NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (NAMS)

**NAMS 1100 INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (3 credits)**
This course will introduce the diverse cultures of Native Americans. Using both historical and contemporary experiences, students will learn about the cultural, historical, social, economic and/or political factors that have shaped Native experience in North America. Students will also acquire new insights about American history and culture by looking through the lens of contemporary native cultures, nations and individuals.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course and Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

**NAMS 4140 INDIAN GAMING (3 credits)**
This course will be an in depth study of the history and development of Indian Gaming law and policy.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** NAMS 1100 or permission of the Instructor.

**NAMS 4240 CONTEMPORARY TRIBAL NATION BUILDING (3 credits)**
This course applies traditional North American tribal governance and leadership beliefs and practices in a critical examination of contemporary tribal governments, tribal courts and programs, and tribal leaders. This course challenges students to assess present tribal governments and leaders concerning their effectiveness in meeting the needs of tribal people today.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** NAMS 1100

**NAMS 4440 FEDERAL INDIAN LAW (3 credits)**
This course provides an overview of tribal legal authority as it exists within federal law. It includes traditional North American tribal governance and leadership practices. Key topics include the federal-tribal trust relationship, Indian treaties, federal Indian policies and case law, and 20th Century establishment of modern tribal governments and courts.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** NAMS 1100

**NAMS 4900 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)**
An individualized course of study with a member of the Native American Studies faculty. Either independent research or advanced readings may be pursued.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** NAMS 1100 and permission of the instructor

**NAMS 4920 SPECIAL TOPICS IN NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (3 credits)**
The content of this course varies from semester to semester, giving instructor and students an opportunity to investigate a variety of topics in Native American Studies. May be repeated for credit as long as the topic differs.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** NAMS 1100 and/or permission of instructor