

9.1. American Indian Studies - Charter

9.1.1. Mission

The American Indian Studies program provides interdisciplinary learning about American Indian peoples, facilitates research and creative activities that concern American Indian peoples, and honors the diversity of the rich heritage of American Indians.

Students with a minor in American Indian studies will use academic and experiential knowledge to appreciate the natural and cultural diversity of American Indian people.

9.1.2. Objectives

The American Indian Studies Program has five objectives that promote awareness and understanding of American Indian societies and cultures.

- Provide opportunities to study the customs, values, traditions, histories, and contemporary life ways of American Indian nations and peoples.
- Provide students with a critical, holistic, and community-centered background for careers in a number of disciplines.
- Prepare students to effectively serve American Indian tribal and urban communities.
- Build and support cooperative relationships with tribal communities within and around Washington State and other academic institutions, tribal colleges, and the local central Washington community.
- Provide outreach and community service opportunities that will help promote the cultural, educational, economic, and natural resource development of the region.

9.1.3. Residence

The American Indian Studies Program resides within the College of the Sciences.

9.1.4. Program Specific Provisions

University policy pertains, with these provisions:

9.1.4.1. Program Faculty Eligibility: Tenured or tenure-track faculty members who teach on a recurring basis (e.g., at least one listed courses in the previous three years) in the interdisciplinary program are eligible to be program faculty. Tribal members who actively participate in program instruction as experts (e.g., formal participation in at least one listed courses in the previous three years) are eligible to be program faculty.

9.1.4.2. Affiliate Faculty: Any other faculty who wish to request membership on the basis of the American Indian Studies scholarship, instruction or service activities and interest relating to the program. Also included are other experts from tribal communities.

9.1.4.3. American Indian Studies Advisory Committee oversees the American Indian Studies Program.

The committee consists of:

The Program Director who is a voting member.

Four faculty members who are nominated by the program faculty and appointed by the dean and are voting members.

Two members of the affiliate faculty who are appointed by the program faculty serve as non-voting members.

The Program Director(s) serves as the dean's designee; the dean or associate dean will attend when needed for consultation on specific initiatives.

Other special appointments may be made to the advisory committee at the approval of the program faculty (e.g., members of local tribal communities).

Members will serve three year staggered terms

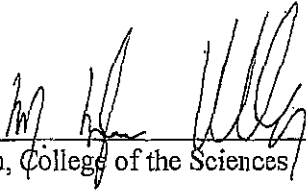
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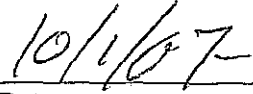
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