

**ATTACHMENT 2A-1
LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3**

NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2. Contact person/title: Sharon L. Gaber/ Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
3. Phone number/e-mail address: 479-575-5459/sgaber@uark.edu
4. Proposed effective date: Fall 2015
5. Title of degree program: Minor in Indigenous Studies
6. CIP Code: 05.0202
7. Degree Code:
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: Minor in Indigenous Studies
9. Reason for proposed action: To acknowledge students wishing to discover and employ Indigenous studies and methodologies with a minor that prepares them for careers or graduate study; to promote campus diversity, minority recruitment, and understanding of cultural difference.
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective: To enable interdisciplinary study of Indigenous peoples and training in the many approaches to problems, issues, and questions that define the field.
11. Provide the following:
 - a. List of required courses: Please see #16 below.
 - b. New course descriptions: N/A
 - c. Program goals and objectives: To allow interdisciplinary study of Indigenous peoples and training in the many approaches to problems, issues, and questions that define the field; to serve students wishing to pursue and employ Indigenous studies and methodologies with a minor that prepares them for careers or graduate study; to promote campus diversity, minority recruitment, and understanding of cultural difference.
 - d. Expected student learning outcomes: Students understand and employ the many approaches to studying Indigenous peoples in interdisciplinary and comparative contexts. Students possess a supple knowledge of cultural difference in Arkansas and the globe.
12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery? No.
13. Mode of delivery to be used: traditional classroom
14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used: N/A
15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery? N/A
16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses.

Students seeking the minor in Indigenous Studies must complete 3 courses, one from each of the three core groups: Culture, History, and Literature, as categorized under the headings below. Students then complete an additional 2 elective courses from the list below, for a total of 5 courses or 15 credit hours.

Other courses not listed below may serve the requirements, though only as approved by the Indigenous Studies program director. Only 6 credit hours can count toward requirements of other majors and minors.

Culture

ANTH 3203 American Indians Today
ANTH 3213 Indians of North America
ANTH 3263 Indians of Arkansas and the South
ANTH 3473 Native American Prehistory
ANTH 3533 Medical Anthropology
ANTH 4143 Ecological Anthropology

History

HIST 3263 History of the American Indian

Literature

COMM 3983 Special Topics: Native Americans in Film
ENGL 3553 Topics in Native American Literature*
ENGL 4553 Studies in Native American Literature*
WLLC 4043 New France Archives#
WLLC 4053 French Mississippi Archives#

*Topics and studies include over a dozen courses.

#Courses focus on early Indigenous and French encounters in the Canadian Quebec region and along the Lower Mississippi River Valley including the Arkansas area, respectively, combining ethnohistory and literary study of accounts found in original documents. Taught in English language.

17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

No additional resources will be required.

Board of Trustees Approval Date: