The University of Western Sydney introduced an important learning dimension to its undergraduate degrees in 2011 – the *Indigenous Australian Studies Major*. This innovative new program being the first of its kind, has been designed to assist all students to develop a broader, more insightful understanding of Indigenous Australian cultures, histories and identities and how they have developed from the period of colonisation, up until the present day. This broadly based program delivers this collective knowledge in the context of our various areas of study, so that students can see the relevance and application of it in their chosen fields.

The units comprising this major are open to all UWS students who have open electives available.

If you are enrolled in a degree, or thinking of enrolling in a degree with an open major availability, such as the *Bachelor of Arts* course, you can enrol in the *Indigenous Australian Studies Major*, which consists of eight of the nine units listed on the back of this flier.

Students may also undertake the *Indigenous Australian Studies Major* as a Sub-major. This involves choosing a few subjects from the program that have a specific focus. For example, you may wish to sub-major in Indigenous Australian Studies with a focus on Indigenous Economics or Indigenous Australian Creative Expressions. Alternatively, if students do not wish to major or sub-major in Indigenous Australian Studies, they can choose a few subjects from the program as electives.

The University of Western Sydney is the first university in Australia to introduce an institution-wide Indigenous Australian Graduate Attribute. This means that all UWS graduands will be better informed about the history of Indigenous Australia, possess the confidence to work more closely with Indigenous people and their communities and identify themselves as positive advocates for change.

So, when thinking about a degree program that will benefit you, consider the *Indigenous Australian Studies Major/Sub major*.

For more information, contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or study@uws.edu.au or consult your Course Advisor for further advice.
Major – Indigenous Australian Studies

UWS Unit Set Code: M1041.1

The unit set is available to new and continuing students.

Related Courses

1604.6 Bachelor of Arts
1604.7 Bachelor of Arts
1651.4 Bachelor of Arts (Pathways to Teaching Primary)
1652.4 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary)
1655.2 Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars)
1655.3 Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars)
4671.2 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery/Bachelor of Arts

The major is available to students in other UWS Courses.

Unit Set Structure

Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.
Students must complete the following level one unit:

101751.2 Contextualising Indigenous Australia

Choose seven of the following units including three Level 3 units:

Level 1 units:
101762.1 Who do you think you are? (Only offered to Indigenous students enrolled in the Community and Social Development Course.)
101878.1 Indigenous Landscapes

Level 2 units:
101752.1 Pigments of the Imagination
101753.2 Revaluing Indigenous Economics
101754.2 From Corroborees to Curtain Raisers
101755.1 From Ochre to Acrylics to New Technologies

Level 3 units:
101756.1 Bridging the Gap: Re-engaging Indigenous Learners
101757.1 The Making of the ‘Aborigines’
101758.1 Learning through Indigenous Australian Community Service
or
101759.1 Rethinking Research with Indigenous Australians: Independent Study Project

Sub-majors available:
SM1049.1 Indigenous Australian Studies
SM1050.1 Indigenous Economics
SM1051.1 Indigenous Australian Creative Expressions
SM1054.1 Indigenous Studies (Only for students enrolled in Badanami Center Courses.)