REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS
DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education **Summer 2026 through Spring 2027**	Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) ..... **33** Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) **33**	**Native American Studies** **M740** Master of Arts

Minimum Total Hours (Thesis): 33
Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis): 33

Program Code: M740

Required Courses

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NAS Core Requirements		
NAS 5063	Critical Indigenous Theory	3
Choose one of the following:		3
NAS 5033	Indigenous Research Methods	
LAW 6311 & LAW 6320	American Indian Law Review and Directed Legal Research (2 hours)	
NAS 5043 or LAW 5610	Sovereignty, Law, and Policy Federal Indian Law	3
Thematic Area of Emphasis		
Choose seven courses in one or more of the following: [1]		21
Cultural Knowledge, Language, & History		
Tribal Governance & Policy		
Indigenous Media & Arts		
Thesis		
NAS 5980	Research for Master's Thesis [2]	3
Native Language Proficiency		
Demonstrate proficiency in a Native American language or complete one introductory course (1000-level) in a Native language or the equivalent [3]		
Total Credit Hours		**33**

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.
2 Minimum of three (3) thesis hours. Student will complete thesis under the direction of the committee chair.
3 May *not* be used to satisfy core or emphasis credit.

Non-Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NAS Core Requirements		
NAS 5063	Critical Indigenous Theory	3
Choose one of the following:		3
NAS 5033	Indigenous Research Methods	
LAW 6311 & LAW 6320	American Indian Law Review and Directed Legal Research (2 hours)	
NAS 5043 or LAW 5610	Sovereignty, Law, and Policy Federal Indian Law	3
Thematic Area of Emphasis		
Choose eight courses in one or more of the following: [1]		24
Cultural Knowledge, Language, & History		
Tribal Governance & Policy		
Indigenous Media & Arts		
Comprehensive Exam		
Student will complete comprehensive exam under the direction of the committee chair		
Native Language Proficiency		
Demonstrate proficiency in a Native American language or complete one introductory course (1000-level) in a Native language or the equivalent [2]		
Total Credit Hours		**33**

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.
2 May *not* be used to satisfy core or emphasis credit.

Notes

- **To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework.**
- **The dual Master of Arts in Native American Studies and Juris Doctorate program will require a total of 126 hours of coursework. Thirty-six hours are required for the M.A. and 90 hours are required for the JD. Twenty-four hours can be shared. The shared hours must come from the M.A. requirements.**

General Requirements for all Master's Degrees

The master's degree requires the equivalent of *at least* two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.

All coursework applied to the master's degree must carry graduate credit.

Master's degree programs which require a thesis consist of *at least* 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master's degree programs require *at least* 30 credit hours.

Credit transferred from other institutions must meet specific criteria and is subject to certain limitations.

Courses completed through correspondence study may *not* be applied to the master's degree.

To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).

Additional information for master's degree students may be found in the Graduate College Bulletin.

More information in the catalog: (http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/native-american-studies/native-american-studies-master-arts/).