The American Indian Studies major is a designated capstone major. Seniors complete a research/service experience and participate in a tutorial where faculty members help them relate their course-derived academic experience to their original research/service efforts involving Native American Communities. In completing their capstone work, students should:

- draw from their prior coursework to identify a key idea or theme that interests them particularly.
- demonstrate skills at analyzing and synthesizing knowledge gained in disparate courses by completing a written capstone synthesis.
- show their capacity to work collectively with their peers to effectively analyze and synthesize knowledge.
- be able to publically present effectively what they have learned about their selected theme in a final paper and/or project.
- relate academic research and discourse to Native American communities’ needs and concerns, including the ability to communicate statistical and quantitative information to appropriate communities.