and tribal
- appreciate indigenous contributions to globalization
- master methods and theories for exploring and analyzing our complex world
- create multicultural solutions for complex environmental issues
- understand our past and prepare for the future.

Graduates of the program are well-prepared to work in diverse settings; find opportunities with federal, tribal, and state agencies and programs; and pursue further studies in social sciences, law, medicine, environmental studies, business, and education.

## OUR RESOURCES

The Native American studies minor program makes the following resources available to participants and the Ball State community:

- Native American Studies Resource Room, Burkhardt Building, room 319
- musical events and guest lectures
- annual native film series
- Native American Student Association.

## WHY STUDY NATIVE SOCIETIES?

- Native peoples are still here—the U.S. census reports there are 18,600 American Indians living in Indiana, and other sources estimate even higher numbers. Federally recognized tribal governments form a third tier of America's democratic system.
- Native studies are about issues that affect everyone—the environment, human rights, cultural preservation, economic and community development, and more.
- Learning more about America's first nations prepares all citizens to live in a complex global society.

## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The Native American studies minor is an interdisciplinary program in the College of Sciences and Humanities that requires three core courses:

- Native Peoples of North America
- American Indian Literature
- Ethnohistory of the United States/Indian Relations.

For the remaining 15 credit hours needed for the minor, students combine elective courses such as:

- Northwest Archaeology
- Native Peoples of the Great Lakes
- Native Peoples of the Northwest
- Midwest Archaeology
- American Environmental History
- Introduction to Folklore
- Ethnohistory
- Summer Field Study in the Native American Southwest (6 credits)
- Languages and Cultures of Native America.

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