

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Major Hours: 36

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.00

Program Code: B740

- 48 Upper-Division Hours Required.
- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- Programs of study must be approved by the program Director and coordinating committee.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NAS Core Requirements		
NAS 2013	Foundations in Native American Sovereignty	3
NAS 3013	Native American Studies Internship	3
NAS 4033	Research Methods in Native American Studies	3
NAS 4053	Senior Capstone (should be taken in the senior year)	3
NAS 4063	Critical Indigenous Theory	3
Thematic Areas of Emphasis		
Choose seven courses in one or more of the following areas: ¹		21
Cultural Knowledge, Language, & History		
Tribal Governance & Policy		
Indigenous Media & Arts		
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ Students may declare one or more areas of emphasis. A list of appropriate courses may be obtained from the NAS program. Appropriate courses should be selected with the guidance of the NAS advisor.

Major Support Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Native Language Requirement		
Choose two introductory courses (1000-level) or the equivalent in a Native language ¹		6-10
Total Credit Hours		6-10

¹ May be used to fulfill General Education and College requirements. May *not* be used to satisfy NAS Core or Area of Emphasis coursework.

Recommended Free Electives¹

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NAS 1013	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
CHER 2733	Intermediate Cherokee	3
CHEY 2733		
CREK 2733	Intermediate Creek/Seminole	3
CHOC 2733	Intermediate Choctaw	3
KIOW 2733	Intermediate Kiowa	3
NAS 2733		

¹ These courses are not major or major support work, nor are they required.

General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded P/NP will not apply

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/gened/courses>.

University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition (6 hours)</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
	or EXPO 1213 Expository Writing	
<i>Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i>		
The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.		
	Beginning Course	0-5
	Beginning Course, continued	0-5
	Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2}	0-3
<i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i>		
	Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list	3
Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component)		
<i>Biological Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹	3-4
<i>Physical Science</i>		
	Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹	3-4
Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours)		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
	Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list	3

Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours)	
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>	
Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list	3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>	
HIST 1483 United States, 1492 to 1865 or HIST 1493 United States, 1865 to the Present	3
Choose one course from the General Education Western Civilization & Culture list ³	3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>	
Choose one course from the General Education Non-Western Culture list	3
<i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Humanities courses</i> ⁴	
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ¹	3
Choose one course from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or Non-Western Culture ¹	3
Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours)	
Choose one General Education Capstone course	3
Total Credit Hours	56

¹ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

² One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level

³ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493

⁴ 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

Arts and Sciences Hours: At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

Pass/No Pass Enrollment: A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"): A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

P.E. Courses: No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

Senior Institution Hours: A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

Residency:

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are **not** considered resident credit.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

Special Degrees: Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of Native American Studies academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Native American Studies major requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
First Semester		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
Math (Core I)		3
NAS 1013	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
Beginning Native American Language course		5
Credit Hours		14
Second Semester		
ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
Natural Science with lab (Core II)		3
Beginning Native American Language course, continued		5
Free Elective, lower-division		2
Credit Hours		16
Sophomore		
First Semester		
NAS 2013	Foundations in Native American Sovereignty	3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Social Science (Core III)		3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3
Intermediate Native American Language course		3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
Natural Science without lab (Core II)		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, lower-division		3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3

Free Elective, lower-division	3
Credit Hours	15
Junior	
First Semester	
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15
Second Semester	
NAS 3013 Native American Studies Internship	3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Humanities, upper-division, outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15
Senior	
First Semester	
NAS 4033 Research Methods in Native American Studies	3
NAS 4063 Critical Indigenous Theory	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15
Second Semester	
NAS 4053 Senior Capstone	3
NAS Area of Emphasis Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	120