“The past fifteen weeks have expanded my knowledge of the Native American community, and class lectures and readings have become discussions with my siblings and friends outside class.” Comment from a student in the Introduction to Native American Studies class (NTAS 101).

Gonzaga University invites you discover how Native American Studies reflects its commitment to Social Justice and also to intercultural diversity on campus.

Enroll in NTAS 101 and start building toward a minor which is intellectually stimulating and culturally rewarding. Become a leader for Native American Studies at Gonzaga—you can start today!
What Is Native American Studies and How Does It Complement My Career Goals?

Gonzaga offers a 21-credit interdisciplinary minor in Native American Studies and when you enroll in courses for the minor, you will develop:

- An informed comprehension of Native American histories and distinct Native American experiences
- Insightful consideration of varied Native American social, cultural, and political perspectives, including contemporary community priorities related to cultural preservation, environmental conservation, and economic development
- A deeper understanding of ancestral and contemporary Native American communities here on the Columbia Plateau and Gonzaga’s intellectual and spiritual connection to this homeland

Native American Studies at Gonzaga is built upon the study of Native American sovereignty—the inherent right of tribes to self-govern and to advance cultural and political priorities in accordance with tribal values. Native Americans and Native communities share many common historical values and contemporary priorities, but there is no single ‘Native American perspective.’

“I think the most important thing I’ve learned this semester is that the Native Americans are not who everyone thinks they are, and they are so much more than the stories on TV. They are still alive and fighting for their rights for self-government, identity, culture, and homeland.”

Student comment from Introduction to Native American Studies (NTAS 101).

There are more than 570 federally recognized tribes in the United States. Twenty-nine of these tribes are in Washington State, and five tribes are within a two-hour drive of Gonzaga.

Tribes need these professionals and many more:
- Cultural Preservation Officers
- Museum Specialists
- Archivists
- Historians
- Accountants
- Financial Managers
- Investment Bankers
- Regulatory Specialists
- Healthcare Providers
- Healthcare Administrators
- Youth and Elder Care Specialists
- Environmental Scientists
- Biologists
- Water Quality Experts
- Natural Resource Managers

How might I use a Native American Studies minor? What kinds of employers will be interested in a Native American Studies minor?

Tribes are vibrant political, economic, and social entities. They need partners who understand tribal priorities. Your Native American Studies minor identifies you as just such a partner.