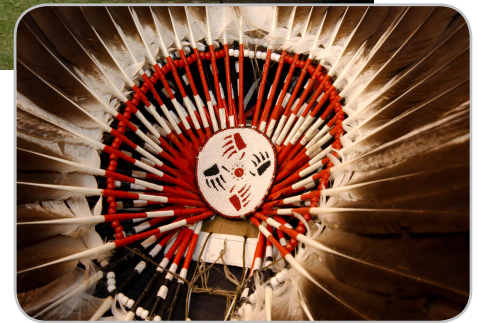


DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES



The Department of Native American Studies was established to provide and advance quality education for and about American Indians of Montana, the region and the nation. In fulfilling this mission, the department is committed to meeting the changing needs of Montana's Indian tribes and all Montana citizens through excellence in teaching, research and service.



DEGREES OFFERED

- MASTER OF ARTS IN NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES
- ONLINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The department's mission, purpose and objective emphasis is to graduate, in a timely manner, knowledgeable professionals and academicians well grounded in Native American issues and scholarship.

The department offers a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Native American Studies with an inter-disciplinary approach which makes the best possible use of university resources. The program allows each graduate student the opportunity to select a course of study that combines Native American Studies and a student's particular area of interest (e.g., history, business, literature, political science, etc.).

The 31-credit program is designed so that each graduate student could complete the program within three to four semesters of concentrated work. Students will be expected to attend at least two full semesters on campus.

The department also offers an online graduate certificate program. This program requires 12 semester credits, available through four online classes. Credits earned towards the graduate certificate may be transferred to the Master of Arts program.

MSU has an American Indian enrollment of approximately 370 students. There is an active American Indian Student Council (AIC), as well as chapters of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL). NAS houses the Native American Student Center and the MSU counselor for Native students who provides academic advising, counseling and mentoring.

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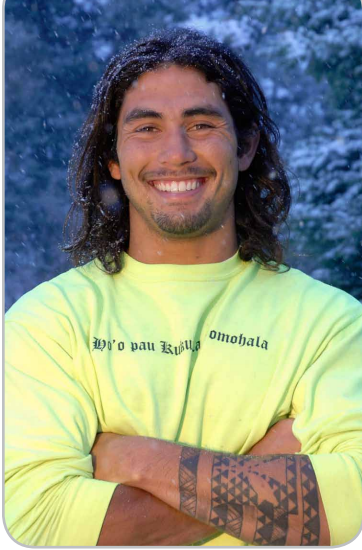
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ADMISSION

Candidates are not required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test, but may do so if they feel it will strengthen their applications. The closing date for receipt of completed applications for fall is May 10. For detailed Division of Graduate Education requirements, visit the online Graduate Catalog (www.montana.edu/gradstudies). Successful applicants must have their applications accepted by the Division of Graduate Education (with departmental endorsement) before an individual is considered a graduate student at MSU.

A Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution is required for admission to the Master's program in Native American Studies. The Division of Graduate Education recommends that prospective applicants send a letter of interest to the Native American Studies Department in order to ascertain the suitability of the program for the applicant.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. degree requires a total of 31 credit-hours. All students must take NAS 540,



Theoretical Positions in Native American Studies (3 credits); NAS 541, A Critical Approach to Native American Studies Methodologies (3 credits); and NAS 530, Federal Indian Law and Policy (3 credits). In addition to the courses listed above, students may also take other NAS graduate courses, or graduate courses in related disciplines.

Mastery of the major field will be determined by 1) a thesis or professional research paper; 2) a record of excellence in all courses taken as part of the graduate program; and 3) a 6-hour written exam generated by the student's committee members.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Graduate Teaching Assistantships, awarded on a competitive basis, are available in NAS to formally admitted graduate students. Selected graduate students will teach a section of Introduction to Native American Studies and/or other NAS courses.

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