

GLOBAL INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, CERTIFICATE

If you want to understand Indigenous issues in global context, this certificate is for you.

In the 21st century, understanding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) is crucial for developing globalized competence. This certificate helps students address global responsibilities, responds to the current climate in the US, and expands the offerings to students for more BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) programming at the college.

This certificate includes courses that represent tribal and indigenous perspectives from Africa, the Americas, and across the globe. At only 16 credits, the Global Indigenous Knowledge (GIK) certificate addresses many DEI concerns that you can apply to a wide range of interests and draw on in many careers, from the environment to business, human services, politics, and more.

How you will learn

The GIK offers a variety of formats, including online, blended, and residency models; themes include Environmental Sustainability, Spirituality, Oral Histories, Social Justice, Art and Culture as well as native-focused issues and solutions.

Learn More

To learn more about how to incorporate the GIK Certificate into your degree program, please talk with your mentor and/or contact the Coordinator of Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies, Cindy Conaway (cindy.conaway@esc.edu).

Requirements

To meet the needs of multiple communities in national and international contexts, the certificate is adaptable to diverse Indigenous peoples from around the world. Students will take the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
INDG 2005	Introduction to Global Indigenous Knowledge & Thought	4
INDG 3010	Contextualizing Indigenous Peoples: A Global Perspective	4
INDG 3025	Writing the Indigenous Knowledge PLA (Approved Elective on Indigenous Peoples)	2

- Introduction to Indigenous Knowledge and Thought.
- Contextualizing Indigenous Peoples: A Global Perspective OR Contemporary Issues, Resilience, and Transformation in Indigenous Knowledge.
- Approved Elective on Indigenous Peoples OR Writing the Indigenous Knowledge PLA (to replace Approved Elective course).
- Applied Experience.

Electives include:

Code	Title	Credits
INDG 2010	Introduction to Native American Studies	4
HIST 2015	Native American Histories & Cultures: Introduction	4
INDG 3015	First Peoples of North America	4

INDG 3005	Anishinaabe Studies: History Culture & the Environment	4
INDG 3020	Living History: Little Bighorn from a Cheyenne Perspective	4
LITR 3080	Native American Literature	4
ARTS 3080	Arts of Native North America	4
HIST 3335	Mesoamerican Art & History Aztec & Maya Civilizations	4
HIST 3435	Southeastern Native History & Culture	4
INDG 4010	Native American Plants: Decolonizing Indigenous Knowledge	4
INDG 4015	Native American Women's Studies	4
INDG 4025	Roots & Routes of African Diaspora Resistance	4
INMS 4025	Topics in Interdisciplinary & Multidisciplinary Studies (Endangered Languages)	4
ARTS 4040	Indigenous Knowledge in Art	4

The Global Indigenous Knowledge certificate learning outcomes support the Empire State College mission to serve adult learners and provide them with educational skills to advance, re-tool, and expand their educational, personal, and professional futures through ability to:

- Articulate Global Indigenous Knowledge(s) gained from coursework in order to apply this new knowledge to develop indigenous-focused cultural competencies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Global Indigenous Knowledge(s), philosophies, and world views.
- Synthesize Global Indigenous Knowledge in order to apply it to Indigenous-related theoretical and methodological foundations affecting the spread of said knowledge.
- Develop cultural awareness for professionals working with communities, organizations, or programs with Indigenous participants.