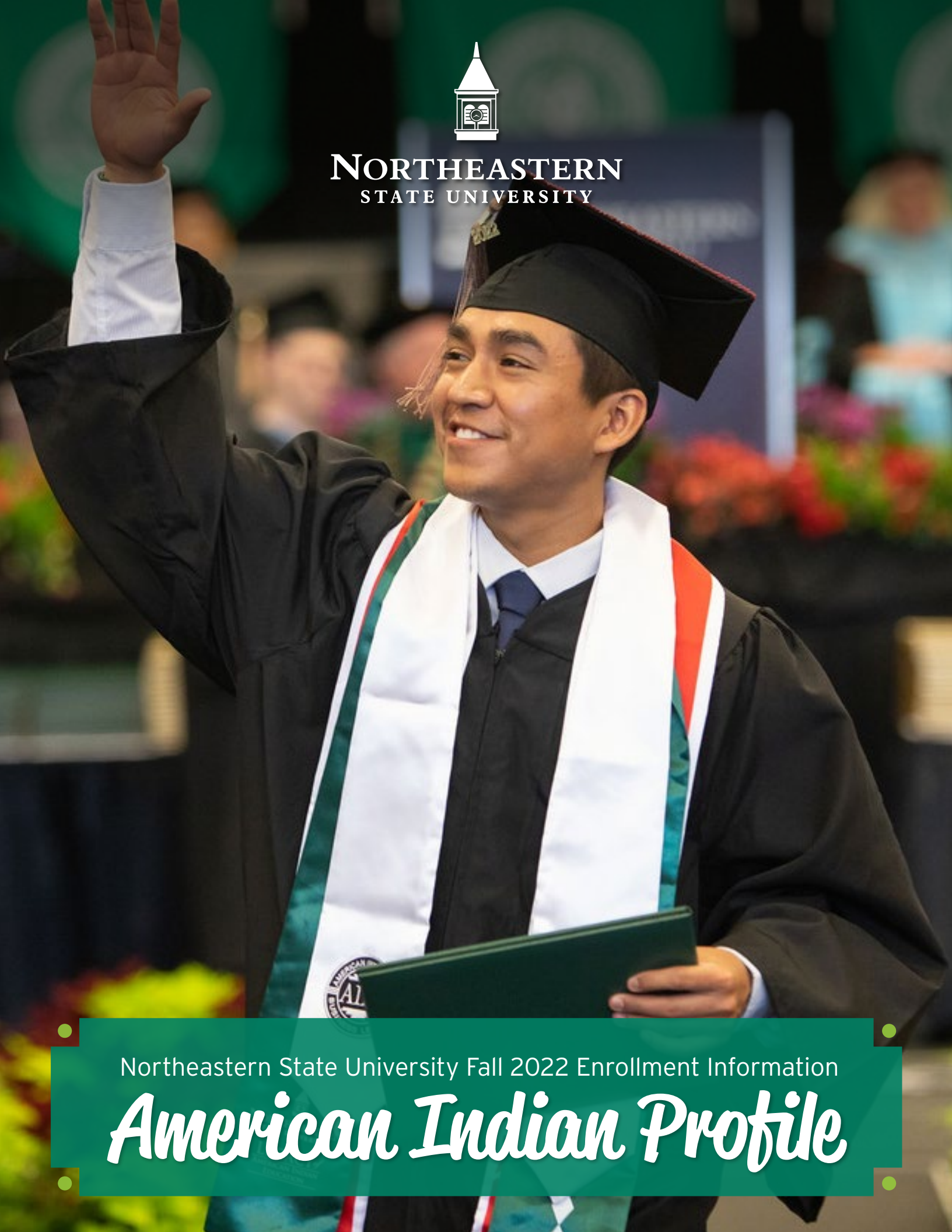




NORTHEASTERN
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Northeastern State University Fall 2022 Enrollment Information

American Indian Profile

American Indian Scholar Profile

Madison Whitekiller is a member of the Cherokee Nation from Verdigris, Oklahoma.

She received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Northeastern State University in the fall of 2021, becoming a third-generation graduate from the university.

