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FORM TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO AN EXISTING UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

A request for substantial changes to an existing program requires approval from the school director/department head (managing administrator), college academic dean, Curricular Affairs, Undergraduate Council (UGC), and College Academic Administrators Council (CAAC). Additional approvals may be required, depending on the requested changes. Complete this form and submit to [Office of Curricular Affairs](#) no later than October 23, 2020 to be considered for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Academic Catalog.

I. **Requested by (College & School/Department):**

   Department of American Indian Studies, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

II. **Proposer's name, title, email and phone number:**

   Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert

   Professor and Head of American Indian Studies

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III. **Degree, major and number of students enrolled in the major. If you have emphases (sub-plans), list the number of students enrolled by emphasis:**

   Bachelor of Arts Degree, American Indian Studies Major, 19 students currently enrolled in the major. There is no emphasis for this major.

IV. **Describe proposed changes to the major. Provide a rationale and explanation for making changes to the major and include any relevant supporting data. Are the changes proposed a result of Annual Program Review (APR) and/or a result from the assessment of programmatic outcomes? If you are requesting a name change, please indicate if the subject code (course prefix) will also change. Include requested new prefix code and description.**

   The goal for the proposed changes is to make the AIS major more accessible, less burdensome, and more attractive to students; all while maintaining its academic rigor and intellectual integrity. In the present model, students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in AIS are required to take courses from four core concentrations (Literature, Law and Policy, Societies & Cultures, and Natural Resources). Students are also required to take courses from three separate AIS Cores, a broad list of electives, and one AIS writing emphasis course. In total, students majoring in AIS must complete 36 units; 18 of which at the Upper Division level. To simplify and streamline our major requirements, AIS is proposing the following: (1). Keep AIS Core I requirements the same (students will be required to take AIS 200 and AIS 220, both courses regularly offered during the academic year), (2). Eliminate the requirement for students to take AIS 493 – Internship (the only requirement in AIS Core II). This requirement has proven to be a serious roadblock for our students to complete their degrees, and the department no longer has office support or the necessary funds to run the internship program. While internships can be extremely valuable, many AIS students may not always have the time or money to devote to a (likely unpaid) internship. Many students may need to be working while in school to afford the cost of tuition and pay bills, and thus this requirement can reinforce existing inequities, (3). Eliminate the requirement for students to take AIS 448 – Research Methods. With the small number of AIS majors, it can be very difficult to offer and fill this course even just once per year. (4). Eliminate the requirement for students to take courses from each of the AIS Core Concentrations, and instead (4). Revise Core II requirements to only consist of 18 units from a comprehensive list of approved AIS department courses, (5). Eliminate the requirement for students to complete a designated AIS Writing Emphasis Course. Maintain the requirement for students to fulfill a Mid-Career Writing Assessment (MCWA) by either completing ENGL 102 with a "B" or better, or earn a "B" or better in an approved AIS writing emphasis course, (6). Allow students to fulfill the AIS Elective requirement (12 units) by taking either AIS department courses *or* courses that are cross-listed with AIS. Finally, making the above changes will not

only make the AIS major less burdensome and more flexible for students, the revisions will align AIS major requirements with our peer departments in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, namely the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies and the School of Sociology.

V. **Comparison Chart**–complete the chart below using your existing [academic advisement report](). You may not need to complete all portions. Highlight row(s) indicating the proposed significant changes. You can find course information to help complete the chart below by using the [UA course catalog]() or [UAnalytics]() (Catalog and Schedule Dashboard> "Printable Course Descriptions by Department" On Demand Report; right side of screen). Proposed changes resulting in similar curriculum with other plans (within department, college, or university) may require completion of an additional comparison chart.

	Existing Major Requirements	Requirements For Modified Major
Major, emphasis (if applicable) and degree *	American Indian Studies, BA	American Indian Studies, BA
CIP Code –lookup [here]() or contact [the Office of Curricular Affairs]() for assistance, if needed	05.0202	05.0202
Total units required to complete the degree*	120	120
Upper -division units required to complete the degree	*42*	42
Total CC transfer units that may apply to this degree*	*64*	64
Foundation courses		
Math	GE General Math Strand	GE General Math Strand
Second Language	Fourth Semester Proficiency	Fourth Semester Proficiency
General Education		
Tier I GE Requirements (150, 160, 170)	2- Tier 1 150 (INDV) 2- Tier 1 160 (TRAD) 2- Tier 1 170 (NATS)	2- Tier 1 150 (INDV) 2- Tier 1 160 (TRAD) 2- Tier 1 170 (NATS)
Tier II GE Requirements (Arts, HUMS, INDV, NATS)	3 units -Tier II Arts Option 1: 1-Tier II Humanities OR Option 2: 1- Tier II Individuals and Societies 1-Tier II Natural Sciences	3 units -Tier II Arts Option 1: 1-Tier II Humanities OR Option 2: 1- Tier II Individuals and Societies 1-Tier II Natural Sciences
Pre-major? (Yes/No)	No	No
List any special requirements to declare or gain admission to this major (completion of specific coursework, minimum GPA, interview, application, etc.)	None	None

Minimum # of units required in the major (units counting towards major units and major GPA)	36	36
Minimum # of upper-division units required in the major (upper division units counting towards major GPA)	18	18
Minimum # of residency units to be completed in the major	18	18
Required supporting coursework (courses that do not count towards major units and major GPA, but are required for the major). Courses listed must include prefix, number, units, and title. Include any limits/restrictions in place/needed (house number limit, etc.). Provide email(s)/letter(s) of support from home department head(s) for courses not owned by your department.	None	None
Major requirements. List all major requirements including core and electives. If applicable, list the emphasis^ requirements. Courses listed count towards major units and major GPA. Courses listed must include prefix, number, units, and title. Mark new coursework (New). Include any limits/restrictions in place/needed (house number limit, etc.). Provide email(s)/letter(s) of support from home department head(s) for courses being added and are not owned by your department. Recommend ordering requirements in the same order as your advisement report.	**1. CORE I (Complete 2 Courses)** - AIS 200 (3) Intro to American Indian Studies - AIS 220 (3) Contemporary Indian America **2. CORE II (Complete 1 Course)** - AIS 448 (3) Social Research with Indian Communities **3. CORE III (Complete 1 Course)** - AIS 493 (3) Internship **4. LITERATURE (Choose 1)** - AIS 278 (3) American Indian Literature - AIS 344 (3) Native Americans in Film - AIS 452A (3) Mixed Media Stories: Stories in Text & Film - AIS 477 (3) Studies of Native American Literature **5. LAW AND POLICY (Choose 1)** - AIS 415 (3) American Indians and the Urban Experience - AIS 434 (3) Tribal Government	**1. CORE I (Complete 2 Courses)** - AIS 200 (3) Intro to American Indian Studies - AIS 220 (3) Contemporary Indian America **2. CORE II Complete approved AIS department courses. (Complete 18 units)** - AIS 225 (3) Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship - AIS 295A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 336 (3) History and Philosophy of the Dine People - AIS 344 (3) Native Americans in Film - AIS 348A (3) Educating Native Americans: History and Contemporary Perspective - AIS 392 (3) Directed Research - AIS 393 (3) Internship - AIS 393H (3) Honor's Internship - AIS 395A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 396H (3) Honors Proseminar

	- AIS 485 (3) American Indian Gaming **6. SOCIETY AND CULTURES (Choose 1)** - AIS 336 (3) History and Philosophy of the Dine People - AIS 426A (3) Principles of Indigenous Economics - AIS 450 (3) American Indian Women **7. NATURAL RESOURCES (Choose 1)** - AIS 403 (3) Globalization and Indigenous People - AIS 431A (3) Traditional Ecological Knowledge - AIS 441A (3) Natural Resource Management in Native Communities **8. ELECTIVES (Complete 12 units)** - AIS 225 (3) Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship - AIS 295A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 336 (3) History and Philosophy of the Dine People - AIS 344 (3) Native Americans in Film - AIS 348A (3) Educating Native Americans: History and Contemporary Perspective - AIS 392 (3) Directed Research - AIS 393 (3) Internship - AIS 393H (3) Honor's Internship - AIS 395A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 396H (3) Honors Proseminar - AIS 399 (3) Independent Study	- AIS 399 (3) Independent Study - AIS 399H (3) Honors Independent Study - AIS 403 (3) Globalization and Indigenous People - AIS 415 (3) American Indians and the Urban Experience - AIS 426A (3) Principles of Indigenous Economics - AIS 431A (3) Traditional Ecological Knowledge - AIS 434 (3) Tribal Government - AIS 437A (3) Nation-Building: Issues of Leadership, Institution-Building, Governance, and Culture - AIS 441A (3) Natural Resource Management in Native Communities - AIS 448 (3) Social Research with Indian Communities - AIS 450 (3) American Indian Women - AIS 452A (3) Mixed Media Stories: Stories in Text & Film - AIS 465 (3) Tribal Colleges and Universities - AIS 480 (3) Native American Warfare - AIS 485 (3) American Indian Gaming - AIS 490 (3) Indian Religions and Spirituality - AIS 492 (3) Directed Research - AIS 493 (3) Internship - AIS 495A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 498 (3) Senor Capstone - AIS 498H (3) Honor's Thesis - AIS 499 (3) Independent Study

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	- AIS 499 (3) Independent Study - AIS 499H (3) Honors Independent Study - AIS/LING 204A (3) Intermediate Navajo (3rd semester) - AIS/LING 204B (3) Intermediate Navajo (4th semester) - AIS/LING 210 (3) American Indian Languages - AIS/RELI 212 (3) Introduction to American Indian Religious Traditions - AIS/ENGL 278 (3) American Indian Literature - AIS/ENGL 279 (3) Oral Tradition - AIS/ANTH 346 (3) Clovis to Coronado: Archaeology of the Southwest - AIS/ANTH 347 (3) Native Peoples of the Southwest - LAS/POL 356 (3) Indigenous Resistance in Latin America - LING 399 (3) Intermediate O'Odham (3rd semester) - LING 499 (3) Intermediate O'Odham (4th semester) - AIS/MAS 405 (3) Traditional Indian Medicine: Health, Healing and Well-being - AIS/ANTH 413 (3) Ethnology of the Southwest - AIS/ANTH 418 (3) Southwest Land and Society - AIS/ANTH 421 (3) Ethnology of North America - AIS/ANTH 423 (3) Anthropology of Rural Mexico - AIS/ENGL 424 (3) Studies in Southwest Literature	- AIS 441A (3) Natural Resource Management in Native Communities - AIS 448 (3) Social Research with Indian Communities - AIS 450 (3) American Indian Women - AIS 452A (3) Mixed Media Stories: Stories in Text & Film - AIS 465 (3) Tribal Colleges and Universities - AIS 480 (3) Native American Warfare - AIS 485 (3) American Indian Gaming - AIS 490 (3) Indian Religions and Spirituality - AIS 492 (3) Directed Research - AIS 493 (3) Internship - AIS 495A (3) American Indian Studies - AIS 498 (3) Senor Capstone - AIS 498H (3) Honor's Thesis - AIS 499 (3) Independent Study - AIS 499H (3) Honors Independent Study - AIS/LING 204A (3) Intermediate Navajo (3rd semester) - AIS/LING 204B (3) Intermediate Navajo (4th semester) - AIS/LING 210 (3) American Indian Languages - AIS/RELI 212 (3) Introduction to American Indian Religious Traditions - AIS/ENGL 278 (3) American Indian Literature - AIS/ENGL 279 (3) Oral Tradition

	- AIS/LING 427 (3) Linguistics for Native American Communities - AIS/MAS 435 (3) Mexican Traditional Medicine: An Overview of Indigenous Curing Cultures - AIS/SOC 437 (3) Health of Indigenous Populations - AIS/LING 445A (3) Structure of Non-Western Language - AIS/ENGL 449 (3) Folklore - AIS/LAW 450A (3) Native American Law and Policy - AIS/ENGL 477 (3) Studies of Native American Literature **9. WRITING EMPHASIS COURSE (Complete 1 course)** - AIS 413 (3) Ethnology of the Southwest - AIS 426A (3) Principles of Indigenous Economics - AIS 448 (3) Social Research with Indian Communities - AIS 452A (3) Mixed Media Stories: Stories in Text & Film - AIS 498H (3) Honor's Thesis	- AIS/ANTH 346 (3) Clovis to Coronado: Archaeology of the Southwest - AIS/ANTH 347 (3) Native Peoples of the Southwest - LAS/POL 356 (3) Indigenous Resistance in Latin America - LING 399 (3) Intermediate O'Odham (3rd semester) - LING 499 (3) Intermediate O'Odham (4th semester) - AIS/MAS 405 (3) Traditional Indian Medicine: Health, Healing and Well-being - AIS/ANTH 413 (3) Ethnology of the Southwest - AIS/ANTH 418 (3) Southwest Land and Society - AIS/ANTH 421 (3) Ethnology of North America - AIS/ANTH 423 (3) Anthropology of Rural Mexico - AIS/ENGL 424 (3) Studies in Southwest Literature - AIS/LING 427 (3) Linguistics for Native American Communities - AIS/MAS 435 (3) Mexican Traditional Medicine: An Overview of Indigenous Curing Cultures - AIS/SOC 437 (3) Health of Indigenous Populations - AIS/LING 445A (3) Structure of Non-Western Language - AIS/ENGL 449 (3) Folklore - AIS/LAW 450A (3) Native American Law and Policy - AIS/ENGL 477 (3) Studies of Native American Literature

Internship, practicum, applied course requirements. (Yes/No). If yes, provide description.	Yes. AIS 493 (3) Internship Course required students to complete an internship with a Native organization related to the American Indian Studies Major	No
Senior thesis or senior project required (Yes/No). If yes, provide description.	No	No
Additional requirements (provide description)	Mid Career Writing Assessment (MCWA) – Complete 2nd semester English Composition with a grade of B or higher. Students who do not earn a grade of B or higher in 2nd semester of English Composition must also satisfy a college or department writing requirement. Consult your major academic advisor if you do not earn a grade of B or higher in 2nd semester English Composition.	Mid Career Writing Assessment (MCWA) – Complete 2nd semester English Composition with a grade of B or higher. Students who do not earn a grade of B or higher in 2nd semester of English Composition must also satisfy a college or department writing requirement. Consult your major academic advisor if you do not earn a grade of B or higher in 2nd semester English Composition.
Minor (optional or required)	Required	Required

*May require Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) approval

^Emphases are officially recognized sub-specializations within the discipline. ABOR Policy 2-221 c. Academic Degree Programs Subspecializations requires all undergraduate emphases within a major to share at least 40% curricular commonality across emphases (known as "major core"). Total units required for each emphasis must be equal.

VI. **Peer institution comparison-** describe how your modified major requirements are similar and different from major requirements of two peer institutions. Select peers from (in order of priority) ABOR approved institutions, AAU members, and/or other relevant institutions recognized in the field.

B.A. in Native American Studies, University of New Mexico (UNM) – The proposed changes to the AIS Major would be similar to UNM's NAS Major in two ways: (1). Both degree programs will require students to take 18 credits of AIS/NAS core courses, (2) Both degree programs will not have an internship requirement. However, internship are options in both degrees. UNM's degree major is different in that it requires students to complete 12 units from one of two specific concentrations (Leadership and Building Native Nations courses or Indigenous Learning Communities courses). The proposed AIS Major would not require students to choose a concentration.

UNM Native American Studies Major Information https://nas.unm.edu/undergraduate/major.html

B.A. in American Indian Studies, Arizona State University – The proposal is different than the AIS major at ASU in the following ways: The AIS Major at ASU requires students to complete 18 hours of courses from two major concentrations. The UA AIS degree does not have any concentrations. The AIS major at UA gives students more flexibility and allows students to take 18 units from a comprehensive list of AIS department courses. The proposal is similar to ASU in that both majors will offer greater flexibility than the current UA AIS degree with regard to course choices. In addition, both ASU and the UA proposal will not require an internship or research methods components.

VII. **Faculty impact**– indicate if new faculty hires will be required to deliver the proposed modified/new curriculum.

No new faculty hires will be required to deliver the modified AIS major requirements.

VIII. **Budgetary impact**– indicate new resources needed and source of funding to implement the proposed changes. If reallocating resources, indicate where resources will be taken from and the impact this will have on students/faculty/program/unit.

The proposed changes to the AIS Major will not have an impact on the AIS budget or the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences budget.

IX. Required signatures

Managing unit administrator (print name and title): <u>Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert, Professor and Head of American Indian Studies</u>

Managing administrator's signature: _____ Date: __January 13, 2021__

Managing unit administrator (print name and title): _____

Managing administrator's signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean (print name): _____Amy C. Kimme Hea_____

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _01-14-2021_

Dean (print name): _____

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____

<u>Note</u>: In some situations, signatures of more than one unit head and/or college dean may be required.

For use by Curricular Affairs:

Committee	Approval date
Academic Programs Subcommittee	
Undergraduate Council	
College Academic Administrators Council	
Arizona Board of Regents (if applicable)	

☐ Notify proposers of approval

☐ Upload proposal documents to relevant UAccess tables

☐ Notify ADVIP team and proposers

If ABOR approval required :

☐ If applicable, create approval memo

☐ Send memo to college/dept and acad org listserv.

☐ If applicable, create new plan code (secondary too)

☐ If applicable, update emphases

☐ If applicable, add last admit term to prior plan code(s)

☐ Upload proposal docs to relevant UAccess table values

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