

Indigenous Studies

Campus: Itasca-Grand Rapids

Certificate | 27 credits

FALL SEMESTER 2025 – 14 credits		CREDITS
ANSH 1211	Ojibwe 1 (MnTC Goal 8)	4
ENGL 1231	College Composition 1 (MnTC Goal 1)	4
INST 1020	Introduction to Indigenous Studies (MnTC Goals 5 & 8)	3
INST 1140	Indigenous Philosophy (MnTC Goals 6T/A & 10)	3
SPRING SEMESTER 2026 – 13 credits		
ANSH 1212	Ojibwe 2 (MnTC Goal 8)	4
ENGL 2215	American Indian Literature (MnTC Goals 6T/A & 7)	3
HIST 1150	Native American History (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)	3
INST 1065	Survey of Indigenous Art (MnTC Goals 6T/A & 7)	3

Program Description

The Indigenous Studies program at Minnesota North College promotes the understanding of tribal culture and builds students' knowledge of American Indian literature, art, history, and philosophy. The curriculum includes the study of traditional cultural values, tribal language, tribal social structures, social and intellectual relations between Indians and Whites, and a history of the interactions between tribal nations and the federal government. Special attention is placed on American Indian sovereignty and tribal efforts to preserve the freedom of cultural beliefs, such as language and religion.

Minnesota North's Indigenous Studies program maintains close relationships with other American Indian academic programs at the K-12 districts and four-year institutions. The program maintains ongoing field activities with Ojibwe tribal communities in the region including the opportunity for students to participate in projects with local schools and agencies. The program has an Indian Elders Advisory Board. In addition, the program sponsors the Anishinaabe Student Organization.

Occupational Titles

This certificate program complements a variety of two and four-year degree program options, and enhances career opportunities.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

1. Develop understanding of tribal culture.
2. Build knowledge of American Indian literature, art, history, and philosophy.

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