

Ensuring continued traditions for present and future generations.



North Idaho College sits on unceded land of the Schitsu'umsh, (the Coeur d'Alene Tribe). For untold centuries, the Schitsu'umsh gathered at Hnya'(pqí'nn (pronounced "hin-yap-keehn-un") or the "gathering place," to hunt, fish, play games, dance, feast, and swim in the area where Lake Coeur d'Alene feeds into the Spokane River.

The American Indian Studies program (AIST) at North Idaho College was designed in collaboration with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. AIS examines the contemporary and historical experiences of the Indigenous peoples of North America from their perspective.

By using the most current research, our curriculum provides a scholarly study of American Indian issues from a holistic and humanistic viewpoint. We focus on cultural, historical, and contemporary experiences.

AIST is an interdisciplinary program drawing on the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural resources, health sciences, education, and professional studies.

The AIS program satisfies the requirements for an Associate of Arts or Science academic transfer degree and is intended to serve both Native and non-Native students.

Collaboration

In 1997, North Idaho College signed the "Nine Point Agreement" with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The agreement represents a reciprocal relationship of mutually beneficial projects and engagement in authentic student support.

Further, in 2008 North Idaho College entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with multiple local colleges and universities for the cooperative development and delivery of services and scholarly endeavors related to American Indians.

The value of American Indian Studies

American Indian Studies develops and strengthens diverse foundations of knowledge and skills. Students acquire analytical and critical thinking skills, an intense understanding of American Indian Affairs and cultural expertise that accommodates and can be capitalized upon in many careers, such as:

- *Politics*
- *Advocacy*
- *Academia*
- *Government*
- *Policy*
- *Health Care*
- *Natural Resources Development*
- *Media/Communications*

Building a strong foundation in American Indian Studies at North Idaho College elevates a student's ability to transfer into other fields, graduate work, and research-specific areas of interest at other colleges and universities.





American Indian Studies Program



American Indian Studies Core Courses

<i>AIST-101</i>	<i>Introduction to American Indian Studies</i>
<i>AIST/ANTH-225</i>	<i>Native People of North America</i>
<i>AIST/ENGL-285</i>	<i>American Indian Literature</i>
<i>AIST/HIST-240</i>	<i>American Indian History</i>
<i>AIST-250</i>	<i>American Indian Sovereignty</i>

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American Indian Student Services

American Indian Studies students have access to many quality support programs and services. A dedicated team of American Indian faculty and staff work to ensure that students are academically informed and financially literate. The support services include culturally appropriate engagements and opportunities for self-expression. The office aims to ensure that all American Indian student progress to their educational goals and demonstrate a commitment to their families and communities.

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