Native American Studies/Outdoor Education Major
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The Native American Studies Program focuses on Native American culture, history, and traditional lifestyles. Through academic courses and first-hand contact with American Indian people and activities, both on and off campus, students will understand social, economic, and environmental situations related to the everyday lives of Native American peoples. The Native American Studies Program, through its majors and minor, will connect students with people-oriented courses in various disciplines. Internships provide direct contact with American Indian people and organizations. Philosophically, the Native American Studies Program complements the strength of the environmental liberal arts emphasis of the College as a whole.

The Native American studies-business major provides management and entrepreneurship skills to students intent on careers in state and federal agencies, tribal governments, and American Indian organizations, programs, and business enterprises. The core courses provide awareness of American Indian cultures, world views, and lifestyles that influence and formulate Native American policies and govern the many aspects of tribal relations to non-American Indian society.

The Native American-outdoor education major integrates American Indian teachings and skills with those of the Outdoor Education Program. The core courses offer educational experiences in culture, history, philosophy, literature, arts, ethnobiology, and native language, while the outdoor education emphasis provides experiential skills with a focus on leadership, management, communication, and teaching skills. Careers in living history centers, museums, outdoor recreation programs, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, and teaching are possible.

The Native American studies minor offers courses in culture, history, philosophy, storytelling, literature, arts and crafts, ethnobiology, independent study, internships, and native language. When taken with one of Northland's majors, the Native American studies minor strengthens job prospects for its graduates.

The Native American Studies Program also provides educational opportunities to both American Indian and non-American Indian people on campus and in the surrounding area. Services include course offerings, advising, and counseling. The associated Native American Studies Cultural Center provides cultural awareness outreach activities, featuring speakers, seminars and conferences, concerts, feasts, tribal liaison, and powwows.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES MAJORS

CORE COURSES

All of the following: Credits

Native American pictographs on rock faces in Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, are among the rare sights students see on Wilderness Instructor Training expeditions.
### NAS/MLG121 Introduction to Ojibwe Language I*

### NAS/SOC210 Native American Cultures of Wisconsin*

### NAS479 Native American Centers Seminar*

### SOC111 Introduction to Sociology*

*One of the following:*
- NAS/HIS211 Native American History to 1890*
- NAS/HIS212 Native American History Since 1890*

*One of the following:*
- NAS/SOC213 North American Indian Cultures*
- NAS319 Northern Plains Cultures*

*One of the following:*
- NAS233 Native American World Views*
- NAS/ENG283 American Indian Literature*

*One of the following:*
- NAS490 Independent Study
- NAS491 Field Experience
- NAS492 Internship

**Total Core Requirements 24 credits**

### NAS BLOCK COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*All of the following:*
- NAS225 Native American Woodland Skills*
- NAS231 Native American Arts and Cultures*
- NAS239 Native American Storytelling*
- NAS300 Ethnobiology*

*One of the following:*
- BIO234 Ecology
- BIO328 Vegetative Communities of Northern Wisconsin

**Total Block Requirements 16 credits**

### EMPHASIS AREAS (CHOOSE ONE OF TWO)

#### 1. Business Emphasis

*All of the following: Credits*
- BUS222 Financial Accounting 3
- BUS228 Marketing 3
- BUS229 Small Business Management 3
- BUS230 Leadership: Theory and Practice 3
- BUS329 Management 3
- BUS475 Senior Capstone: Strategic Planning 3

**Total Emphasis Requirements 18 credits**

**Total Major Requirements 58 credits**

**Additional Liberal Education, Minor, and/or Elective Requirements 48 credits**

**Total Requirements Needed to Graduate 124 credits**

#### 2. Outdoor Education Emphasis

*All of the following: Credits*
- OED063 Orienteering 1
- OED221 Group Process and Communication 3
- OED240 Wilderness Emergency Care† 4
- OED248 Wilderness Writers and Philosophers 3
- OED/EDU261 Environmental Education Curriculum Review*
- OED279 Access and Diversity* 3
- OED371 Philosophy of Experiential Education 3
- EDU232 Growth and Cognition 3

**Total Emphasis Requirements 19-23 credits**

**Total Major Requirements 59-63 credits**
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*Meets Liberal Education requirement.
†Wilderness First Responder certification approved through SOLO, the Wilderness Medicine Association, or the Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School can be substituted for OED240. Contact the Registrar's Office with a current certification card to be awarded credit.