

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

MASTER OF ARTS



NATIVE
AMERICAN
STUDIES

Focus: Indigenous Leadership, Self-Determination, and Sustainable Community Building

The M.A. in NAS is providing present and future leaders of Native Nations, communities, and organizations with relevant leadership, research, and training in community building, policy development, and education that meets the highest academic and professional standards while reflecting the needs, circumstances, goals, and concerns of those communities and peoples. Students will learn to be researchers, critical thinkers, effective communicators, nations builders, and change agents of Native communities, organizations, and nations.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF NATIVE NATIONS

- Sustain distinctive cultural legacies
- Maintain political autonomy
- Strengthen Indigenous communities economically and socially

STUDENT SUPPORT

- NAS has 6 Native American faculty; over 30 NA faculty total at UNM
- Mentorship and faculty advisement who will assist with degree plans and career development
- Partnerships with campus entities including American Indian Student Services, Indigenous Nations Library Program, and others
- Learning and networking with tribal, state, federal institutions, organizations, and community programs
- UNM scholarships

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REQUIRED M.A. CORE COURSES - 18 CREDITS:

NATV 550	3	Indigenous Nations & Sustainable Communities Seminar
NATV 555	3	Native American Policy & Community Building
NATV 560	3	Research Method & Practice in Indigenous Scholarship
NATV 570	3	Indigenous Thought & Ethics
NATV 590	6	Project of Excellence

SELECT 12 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING FOCUS COURSES:

NATV 423	3	Self-Determination & Indigenous Human Rights
NATV 445	3	Politics of Identity
NATV 502	3	Education, Power, & Indigenous Communities
NATV 522	3	Indigenous Community Approaches in Restorative Justice
NATV 524	3	Principles of Leadership in Indigenous Contexts
NATV 530	3	Gender & Indigenous Leadership
NATV 535	3	Issues in Contemporary Native Leadership
NATV 540	3	Indigenous Economics, Sustainability, and Environmental Protection

HOW TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- B.A./B.S. degree in NAS, HIST, ANTH, AMST, EDUC, SOC, or any interdisciplinary related program
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent in the last 2 undergraduate years in major field

APPLY ONLINE AND UPLOAD: GRAD.UNM.EDU

- Submit UNM Graduate Admission Application and pay fee online
- Mail Official Transcripts of all post-secondary academic coursework
- Letter of Intent (3-5 pages) that addresses educational goals, professional plans, interest in the MA degree program, and background in NAS or Indigenous communities
- Writing Sample (10-15 pages) of original work that is academic, technical, professional or artistic in nature (i.e. research paper, article, thesis, film, manuscript, reports, briefings)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (academic letters are strongly encouraged)
- Resume or CV



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