

Native American and World Indigenous Peoples Studies



Native American and World Indigenous Peoples Studies (NAWIPS) encompass interdisciplinary undergraduate programs on the Olympia campus.

- The on-campus, 1-3 quarter programs (courses) apply indigenous perspectives to Native Studies and examine the effects of European/American social values and structures on Native history and contemporary life.
- NAWIPS curriculum focuses on the vitality and diversity of Native nations, and respects the value of indigenous knowledge.
- It examines the global effects of colonialism, the unique treaty relationships between tribal nations and settler governments, political decolonization and cultural revitalization in the contemporary era, and the responsibilities of non-Native neighbors and allies in this process.
- NAWIPS programs focus on the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest, the Americas and the world.

