

# Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Studies

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## Indigenous Studies Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Studies is designed to provide students with necessary knowledge of the events, laws, policies, and treaties that have defined the relationship between the United States and Indigenous Nations and Peoples. This knowledge is essential to analysis of a broad range of historical, political, religious, and social issues in the U.S.

The program will provide students with a solid grounding in the histories and cultures of the indigenous peoples of North America. The certificate program enables students to integrate knowledge of Indigenous issues into their own academic disciplines or professional training.

Completion of the certificate in Indigenous Studies represents an additional credential for graduate students from a variety of academic fields who are preparing for careers in research and teaching or professional practice. The certificate will also enhance the qualifications of students seeking careers with Indigenous organizations, governments, and museums, among many other options.

Enrollment in the program is open to students admitted to a regular KU graduate program as well as students who are not currently enrolled at KU.

## Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences>) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

## 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>). A student must hold a baccalaureate degree and have earned at least a B (3.0) grade-point average in previous academic work. For more information on admission to a graduate certificate program at KU, see the policy on Admission to Graduate Study (<http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study>). Applications may be submitted at <http://graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application>.

Application requirements differ for current KU students versus non-KU students. Please visit the Indigenous Studies website (<http://indigenous.ku.edu/application-admissions>) for a full list of the required application materials. Non-native speakers of English must meet English proficiency requirements as described here (<http://graduate.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements>).

## Gainful Employment Disclosures

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates ([https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def\\_id=a451c90e50985e1cb04289ed16d2f425](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=a451c90e50985e1cb04289ed16d2f425)) of students who attended this program is available here (<https://indigenous.ku.edu/sites/indigenous.ku.edu/files/ispcert/gedt.html>).

## Certificate Requirements

The Indigenous Studies Graduate Certificate requires 12 hours of coursework:

- ISP 800: Indigenous Issues in the United States (3 hrs)
- 9 hours of graduate-level coursework with 50% or more content in Indigenous Peoples; courses must be approved by the ISP Executive Committee. A list of approved courses may be found on the Indigenous Studies website (<http://indigenous.ku.edu/courses/#tab3name>).