When it came time to decide where she would attend college, Whitekiller knew she wanted the same quality of education that her mom and grandma received from NSU. Finding a school with a strong cultural connection was also important to her.

"I also had a desire to be surrounded by my culture. I knew that going to an institution that didn't have Native American representation would be difficult for me, so NSU was the perfect place," Whitekiller said.

While on campus Whitekiller was heavily invested in activities and groups, including several American Indian organizations. She was a part of the Native American Student Association, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, worked in the Native American Support Center in several capacities and helped plan the Miss Native American NSU pageant each year. She was also named the 2021-2022 Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Additionally, Whitekiller was active in research at NSU, including working in Dr. Cammi Valdez's lab on various projects throughout her time on campus.

"I had many amazing mentors at NSU that had a large part in getting me through my studies," Whitekiller said. Out of these people, Dr. Valdez had the largest impact on me personally and professionally. She helped me gain confidence in my abilities and pushed

me to go after opportunities that I otherwise wouldn't have considered. I attribute my success at NSU largely to her and her guidance."

Whitekiller's proudest moment on campus was being named the 2022 Jack Kaufman Senior of Distinction. She said the award was a culmination of all of her achievements throughout her time at NSU and it was humbling to realize the type of impact she left behind. Whitekiller hopes other Native students will recognize that they too can accomplish their higher education goals.

"My advice for Native youth in general is to believe that you are worthy of being in spaces that weren't always made for you," Whitekiller said. "Through hard work and perseverance, your wildest dreams are possible. College is difficult, but with the belief that you will get through and with a good support system, it can be an amazing time in your life."

Whitekiller is currently a first-year medical student at the OU-Tulsa School of Community Medicine.

"My ultimate passion is medicine and to be a physician in Indian Country who one day conducts translational research that represents Native American people," Whitekiller said.

"My main career aspiration is to work in an Indian Health Services hospital or clinic and serve Native American populations."



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Madison Whitekiller

Citizen of Cherokee Nation | Verdigris, Oklahoma

Northeastern State University
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, Fall 2021



Tiffany Blackfox

Citizen of Cherokee Nation | Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Northeastern State University

Bachelor & Master of Science of Social Work, Spring 2021 & Spring 2022

American Indian Scholar Profile

Blackfox is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Blackfox received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Northeastern State University. For Blackfox, her daughter was a driving force in the decision to further her education.

"Growing up, education was never a priority in my family, nor was it valued," Blackfox said. "I want my daughter to have a thirst for knowledge and to see how many more opportunities are available with a college degree."

Once at NSU, Blackfox was drawn to the social work program largely because of her own childhood experiences with adversity and trauma. She hoped the program would give her the chance to be the person she needed when she was younger and provide hope to others facing hardships.

Blackfox found support she needed to succeed in this program through several mentors during her time on campus. Dr. Toni Hail, Sara Barnett, Dr. Eun-Jun Bang and Dr. Candessa Tehee all played a significant role in helping Blackfox get to where she is today.

The Center for Tribal Studies at NSU was also an important source of help while furthering her education.

"I received support from CTS several times throughout my undergraduate and graduate experience. Every time I walked through the door, I felt a sense of relief and comfort," Blackfox said.

Just as the university and its people made an impact on her, Blackfox left her own legacy on the NSU campus and larger community.

Blackfox served as the Vice President of the National Association of Student

Social Workers and helped raise funds to attend the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association Conference.

She also received the American Indian Merit Award at the Spring 2022 American Indian Graduation Convocation. Blackfox said this was her proudest moment while at NSU.

"It means so much to me to have been nominated by some of the most incredible people I've ever met," Blackfox said. "My daughter was there and watched the award be presented to me. Seeing her face and how proud she was of her mommy made the experience that much more meaningful."

Today Blackfox works as a school-based therapist for Broken Arrow High School, fulfilling her dream to help kids who, like her, need someone to give them hope.

"Being a social worker allows me to be an advocate for others who are going through or have gone through similar experiences," Blackfox said.

She spends her free time with her daughter playing outside, painting, dancing and many other activities.

