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From the territories of the Ramaytush Ohlone
and Coastal Miwok.

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B.A. Program

American Indian Studies (B.A.) - 39 Units total.

Core Courses (21 Units)

- Introduction to American Indian Studies
- American Indian History in the United States
- American Indians and U.S. Laws
- Research Methodologies
- Community Service Learning
- Senior Seminar
- Writing in Ethnic Studies

Elective Courses (18 Units)

- Introduction to Pacific Islander Studies
- Survey of Native California
- American Indian Oral Literature
- American Indian Religion and Philosophy
- American Indian Music
- American Indian Art
- American Indian Education
- Perspectives of Native California Indians
- Native Sexualities and Queer Discourse
- American Indian Science
- American Indian Ethnicity: Problems in Identity
- Before the Wilderness: American Indian Ecology
- Modern Creative and Performing Arts
- American Indians: Image and Issues in the Mass Media
- American Indian Law
- Black Indians in the Americas
- Native Genders and Feminism
- Pacific Islanders in Film
- Power and Politics in American Indian History
- American Indians in Contemporary U.S. History

Minor Program: Minor in American Indian Studies with 21 units of core and elective courses.

For more information: <https://sfsuais.sfsu.edu>

Alumni Spotlight: Theresa Rocha Beardall (Oneida/Sault Ste. Marie/Mexican) earned a B.A. in Latina/o Studies and American Indian Studies (2005) and is now an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. She holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University and a J.D. from the University of Illinois. Her research explores the impacts of labor law and community activism on law enforcement practices and the evolving legal definition of tribal sovereignty. Theresa is also a partner and mother of two, actively involved in hiking, biking, and supporting students at campus events, while frequently visiting her family in California.



Alumni Spotlight: Cassandra Marie Freeman (Spirit Lake Sioux) earned a B.A. in American Indian Studies (2012) and co-founded Anatolian Farms in Southwest Colorado, specializing in organic hemp and vegetables. After graduation, she taught Native American Studies at CU Boulder (2012-2015) and completed a Native American Science Internship with the Denver Museum (2014-2016). Freeman aims to reclaim ancestral land through farming and hopes to offer educational workshops to Native youth on plant knowledge and health issues, reflecting her commitment to community and environmental stewardship.



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