

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 career or transfer opportunities. Program maps show the recommended course sequence that leads 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.

MSJC General Education Option A

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
ANTH-102	Cultural Anthropology	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
Units		16

Spring Semester 1		Units
MATH-140 or PSYC-121	Introduction to Statistics ¹ or Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
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		15

Fall Semester 2		Units
LIT/ETHS-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3
DAN-100 or MUS-109	History and Appreciation of Dance or World Music	3
Select one of the following:		3

ANTH-107	Indigenous People of Latin America (formerly ANTH-103D Latin American Cultures)	
ANTH/HIST-121	Indigenous Peoples of California	
SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I	4
SOCI-102 or ENVS-100 or PSYC-101	Contemporary Social Problems or Humans and Scientific Inquiry or Introduction to Psychology	3
Units		16

Spring Semester 2		Units
Select one of the following:		3
PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
HIST/ETHS-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT/ETHS-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
ETHS-280/280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
ANTH-145	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)	3
SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101	Elementary Spanish II or Elementary French II or American Sign Language II	4
GEOL-100 or ENVS-101	Physical Geology or Environmental Science	3-4
Units		13-14
Total Units		60-61

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Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to complete MSJC's local General Education, Option A, by fulfilling all general education areas. In addition, students must complete 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)		

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Required Courses		
ANTH-101 or ANTH-101H	Biological Anthropology Honors Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH-102 or ANTH-102H	Cultural Anthropology Honors Cultural Anthropology	3

ANTH-105	North American Indians (formerly ANTH-103A)	3
LIT/ETHS-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3
or LIT/ETHS-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	Indigenous Peoples of California	
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	
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.