

Appendix B

Example Plans of Areas of Specialization

The following are *examples* of Area of Specialization plans previously designed for the needs of individual students. These do not represent any specifically required courses of study, but are intended to serve as *models* for your own planning purposes in consultation with your Faculty Advisor and Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC). Please consult the GINSP office, your advisor, and other GINSP faculty members for up-to-date information about appropriate courses that will be offered in the semesters during which you will be enrolled. Please note that many courses are not offered every semester, or even every year, and that many non-GINSP graduate courses require the permission of the instructor to enroll.

1. *Tribal Policy and Governance*

This Area of Specialization prepares students for the practical challenges associated with exercising Indigenous self-determination and inherent sovereignty. For Indigenous nations, survival depends on the revitalization of all aspects of Indigenous life, such as culture, economics, government, and legal affairs. The curriculum provides the foundation necessary to implement sovereignty development initiatives by using a dual focus: (1) study of the law, politics, and economics affecting Indigenous nations and surrounding states and (2) study of broader societal phenomena.

Required GINSP Core Courses

GINSP 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Studies
GINSP 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINSP 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World

Area of Specialization Electives (chosen in consultation with FAC)

GINSP 804	Tribal-Federal Relationship: Law and Policy
GINSP 824	Federal Indian Law
GINSP 876	Comparative Law

Suggested Additional Electives

GINSP 804	Indian Gaming
GINSP 811	Applied Indigenous Leadership
GINSP 812	Native American Oppression, Resistance, and Liberation

Thesis/Non-Thesis Credit

GINSP 898 or 899	M.A. Thesis or Non-Thesis
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2. *Environmental Science and Resources Management*

Indigenous autonomy over lands and natural resources is a major component of tribal sovereignty. This Area of Specialization examines traditional approaches and perspectives as it relates to the management of Indigenous ecosystems. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills to analyze, understand, and provide solutions to modern environmental issues including ecological distress, conservation, and resource management.

Required GINSP Core Courses

GINS 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Studies
GINS 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINS 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World

Area of Specialization Electives (chosen in consultation with FAC)

GINS 873	Natural Resource Mgmt: Indigenous Perspective
BIOL 630	Conservation and Wildlife Ecology
EVRN 615	Environmental Impact Assessment

General Electives

GINS 874	Environmental Justice
GINS 882	Native American Natural Resources
GINS 875	Native and Western Views of Nature

Thesis/Non-Thesis Credit

GINS 898 or 899	M.A. Thesis or Non-Thesis Credit.
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3. *Language Documentation and Revitalization*

The documentation and revitalization of Indigenous languages is an important focus of language maintenance. This Area of Specialization focuses on creating language resources for pedagogy, archiving, and research. Courses assist student to develop skills in basic training in language structure, writing systems, recording, and data management; developing grammars and teaching materials for communities; and using these research techniques beyond the MA.

Required GINSP Core Courses

GINS 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Studies
GINS 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINS 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World

Area of Specialization Electives (chosen in consultation with FAC)

LING/GINS 60__	Intro to Linguistics for Applied Purposes* (or)
LING 702	Intro to Linguistics
ANTH/LING 810	Language Endangerment and Revitalization
ANTH/LING 740	Linguistic Fieldwork

General Electives

GINS/LING 7__	Pedagogical Materials Development *
ANTH/LING/GINS 7__	Topics in Language Documentation and Revitalization*
ANTH/LING 730	Topics in Anthropology: Linguistic Typology

Internship

GINS 807

Thesis/Non-Thesis Credit

GINS 898 or 899 M.A. Thesis or Non-Thesis

* Indicates proposed courses

4. *Indigenous Peoples' Health and Healing Studies*

The health and well being of Indigenous Peoples is central to successful decolonization and nation building. This specialization focuses on the social, economic, environmental, political, and personal circumstances that affect the health and well being of Indigenous Peoples. The curriculum is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and ethics necessary to analyze, understand, and address the health and healing needs of Indigenous Peoples.

Required GINSP Core Courses

GINS 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Studies
GINS 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINS 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World

Area of Specialization Electives (chosen in consultation with FAC)

PRVM 800	Principles of Epidemiology
HSES 649	Environmental Health
GINS 804	Indigenous Peoples Health Status, Beliefs, and Behavior

Suggested Additional Electives

GINS 804	Traditional Foods and Agricultural Techniques
PRVM 816	International Health
PRVM 859	Community Nutrition

Internship

GINS 807 (3 hours)

Thesis/Non-Thesis Credit

GINS 898 or 899 M.A. Thesis or Non-Thesis

5. Indigenous Nations of Latin America

Indigenous People constitute significant proportions of the populations of many Latin American countries. (Over 60% of the citizens of Guatemala, for example, self-identify as Indigenous.) This interdisciplinary area of specialization will prepare students for research and employment requiring expertise in Latin America with an emphasis on issues of identity, sovereignty, and decolonization in multicultural societies. Competence in Spanish or Portuguese is helpful, but not required.

Required Core Courses

GINS 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINS 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World
GINS 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Study

Area of Specialization Electives (chosen in consultation with FAC)

ANTH 775	Anthropology of Contemporary Mesoamerica
GEOG 592	Middle American Geography
LAA 701	Interdisciplinary Seminar in Latin American Culture

Additional Electives

LAA 503	Race, Gender, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Latin America
ANTH 673	Neoliberalism and Globalization
GINS 802	Indigenous Decolonization and Empowerment

Thesis/Non-Thesis Credit

GINS 898 or 899	M.A. Thesis or Non-Thesis
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6. Cultural Preservation Management

This Area of Specialization trains professionals for positions in institutions responsible for collecting and caring for the material record of the natural and cultural world; for studying these collections to create new knowledge; and for sharing the results of these activities through exhibit and public educational procedures. As Indigenous nations continue their efforts at self-determination and decolonization, the need to provide for care of cultural patrimony arises.

For this area, each degree candidate must serve a supervised Internship in an approved museum or historical agency, full time for one semester or half time for two semesters, for six (6) total semester hours of credit.

Required Core Courses

GINS 804	Introduction to Indigenous Nations Graduate Studies
GINS 800	Research Methods and Indigenous Peoples
GINS 801	Indigenous Peoples of the World