



# Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability Program

The Indian University of North America®  
Crazy Horse Memorial®, South Dakota – Black Hills, SD  
Fall 2020 Semester Certificate Program



SOUTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY



A partnership between The Indian University of North America®, the Crazy Horse Memorial® Foundation, & South Dakota State University

**Earn a 15 Credit Hour Certificate in Leadership and Sustainability**  
*Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Funds Tuition and Lodging for Accepted Students*

## MISSION OF THE CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL® FOUNDATION:

To protect and preserve the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians. The Foundation demonstrates its commitment to this endeavor by continuing the progress as the world's largest sculptural undertaking by carving a memorial of Lakota leader Crazy Horse to honor all North American Indians; by providing educational and cultural programming; by acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts and crafts through THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA® and THE NATIVE AMERICAN AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER®; and by establishing and operating THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA® and, when practical, a medical training center for American Indians.

## MISSION OF THE WOKINI INITIATIVE AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY:

The Wokini Initiative is SDSU's collaborative and holistic framework to support American Indian student success and Indigenous Nation-building. Wokini at SDSU provides innovative university and community-wide collaborations to strengthen American Indian student success by building authentic partnerships with tribal communities.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability Program of The Indian University of North America® at Crazy Horse Memorial® is a semester long experience through a partnership between the Crazy Horse Memorial® Foundation and South Dakota State University. Wachante Hecha Wizipan in Lakota implies *the Heart of Everything that Is*, but Wizipan on its own, according to the late Lakota leader Albert White Hat, *references the Black Hills as a container of all resources; any person that goes into the Black Hills starving can be nourished, both physically and spiritually*. The program will begin on **August 31st and end on December 16th**. The experience is focused on Care of Self, Care of Community, Care of Environment, and Care of Culture.



The courses offered are designed to provide students with the skill sets needed to understand the role of leadership in their communities. Sustainability affords students the opportunity to ensure the well-being of their communities and future generations. The Wizipan Program is equivalent to a study abroad program, but offered at The Indian University of North America® at the Crazy Horse Memorial®. Students will have the opportunity to earn 15 credits and think critically about what sustainability and leadership in action can look like in their communities.

Ideal applicants will possess the maturity to participate in an advanced university program with an intense and full academic course load and residential component. Students will identify critical sustainability issues and resolution strategies for their communities. Working with a unique curriculum, students immerse in hands-on learning designed to teach them to ask important questions about sustainability, research, and community change.

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## **COURSES AVAILABLE:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Themes</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ABS 203	Global Food Systems	Comparing Global to Indigenous Food Systems	3
AIS 492	Special Topics: Native American Environmental History	Explores Native American history from an environmental standpoint.	3
LEAD 210	Foundations of Leadership	Teaches skills for community leadership.	3
NRM 110	Introduction to Natural Resource Management	Focus on People and the Environment.	3
NRM 498	Undergraduate Research	Work directly with sustainable issues.	3

**All students enroll in 15 credit hours; students' academic and work schedules will be determined on or before Program Orientation.**

## **WIZIPAN PHILOSOPHY:**

The Wizipan Program provides a holistic framework for Indigenous knowledge and epistemologies. Based on the Lakota term – Wachante Hecha Wizipan (The Heart of Everything that Is) – the Wizipan Program uses experiential education, Indigenous narrative, language, culture, and kinship to land as learning tools. This program finds connections between Indigenous culture, language, land, leadership, and sustainability. Wizipan by itself refers directly to the Black Hills as a container of all resources; any person that goes into the Black Hills starving can be nourished, both physically and spiritually. This definition makes the Black Hills the perfect location for this program. The Wizipan Program is grounded in the Lakota philosophy – Mitakuye Oyasin (we are all related) – a theoretical and experiential framework for acknowledging the interconnectedness of everything. The program 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, food, and sustenance), and care of culture (language, narrative, ceremony). In seamlessly combining coursework from American Indian studies, Natural Resource Management, Global Food Systems, and Leadership, students will learn to ask questions about their role in a sustainable world. Students will focus a major research project that seeks to answer their questions and create sustainable systems to better themselves, their community, the environment, and future generations.

