

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES, A.A.

An Associate of Arts (AA) degree in American Indian Studies prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges offering a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in American Indian Studies or related fields. The major requirement for an AA in American Indian Studies may be met by completing the pattern described below plus all MSJC General Education Option A requirements.

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Program Map Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find a career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended sequence of courses that lead to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

General Education Option A

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
ANTH-102	Cultural Anthropology	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
DAN-100 or MUS-109	History and Appreciation of Dance or World Music	3
MATH-140 or PSYC-121	Introduction to Statistics or Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		Units
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
ANTH-105	North American Indians (formerly ANTH-103A)	3
ENGL-103 or PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Writing or Critical Thinking and Composition	3
ART-101 or ART-104	Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art or World Art	3
Units		16
Fall Semester 2		Units
LIT-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3

ANTH-107 or ANTH-121	Indigenous People of Latin America (formerly ANTH-103D Latin American Cultures) or California Indians	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	
FREN-101	Elementary French I	
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI-102	Contemporary Social Problems	
ENVS-100	Humans and Scientific Inquiry	
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	

Units 16

Spring Semester 2

Select one of the following:		3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ANTH-145	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-102	Elementary Spanish II	
FREN-102	Elementary French II	
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	
GEOL-100 or ENVS-101	Physical Geology or Environmental Science	3-4
Units		13-14
Total Units		61-62

Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to follow MSJC's General Education, Option A and complete all general education areas, all major requirements, and complete an overall total of 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
MSJC General Education Option A (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/)		24
Required American Indian Studies Courses		12
American Indian Studies Electives		6
Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)		

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ANTH-101 or ANTH-101H	Physical Anthropology Honors Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH-102 or ANTH-102H	Cultural Anthropology Honors Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH-105	North American Indians (formerly ANTH-103A)	3
LIT-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3

or LIT-240H Honors American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240H)

Elective Courses

Select 6 units of the following: 6

ANTH-107	Indigenous People of Latin America (formerly ANTH-103D Latin American Cultures)
ANTH/HIST-121	California Indians
ANTH-125	Magic, Witchcraft and Religion
ANTH-145	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)
or ANTH-145H	Honors Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)
COMM-108	Intercultural Communication
or COMM-108H	Honors Intercultural Communication
HIST-150	Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History (formerly Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History)
or HIST-150H	Honors Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History (formerly Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History)
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America
or PS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America
SOCI-106	Intercultural Relations

Total Units 18

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a Career Quiz (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available in-demand jobs (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the MSJC Program (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.