



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the American Indian Studies program at ASU. On our website, you will find detailed information on our academic programs, admissions information, course offerings, and our expert faculty and skilled staff.

As one of the leading programs in the nation, we are home to the *Wicazo Sa Review*, a leading academic journal in the field of American Indian Studies, and regularly host the annual conference for the national American Indian Studies Association. We have offered baccalaureate degrees since 2001 and master's degrees since 2012. The American Indian paradigm, the core of our program, is rooted in the concepts of sovereignty and indigenouslyness and grounded in the experiences of American Indian nations, peoples, communities, and organizations from American Indian perspectives. Our faculty imparts knowledge about American Indian experiences in historical and contemporary settings from American Indian perspectives.

At ASU, we are striving to make AIS not only important and relevant to Native nations, organizations, and peoples but also to society as a whole. We have truly created an "Indian-friendly" program within the broader ASU community. In a 2015 statement, President Michael Crow states that AIS is one of several "world-class" Indian programs at ASU. President Crow went on to say, "We are committed to providing access, retaining and graduating American Indian students in a climate that is welcoming and respectful of their languages and cultures. Foundational to these goals, we commit to creating an environment of success and possibility for American Indian students at ASU."

Our alumni have gone on to establish meaningful careers in public and private sectors while others have pursued law and graduate degrees. Under the "Why Study Here" link, you will see what several of our Alumni have to say about this matter. Stephen Roe Lewis graduated from Arizona State University in 2005 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in American Indian Studies, is now serving as the governor of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona. In a 2016 presentation at ASU, Governor Lewis acknowledged that AIS empowered him knowledge about an array of Indian issues vital to his position as the leader of an Indian nation.

Thank you for your interest in AIS. For more information about our master's and undergraduate programs of study please contact Jennica Fulwider, academic success specialist, at Jennica.Fulwider@asu.edu or 480-727-7056. I may be reached by phone at 480-727-0060 and email at Stephanie.J.Fitzgerald@asu.edu.