AIS 101 – Introduction to Indigenous Studies – Studies indigenous peoples historically and contemporaneously, using case studies drawn from diverse cultures. Also traces indigenous studies as a field, with methods and content distinct from the disciplines that contribute to it.

AIS 201 – American Indian Expression – Surveys art, literature, journalism, and modern works that constitute Native American expression and contribution to the American aesthetic tradition.

AIS 202 – Roots of Federal American Indian Policy – This course surveys the basic concepts and ideologies surrounding modern United States Federal Indian policy, with an emphasis on stereotypes, historical controversies, and cultural differences.

AIS 210 (Co-listed with POS 210) – Current American Indian Governments – Provides overview of the development of modern tribal governments, their powers, and the problems they face, including a historical examination of North American indigenous societies.

AIS 232 – Museums and American Indians: Collecting, Displaying and Repatriating Indigenous Cultures – Introduction to museum anthropology and current developments in tribal and non-tribal museums, with special attention to ideology of display and politics of repatriation.

AIS 255 (Co-listed with ES 255 and WGS 255) – “Authentic Indian”: Gender and Indigenous Representation – This course examines the relationship and negotiation of gender and culture as they are represented within and concerning Indigenous people/communities. We will focus on U.S. forms of representation in popular experiences, e.g., literature, film, media.

AIS 290 – Foundations of Indigenous Environmental Justice: Law, Policy and Movements - This course examines perspectives on environmental justice, the history of the environmental justice movement, policy and law, contemporary issues, and current struggles of indigenous peoples for environmental justice world wide.

AIS 299 – Special Topics – In-depth study of an aspect, concept, or problem. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units.

AIS 301W – Communication Skills for Applied Indigenous Studies – Assists in developing the communication skills needed by professionals working in American Indian tribal communities. This course fulfills NAU’s junior-level writing requirement. Prerequisites: ((ENG 105 or HON 190 or HON 191), and AIS 101, 6 additional hours in AIS courses, and junior status.

AIS 304 – Indigenous-State Relations: Comparative Global Contexts – Introduces the basic principles of U.S. Indian law and compare them to those of other nations with indigenous peoples.

AIS 320 (Co-listed with POS 320) – American Indian Politics and Policy – This course examines the development of the political and policy relationship between Native American nations and The United States government using a political, social, economic and cultural context. Prerequisites: POS110.

AIS 325 (Co-listed with ES 325 and WGS 325) – “Sister Nation”: Indigenous Women in the U.S. – This course focuses on a deeper theoretical and an applied understanding of now Indigenous women understand themselves, their communities, and responsibilities. We utilize and demand a comprehension of Western and Indigenous knowledge systems.

AIS 350 – Research Issues in Applied Indigenous Studies – This course introduces students to the ideological, political, and practical issues involved in managing and conducting research with indigenous communities.


AIS 399 – Special Topics – In-depth study of an aspect, concept, or problem within a program of study. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units.

AIS 404 – Indigenous Nation-Building (Senior Seminar in Strategic Analysis and Planning) – Introduces literature on planning in its various forms, such as strategic, land use, integrated resource, and public-private collaboration. Prerequisites: AIS 301 and senior status.

AIS 408 – Fieldwork Experience – Individualized supervised field experience in an appropriate agency or organization. Involves providing reports for a cooperating tribe or agency. Prerequisite: junior status. Fee required.

AIS 450 – American Indian Health Care, Promotion and Policy – Addresses healthcare systems, policy and health conditions unique to Native Americans. Studies environmentally related illness, healthy environments and innovative healing and illness prevention strategies in the current Native American context.

AIS 460 (Co-listed with ANT 460) – Applied Indigenous Cultural Resource Management – This course explores the development in the working relationships of Indigenous people and archeologists in cultural resource management. Tribal CRM strategies and case studies across Indian country will be reviewed.

AIS 470 – Traditional Ethnobiological Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples – This course addresses traditional ethnobiological knowledge of wild foragers and farmers, and explores case studies of indigenous communities interacting with parks, endangered species regulators and environmentalists. (Every other)

AIS 490C – Strategic Planning – Involves series of group strategic planning exercises and individual evaluations of them. Prerequisites: AIS 404 and all AIS-required core courses.

AIS 497 – Independent Study – Individualized approach to selected topics by guided reading and critical evaluation. Pass-fail only. No repeat limit.

AIS 499 – Contemporary Developments – Examine recent trends and investigations in a selected area. Letter grade only. No limit.

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