American Indian Studies provides an interdisciplinary and broad understanding of American Indians, especially the Dakota, and their respective ways of life in the past, present, and future. AIS welcomes all students—Native and non-Native—to pursue knowledge of American Indian cultures, languages, histories, politics, media, and other topics. The AIS program will prepare students to pursue graduate studies and careers located in tribal communities or in ethnically diverse settings. Furthermore, by incorporating Indigenous perspectives into the curriculum, AIS facilitates a space whereby American Indian worldviews will be an enduring and integral part of the diverse intellectual atmosphere at the University.

Required Prerequisites for Major
ETHN 100 American Racial Minorities (3)
ETHN 101 Introduction to Multicultural & Ethnic Studies (3)

MAJOR (33 credits)

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AIS 230 American Indians of Minnesota (3)
ETHN 202W Perspectives on American Indians (3)
ETHN 402 Ethnic Research Methods/Skills (3)
ETHN 430 American Indian Studies (3)

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- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

Required Major Restricted Electives (Outside Ethnic Studies) (9 credits)
ANTH 331 Environmental Anthropology (3)
ANTH 334 Native American Cultures of North America (3)
ANTH 410 Archaeology of Minnesota (3)
ANTH 411 Archaeology of Native North America (3)
ENG 318 Multicultural Literature (2-4)
ENG 436 Native American Literature (2-4)
HUM 281W Human Diversity and Humanities Traditions (4)
LAWE 234 Policing in a Diverse Society (3)
PHIL 115W Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender (3)
POL 426 Racial and Ethnic Politics (3)

Required Major Restricted Electives (Within Department) (12 credits)
AIS 220 Tribal Sovereignty (3)
AIS 340 American Indians in Film (3)
AIS 370 American Indian Spirituality (3)
AIS 380 The Sacred Landscape (3)
AIS 460 Behaving Like Relatives (3)
ETHN 299 Individual Study (1-3)
ETHN 300 American Indian Leaders (3)
ETHN 499 Individual Study (1-3)