



SMOKE SIGNALS NEWSLETTER

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NASS Mission – Our mission is to assist Northern Arizona University in becoming the Nation's leading university serving Native American student through: **advocacy, holistic support services and community outreach**. As a department, we are available to assist students with a wide variety of services. NASS is located in the University Union, building 30 in Room 104. We share office space with the Multicultural Student Center (MSC) and Student Support Services (SSS) who both provide support to students from all backgrounds. If you have any questions, please come into our office, visit our website at <http://home.nau.edu/nass/> or call us at (928) 523-8086 or 1-877-523-8125 (outside Flagstaff). We look forward to meeting you!

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Applied Indigenous Studies Department

We are pleased you are visiting our site to learn more about our dynamic undergraduate program and minor offerings here at NAU.

NAU's Applied Indigenous Studies (AIS) major combines contemporary tribal management skills with respect for indigenous culture, knowledge, values and beliefs.



Students will combine classroom education and traditional tribal knowledge to work effectively within indigenous communities. The historical development of tribal self-determination and its impact on indigenous peoples provides the foundation for the AIS major.

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Office Hours

Monday	12:00PM-4:00PM
Tues - Wed	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Thursday	8:00AM-12:00PM
Friday	8:30AM - 4:30PM

WHAT IS APPLIED INDIGENOUS STUDIES?

Lets break down the words and build meaning from there.

"Indigenous" is used to designate the human populations originating in a particular land or region. The focus may be Native Americans, Native Canadians, Native Alaskans, Native Hawaiians, Maori, Aboriginal Australians, or other peoples native to a region.

"Applied" indicates our program looks toward today's needs on reservations.

Our goal is to develop knowledge and train individuals who can tackle the issues and challenges facing today and tomorrow's indigenous communities.



Although understanding the history is a means to understand today's questions, our main focus in research and teaching is creating success stories in indigenous communities. This aspect is enhanced in the degree program with the required field work experience for each student.

Focusing on self-determination, AIS will enable you to work with selected faculty to understand and develop strategies for community development through active participation in research and learning.

The AIS Traditional Knowledge Scholars Program is here to help. If you need to know what the upcoming AIS courses are for the new semester, internship assistance, individual guidance, academic referrals or just need a friend - they are available for you.

The AIS Resident Elders would like to continue our efforts of building community with our students and other programs across campus. The programs elders will be organizing:

- Socials
- Lecture and Film series
- Sponsoring the AIS Student Organization
- Alumni relations
- Presenting Workshops
- Establish the peer-mentoring: Study-Buddy Program

They are your resource, so come by, introduce yourself!

Lecture Series by Resident Elders

Students and staff are encouraged to go by the SBS West building, Room 9, to meet Bob Lomadafkie, Maybelle Little, James Peshlakai, Ferrell Secakuku, and Marina Vasquez.

To see a list of the lectures for the Spring 2007 term, go to: <http://www.ais.nau.edu/AISweb05.htm> (click on "Spring 2007 Resident Elder Lecture Series" to view poster)

MASTER SCHEDULE PROGRAM

Program for tutoring.....Consider being part of the MASTER SCHEDULE PROGRAM!

The Master Schedule Program a tailored program to provide a personal tutor for student advisees of the Native American Student Services department in partnership with the Learning Assistance Centers (north and south locations). This program offers **3 tutoring appointments for most subject areas (see list on LAC web site), per week** (different days). Appointments are 45 minutes each. Students, who are in contact with a NASS advisor, will be given information about the Master Schedule Program.

WEB SITE: <http://home.nau.edu/edsup/lac/>

Students interested in joining the NASS Master Schedule Program should make an appointment to meet with a Native American Student Services advisor by calling **523-8086**. Students will need to complete a Master Schedule Request Form with a NASS advisor to be a part of the program.

Native American Student Services is located in building 30 - University Union, in Room 104 on central campus. **WEB SITE: nau.edu/nass**

Take advantage of this FREE program TODAY.

*** Important Deadline Dates to Remember ***

March 2007	
3/8	Native American Student Leadership Dinner and Training Meeting, UU room 104 from 5:30-7:15 P.M.
3/12	Enrollment for Summer 2007 Begins
3/16	Last Day to Drop with "W" (Without filing a petition & \$25 late processing fee)
3/17	St. Patricks Day
3/19-23	Spring Break Week (No Classes)
3/26-4/18	Early Enrollment for Fall 2007

*** Complete the FAFSA and Apply for multiple Scholarships, see your NASS advisor for assistance!**



STUDY TIP OF THE MONTH

Reorganize your notes into study guides and flashcards that are effective for your test preparation.

Research has shown that study strategies involving **student-generated activities** are more effective than passive study strategies. Examples of student generated activities include **reorganizing class notes** into charts and diagrams, **creating flashcards** with facts that you may have to recall on the test, **developing questions to answer** as you read texts or review notes, and **creating practice problems or tests** that represent the type of questions you will be asked on the test.

For more information on how to apply these ideas to your studying or for information on other study skills and tips contact MKristian Wiles at the NLAC at 523.5524 or Kristian.Wiles@nau.edu

ACADEMIC CAMPUS RESOURCES

Gateway Student Success Center – Provides academic advising for undecided majors, B.A.I.L.S., new transfer, & students up to 30 credit hours, assistance with career planning, selecting a major, and job search process. Located in Building 43. Phone # (928) 523-4772

Disability Resources – Provides assistance and accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Located in the Ponderosa Building 92. Phone # (928) 523-8773

Multicultural Student Center – Designed to help students to fulfill academic, social and cultural needs. Located in the University Union, Building 30, Room 104. Phone # (928) 523-5656

Institute for Native Americans – Scholarships, assistance to conferences, research assistance and tribal liaison. Located in the Blome Building 2. Phone # (928) 523-9557

Department of Applied Indigenous Studies – Provides indigenous courses, resident elders & speaker series. Located in SBS West (Building #70), room 100A. Phone # (928) 523-6624

Multicultural Engineering Program – Serves as a support and resource center for African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Women, disabled, and first generation engineering and construction management students. Located in Building 69. Phone # (928) 523-8163

Learning Assistance Centers – Complimentary tutoring for individual, group, & labs for enrolled NAU students. Also, provides study skills support and computer labs. North LAC: [523-5524](tel:523-5524) University Union, Rm. 254; South LAC: [523-7391](tel:523-7391) Learning Resource Center, Bldg. 61.

FREE Academic Success Workshops

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 4-5 PM & on Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 PM

Located in the Adel Math Bldg., Rm. 147

Space is limited to 20 seats. Please call the NLAC 523-5524 to sign up.

Keeping Up With Your Classes - Effective Study/Review Strategies

Tuesday, Mar. 13

Wednesday, Mar. 14

Tuesday, Apr. 10

Wednesday, Apr. 11

Test-taking Strategies

Tuesday, Mar. 27

Wednesday, Mar. 28

Tuesday, Apr. 24

Wednesday, Apr. 25

Stress Management & Test Anxiety

Tuesday, Apr. 3

Wednesday, Apr. 4

Tips For Writing Papers

Tuesday, Apr. 17

Wednesday, Apr. 18

Final Exam Preparation

Tuesday, May 1

Wednesday, May 2

* Individual appointments are also available by calling 523-5524

Campus Activities Calendar March 2007

Date	Event	Time
12 th	Lecture: "Contemporary Issues". SBS West room 9 (Bldg. #70), Presenter: Bob Lomadafkie, AIS	1:00-2:00pm
13 th	Humanities, Arts & Religion Film Series: "Roman Holiday" in Cline Library	7:00pm
13 th	Women's Tennis: NAU vs Weber State	
14 th	Lecture: "The Importance of Higher Education". SBS West room 9 (Bldg. #70), Presenter: Marina Vasquez, AIS	3:00-4:00pm
17 th	St. Patrick's Day	
19 th	Lecture: "Hopi Village Life". SBS West room 9 (Bldg. #70), Presenter: Bob Lomadafkie, AIS	1:00-2:00pm
20 th	Lecture: "Stars of the Navajo". SBS West room 115 (Bldg. #70), Presenter: Maybelle Little, AIS	11:30-12:30pm
19-23	SPRING BREAK	
23 rd	Lecture: "Wild Plants used by Hopi – Neeveni, Food & Ngahu – medicine & other uses". SBS West room 9 (Bldg. #70), Presenter: Ferrell Secakuku, AIS	12:00-1:00pm
27 th	Humanities, Arts & Religion Film Series: "The Bad and the Beautiful" in Cline Library	7:00pm
26-30	Unity Week Activities	TBA
29-31	Movie: Blood Diamond in Prochnow Auditorium, Cost: \$2 w/NAU ID	7:00pm, 9:30pm

NATIVE AMERICAN CLUBS ON CAMPUS

- **American Indian Science & Engineering Society**, Genevieve Benally, ggb3@nau.edu
- **Beta Sigma Epsilon**, Gregg Whitehat, Jr., gw32@nau.edu or Waylon Jimmy, wj39@nau.edu
- **Native Americans United**, Shannon Davis, sd77@nau.edu
- **Native American Business Organization**, Robert Jumbo, rdj9@nau.edu, www.nau.edu/nabo

Contact the club representatives to inquire about meeting dates and activities.

Native American Student Services	
University Union, Bldg. 30 Room 104 Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. P.O. Box 5653 Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5653	Phone: 928-523-8086 Fax: 928-523-8855 Outside Flagstaff: 1-877-523-8125 (toll free) E-mail: nassnatives@nau.edu Web: home.nau.edu/nass/
<u>Other NASS Locations:</u> Campus Heights Office-every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	South Family Housing Office – March 13 and 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.