

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Studies

Indigenous Studies Graduate Certificate

The Indigenous Studies graduate certificate enhances the qualifications of students seeking careers in academic settings, government and other public service, and the private sector. You'll gain knowledge essential to understand a broad range of historical, political, religious and social issues affecting Indigenous peoples. And, you'll earn an additional credential while integrating knowledge of Indigenous issues into your own academic disciplines or professional training.

Enrollment in the certificate is open to students admitted to a degree-seeking KU graduate program and those not currently enrolled at KU.

Admission to Graduate Studies

Admission Requirements

- All applicants must meet the requirements outlined in the Admission to Graduate Study (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>) policy.
- Bachelor's degree: A copy of official transcripts showing proof of a bachelor's degree (and any post-bachelor's coursework or degrees) from a regionally accredited institution, or a foreign university with equivalent bachelor's degree requirements is required.
- English proficiency: Proof of English proficiency (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements/>) for non-native or non-native-like English speakers is required. There are two bands of English proficiency, including Admission and Full proficiency. For applicants to online programs, Full proficiency is required.

Certificate Application and Admissions Procedure

Eligibility criteria for admission to the certificate program follow Graduate Studies' admission policy (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>).

Application Deadlines:

- August 1 for fall admission
- December 15 for spring admission

If August 1 or December 15 falls on a weekend, the deadline will extend to the following business day.

Application Materials for Current KU Students

- a letter stating your interest in Indigenous studies and its relationship to your graduate course of study;
- a current advising report;
- a letter of support from your graduate degree program.

You must be in good standing with your graduate degree program to participate in the certificate program.

Application Materials for Non-KU Students

- a letter stating your interest in the Indigenous Studies graduate certificate;
- an official copy of your college transcript (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/#section366>);
- two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic work or potential for graduate study.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ISP 800	Indigenous Issues in the United States	3
9 hours of graduate-level coursework with content relevant to the field of Indigenous Studies. Courses are selected from the below list in consultation with the Indigenous Studies Program Director.		9
ISP 504	Topics in Indigenous Studies: _____	
ISP 530	Indigenous Food and Health	
ISP 542	Ethnobotany	
ISP 552	Foodways: Latin America	
ISP 567	Native Feminisms	
ISP 601	Indigenous Peoples of the World	
ISP 673	Environmental Justice	
ISP 755	Indigenous Film and Media	
ISP 804	Special Topics: _____	
ISP 805	Critical Indigenous Histories & Philosophies in Education	
ISP 806	Directed Readings	
ISP 807	Internship in Indigenous Studies	
ISP 815	Leadership, Advocacy, and Action in Indigenous Education	
ISP 820	Applied Project for Educational Leadership for Indigenous Populations	
ISP 824	Federal Indian Law	
ISP 830	Indigenous Food and Health	
ISP 860	Safeguarding Native American Heritage: NAGPRA, Tribal Hist Preservtn, & Cultural Heritage Governance	
ISP 862	Indigenous Archives and Tribal Historic Preservation	
ISP 871	Community Health and Development	
ANTH 506	Pre-Hispanic Mexico and Central America	
ANTH 507	The Ancient Maya	
ANTH 508	Ancient American Civilizations: The Central Andes	
ANTH 561	Indigenous Development in Latin America	
ANTH 562	Mexamerica	
EVNR 542	Ethnobotany	
EVNR 673	Environmental Justice	
EVNR 701	Climate Change, Ecological Change and Social Change	
GEOG 570	Geography of American Indians	
GEOG 601	Indigenous Peoples of the World	
HIST 883	Ethnohistory of the Americas	
MUSE 699	Anthropology in Museums	
MUSE 780	Special Topics: _____	Dependent on the topic of the course

MUSE 801	The Modern Museum: Institutions, Knowledge and Audiences
MUSE 802	The Museum Profession: Ethics, Standards and Cultural Awareness
WGSS 567	Native Feminisms
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Total Hours	
12	

Course-Level Requirement and Selection Process

Students must take 50% or more of their coursework at the 700 level or above. All courses must be selected in consultation with the Indigenous Studies Program Director, who can also review and approve course substitution requests.

Graduate Student Handbook and Graduate Policy

Additional information can be found in the Indigenous Studies Graduate Student Handbook (<https://indigenous.ku.edu/graduate-student-handbook/>). Students are also encouraged to review Graduate Studies' policies (<https://ogs.ku.edu/policies/>) related to graduate certificate programs for information about other requirements that may apply.

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Exhibit an advanced level of knowledge in Indigenous scholarship and issues relevant to the field.
- Demonstrate growth in engaging with a variety of culturally diverse perspectives, both in scholarship and practice.
- Demonstrate interdisciplinary growth by establishing scholarly connections between Indigenous Studies and other fields of interest.