## **ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

**Crazy Horse Memorial**  
Attn: The Indian University of North America  
12151 Avenue of the Chiefs  
Crazy Horse, SD 57730-8900

E-mail: [IndianUniversity@crazyhorse.org](mailto:IndianUniversity@crazyhorse.org) | <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/story/the-university>

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## BUILDING COMMUNITY:

Part of our learning model is giving students real world experience unlike that provided in a traditional classroom setting. Each semester of the Wizipan Program creates a cohort of students on similar academic journeys and experiences. These cohorts provide a safe environment for active discussion about important and relevant topics in their communities and beyond. As a cohort, students will travel around various locations within the Black Hills of South Dakota and engage with local community builders, leaders, cultural advocates, and professionals. These field trips will include Custer State Park, Black Hills National Forest, Wind Cave National Park, water management facilities, sustainable farms, renewable resources and businesses, and more. Exciting guest lecturers will be a regular part of the learning experience as they share their skills and practices working in sustainable, professional, and cultural fields. Native elders and leaders will share their wisdom about the importance of caring for indigenous communities, the environment, language, and culture. The Indian University of North America® believes in the importance of implementing strong student support systems. Students who come through our programs work with a support team that helps them navigate any academic, post-secondary preparation, or mental/emotional situations that may arise during the program and beyond. That support continues through college graduation and into employment.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Preference is extended to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes; however, the university is open to all qualified students.
- Students must be enrolled or have intention to enroll in a degree granting university, college, technical school, or other higher educational institution
- Students who are currently enrolled in a degree granting institution must be in good standing.
- Students must be in their undergraduate program and at minimum in their second semester of their freshman year
- Completion of the application.
- Selected applicants will be chosen to complete a telephone interview with the admissions committee prior to acceptance.
- All applicants must complete the admission application and provide accompanying materials **postmarked by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Applicants chosen for admission must submit most recent college transcript by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**. If transcript is not received, the university reserves the right to rescind our acceptance offer.

## GETTING STARTED - Application Requirements:

To be considered for the Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability Program of THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®, students must submit the following:

- Completed application form. (Download the application at: <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/story/the-university>) you may complete it online, print it out, and mail it or submit to [IndianUniversity@crazyhorse.org](mailto:IndianUniversity@crazyhorse.org). Receipt via e-mail will be recognized as signature.
- Proof of membership in a federally recognized tribe for preference consideration.
- College transcript from the last completed semester by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- One letter of recommendation. Letters should be written by those familiar with your college work and/or performance at your workplace.
- Agreement to the Student Handbook.
- Students will be contacted if they are chosen for a telephone interview.
- Credit hours are earned from South Dakota State University and are transferable to the students' degree granting university, applicability to one's degree is contingent one's degree completion plan.
- The SDSU transcript reports the specific classes and the earned certificate, the program is delivered in an immersive, seamless, distinctive experience.

## COSTS:

The value of tuition, lodging, and food for each student of the Wizipan Program is \$16,000. Since Crazy Horse Memorial® Foundation will fund the tuition and lodging for each student, **the student is only responsible for \$2,100** for the food package. Students will be required to buy their own books.

## OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

**The following application materials are not required now, but are required by June 16<sup>th</sup> if accepted to the program:**

- Official college transcript. Official means the transcript must be sent directly from the college to South Dakota State University. The student may hand deliver if envelope is sealed.
- Proof of tribal membership, if applicable.
- Proof of Immunizations. (Measles, Mumps, Rubella; Hepatitis B immunization & Hepatitis B titer; Varicella/Chicken Pox immunity; DTP/Tdap; Polio, TB Skin Tests or QFT-G Blood Test)
- Proof of medical insurance and copy of insurance card and ID#
- Submission of Emergency Contact Information
- Medical prescriptions: Students will have access to pharmacies in Custer, SD and Rapid City, SD.
- Recommitment to agree to Student Handbook
- Tracking Authorization (FERPA) signed form.
- Photo release signed form.
- Signed Computer Use Policy Statement
- Payment of \$50 deposit for a Room Insurance Deposit.

## COMPUTER LAB:

Students will have access to a computer lab in the University facility.

## EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PROGRAM:

Students will have the option of employment at the Crazy Horse Memorial during the first part of the program. **This is not a requirement of the certificate program.** Opportunities may be available in the following areas. For Fall 2020, employment compensation begins at \$11.00 per hour, with a 25 cent per hour bonus for employees who complete their agreements.

- Welcome Center
- Ticket Office
- Restaurant & Snack Shop
- Gift Shop
- Museum / Cultural Center

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on the Fall Program of THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA® contact:

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**THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®**  
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