Blackfox hopes that her journey will not only be an inspiration to her daughter but to other Native students as well.

"Never doubt yourself," Blackfox said. "You can do it. Our ancestors were not given the same opportunities we have now. Do it for yourself, for the seven generations before you, and the seven generations after you."

About

THE UNIVERSITY

Northeastern State University is a comprehensive regional university that prepares students to succeed as global citizens by providing exceptional undergraduate and graduate programs, along with the only Doctorate of Optometry offered in Oklahoma (one of only 23 nationwide) and the only Bachelor of Arts degree in Cherokee Education in the nation.

HISTORY

Northeastern was founded in 1846 as the Cherokee National Female Seminary, which opened in 1851. On March 6, 1909, the Oklahoma Legislature purchased the Seminary from the Cherokee Nation, and the following September classes began at the newly formed Northeastern State Normal School. In 2009, the NSU Centennial Celebration highlighted the university's 100 years as a state institution and dedicated a monument to the preeminent Cherokee scholar, Sequoyah.

CENTER FOR TRIBAL STUDIES

The Center for Tribal Studies, founded in 1990, is a resource for bridging communication and interaction between Tribal Nations and the university. Within the context of American Indian higher education, the Center collaborates with other campus entities in program development, strategic planning, research guidance, student engagement and scholarly activities. Northeastern State University is a destination of choice for American Indian education, and the diverse campus culture nurtures a strong sense of community for Native students. Through educational leadership, cultural knowledge and professional development among students, scholars emerge - many of whom will serve in professions benefiting Tribal governments and Indigenous communities.

CHEROKEE LANGUAGE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Unique to Northeastern State University, the Bachelor of Arts in Cherokee Language Education is the only American Indian language education degree available in the United States with a curriculum leading to state certification for teachers. Since 2005, the program has brought together university, global and local interests as part of a plan to strengthen the Cherokee language for future generations. In 2009, a bachelor's degree in Cherokee Cultural Studies was added as an option to study language along with other aspects of cultural studies for non-teachers. A Cherokee Studies minor is also available. With alumni now employed at universities and at the Cherokee Language Immersion School, NSU graduates play a vital role in language revitalization.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The 50th Annual Symposium on the American Indian is scheduled to take place April 10-15, 2023. This year's theme, "Envisioning Indigenous Futurity", offers time to reflect on our past, evaluate the present, and look forward to the future with hope. Futurity is viewed by some as an integration of the past, present, and future. This way of thinking regarding how our past influences the present, and subsequently, the present affects the future is not a new concept for Indigenous peoples. For time immemorial, we have looked to lessons from our past and guidance from our elders while considering the impact our decisions have on our future generations, often referred to as "the seven generations" principle. Through this theme, we seek to explore the concepts of futurity within a variety of disciplines, including history, cultural anthropology, leadership, Tribal sovereignty, research, sustainability, and community development, among others. We will celebrate fifty years of scholarship, broadening perspectives, community building, diversity, and culture since the annual symposium and gatherings of Native American knowledge-carriers began at NSU. Dr. Doug Kiel (Oneida Nation), Dr. Miranda Belarde-Lewis (Zuni Pueblo/Tlingit) and Dr. Laura Harjo (Mvskoke) will all serve as keynote speakers and the center of the 50th Annual Symposium on the American Indian.

nsuok.edu/symposium

American Indian Undergraduate Enrollment

BY DEGREE AND ACADEMIC MAJOR » FALL 2022

BACHELOR OF ARTS	279	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	467
American Indian Studies	8	Applied Physics	6
Cherokee Cultural Studies	7	Cellular and Molecular Biology	46
Communication Studies	12	Chemistry	24
Creative Writing	7	Computer Science	42
Drama	7	Criminal Justice	56
English	11	Cyber Security	24
Geography & Sustainability Studies	3	Environmental, Health & Safety Management	28
History	17	Freshwater Sciences	1
Media Studies	20	Health & Human Performance	81
Music	4	Health Organizations Admin	17
Political Science	13	Homeland Security	3
Psychology	158	Homeland Security & