

# Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Studies

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## 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

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 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/>) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (<https://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/>). To be considered for admission to the program, a student must hold a bachelor's degree. Non-native speakers of English must meet Graduate Studies' English proficiency requirements (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/english-proficiency-international-students/>).

Applications are submitted through the Graduate Admissions website (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/apply/>). Application requirements differ for current KU students versus non-KU students, so please visit the Indigenous Studies website (<https://indigenous.ku.edu/graduate-certificate/>) for a full list of the required application materials.

## Certificate Requirements

The Indigenous Studies Graduate Certificate requires 12 hours of course work:

- ISP 800: Indigenous Issues in the United States (3 hrs)
- 9 hours of graduate-level coursework with content relevant to the field of Indigenous Studies taken from the list of approved courses, which can be found on the (<http://indigenous.ku.edu/handbook-overview-0/>)Indigenous Studies website (<https://indigenous.ku.edu/approved-graduate-courses/>).

## Course-Level Requirement and Selection Process

Courses must be taken at the 500-level or higher to count for graduate credit. Students must take 50% or more of their course work at the 700-level or above. ISP 800 counts toward this requirement.

All courses must be selected in consultation with the student's faculty advisor or the Indigenous Studies Program Director.

## Graduate Policy

Students are encouraged to review Graduate Studies' policies (<https://ogs.ku.edu/policies/>) related to graduate certificate programs for information about other requirements that may apply.