Native American & Indigenous Studies

Native American & Indigenous Studies (NAIS) is an interdisciplinary field that prepares students to work in a wide variety of professions and activities in and near Indian country. Greater awareness of the cultural, social, political and economic aspirations and potentials of indigenous communities, as well as their current and historical contexts allow NAIS majors to make contributions in fields ranging from health care and education to business and environmental sustainability.

NAIS majors also gain a myriad of concrete skills—including research and organization, critical analysis and systems thinking, and communications—which prepare them to work in many fields that can benefit from such skills.

Some Career possibilities for NAIS majors:

- Anthropologist
- Architect
- Archaeologist
- Archivist/Curator
- Art Conservator
- Artist
- Bibliographer
- Business Manager
- Community Organizer
- Consultant
- Cultural Anthropologist
- Economist
- Educator
- Environmental Analyst/Planner
- Ethnologist
- Filmmaker
- Genealogist
- Geographer Health
- Care Worker
- Historian
- Journalist
- Judge
- Lawyer
- Linguistic Anthropologist
- Lobbyist
- Mediator

Museum or Gallery Curator
Police Officer
Politician or Tribal/Government Leader
Program Director
Psychologist
Researcher
Social Worker
Sociologist
Teacher or Professor
Writer
Youth or Senior Services
Director

Possible Employers of NAIS Majors:

- Banks
- Businesses & Industries
- Community Action Programs
- Consulting Firms
- Health Care Clinics
- Historical Societies
- Hospitals
- International Agencies
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Libraries
- Local, State, Federal & Tribal Government
- Magazines, Newspapers & Journals
- Medical Service Organizations
- Museums & Galleries
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Peace Corps
- Political Action Organizations
- Professional Counseling Agencies
- Publishers
- Research Institutions
- Schools, Colleges & Universities
- Social Research Organizations
- Social Service Programs
- US Bureau of Indian Affairs
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US National Park Service

Professional Organizations & Additional Information:

- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICAWA) [www.nicwa.org](http://www.nicwa.org)
- Center for World Indigenous Studies [http://cwis.org](http://cwis.org)
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) [http://naisa.org](http://naisa.org)
- National Congress of American Indians [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)
- Native American Fish & Wildlife Service (NAFWS) [www.nafws.org](http://www.nafws.org)
- National Museum of the American Indian [www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu)