

Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability Program

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Crazy Horse Memorial®, Black Hills, SD

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EARN A 15 CREDIT HOUR CERTIFICATE FROM SDSU

APPLY NOW FOR FALL SEMESTER 2023

PROGRAM DATES: September 1st - December 15th, 2023

WIZIPAN LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- Unique semester-long, immersive academic experience is grounded in Indigenous philosophy.
- Based on the Lakota term – **Wachante Hecha Wizipan** (The Heart of Everything That Is).
- Uses experiential education, Indigenous narrative, language, culture, and kinship to land as its primary learning tools.
- Combines coursework in American Indian studies, Natural Resource Management, Community Health Systems, and Leadership.
- Courses will provide students with the skill sets needed to understand the potential of their leadership roles in their own communities.
- Encourages students to evaluate and understand the relationship of care of self (trauma, mental, physical, spiritual health), care of community (kinship and family), care of environment (land and sustenance), and care of culture (language, narrative, ceremony).
- Students successfully completing the program earn 15 undergraduate credits and a certificate in Leadership and Sustainability from SDSU.
- Classes will be taught in an innovative, interdisciplinary, hands-on style emphasizing Indigenous experiential learning.
- Includes field trips, mentorship, group discussions, and collaborative inquiry projects.
- For more information visit <https://www.sdstate.edu/wizipan> or <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/wizipan>

Wizipan Courses (3 credits each):

- NRM 110 – People and the Environment
- HSC 203 – Culturally Based Indigenous Health
- LEAD 210 – Foundations of Leadership
- AIS 492 – Special Topics in American Indian Studies
- AIS 498 – Undergraduate Research/Scholarship Project

How Much Does It Cost?

- **Accepted students receive a scholarship, provided by The Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation®, that funds tuition, lodging, and a complete and a complete meal plan.**
- Accepted students are also eligible to apply for a \$1000 grant through Native American Jump Start
- Students may be responsible for the cost of their books and their own personal expenses while enrolled in the program.
- Students will also be responsible for a \$50 Room Insurance Deposit which is refundable.



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Applicants: Ideal applicants will have achieved college sophomore standing by August 2023 and will be prepared to fully participate in a comprehensive, immersive, residential university program with a full academic course load. Applicants should be ready to work in a team of their peers to collaboratively identify important issues and learn to develop and research resolution strategies. If selected, you will contribute to living in an autonomous learning community where your questions about sustainability and leadership matter. You will learn how to do research and stimulate meaningful community change!

Admissions:

- Preference is extended to enrolled members of Federally Recognized tribes; however, application and admission is open to all qualified students.
- Students must be currently enrolled or have intention to enroll in a degree-granting higher educational institution (college, university, or technical) and be in good academic standing.
- All applicants must complete the Fall 2023 Wizipan Program application; available online at <https://www.sdstate.edu/wizipan/applicationform>, or at <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/wizipan>
- Priority Application period closes on **May 31, 2023**. Applicants accepted on a rolling basis.
- Student status for SDSU will be determined on an individualized basis.
- One letter of recommendation is required from someone familiar with your academic achievement and/or workplace performance.
- Preliminarily selected applicants must complete a telephone interview with the application committee.
- Applicants who are selected for admission will be required to submit college transcripts prior to June 16, 2023.
- If accepted to the program, additional paperwork related to code of conduct, medical insurance, immunizations and verification of student status for SDSU will be required.
- A \$50 deposit for room insurance will be needed from each student.

- **Students will live in a modern residential facility.**
- **Each student will be provided a dorm-style room that is fully furnished with its own private bathroom complete with shower/tub.**
- **Laundry facilities are available on site.**
- **All students will have a complete meal plan which includes three meals/day and snacks. Most meals are provided at the Laughing Water Restaurant at Crazy Horse Memorial. Special dietary needs can be accommodated.**
- **Classes will be held Monday through Friday each week.**
- **The Wizipan program includes several academic field trips. Some evening activities will also be required. Transportation will be provided for all required activities.**
- **Many optional recreational opportunities may also be arranged for interested students.**
- **Students who are comfortable with their academic workload may apply for an optional part time job at Crazy Horse Memorial. Students could be employed at the Welcome Center, Ticket Office, Restaurant, or Gift Shop.**



Questions? We'd love to hear from you!

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