

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES WITH AN EMPHASIS IN NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Liberal Arts and Sciences with an emphasis in Native American Studies is designed to introduce students to the field. Students will study history and culture from a Native American perspective while improving their analytical skills. This program is designed to foster an appreciation of Native American heritage while also providing students with the tools to view both the Native American experience and the dominant culture critically. Upon completion of this degree, students will be prepared for entry-level positions in public institutions, non-profits, federal Indian law, tribal government, Native American education, or other organizations that require a good facility with college level reading and writing skills and critical and analytical thinking. The Liberal Arts and Sciences with an Emphasis consists of: 1) An Area of Emphasis consisting of a minimum of 18 units; 2) The Mendocino College 25-unit General Education requirements; 3) The remainder of the 60 required units for the degree in degree-applicable electives, including Institutional Requirements. This degree provides the maximum flexibility in program design leading to the Associate of Arts Degree.

Required Courses – Major

Course Number	Course Name	Units
ETH 202	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
HST 222	Native American History	3
HUS 172	Working in Tribal Communities	3

Plus 9 additional units selected from the following

Course Number	Course Name	Units
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology	3
ART 206	Introduction to Native American Art	3
ETH 241	Pacific Coast Indian Cultures	3
MTH 170	Mathematics in Native American Cultures	3
POLS 205	Native Americans and the U.S. Political System	3

Total Major Units	18
Total Degree Units	60

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify and explain the culture and history of a variety of Indigenous tribes including the connections between Native American history and the contemporary state of Native America.
2. Explain the historical and contemporary relationship between the U.S. Government, state and local governments and "domestic dependent sovereign nations."
3. Explain the role of tribal government structures and the impact of tribal regulations on tribal members and families.
4. Evaluate how struggle, resistance, adaptation, solidarity, and liberation as experienced by Native Americans informs current Native American experience.