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Minor Requirements

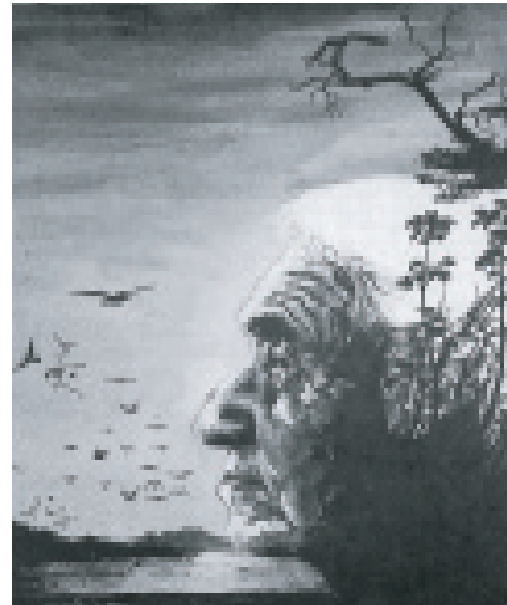
The Native American Studies minor involves a minimum of 18 credits of course work focusing on Native Americans with three required NAS-designated courses. These requirements are:

- NAS 101: Introduction to Native American Studies
- NAS 102: Introduction to Wabanaki Culture, History, and Contemporary Issues
- NAS 490: Theory and Research Methods in Native American Studies

The remaining credits for the minor can be fulfilled with the following core courses:

- NAS 201: Topics in Native American Studies
- NAS 298: Directed Study in Native American Studies
- NAS 401: Advanced Topics in Native American Studies
- NAS 498: Directed Study in Native American Studies
- ANT 451: North American Indian Ethnology
- ANT 472: North American Prehistory
- ENG 442: Native American Literature
- HTY 220: North American Indian History
- HTY 481: Amerindians of the Northeast: A History

In addition, students may submit courses with considerable Native American/Indigenous content for consideration for inclusion in the Native American Studies minor. The content of such courses may make them suitable as approved electives.



Program Description

Native American Studies is an interdisciplinary academic program offered as a minor and open to all students. The goal of the program is to teach students through Native perspectives, to understand Native people, their history, traditions, and their right to self-determination. The program is designed around the belief that such explorations are the cornerstone of Native American Studies as an academic discipline, giving voice and credibility to the Native world views and life experiences.

The program offers a curriculum that focuses on understanding how differing value systems function, and helps develop an appreciation for Native American culture and history, including the critical issues of sovereignty and treaty rights. The presence of the Wabanaki tribes within the State of Maine provides a tie to the history, language, and vital culture unique to this state and is a major focus of the program.

The Native American Studies Program maintains high educational standards as demonstrated by the traditional pedagogy of Native communities, as well as Western-based academic principles. It focuses on the connection between the University of Maine and Maine's Native communities to ensure accuracy, authenticity and credibility in course offerings.

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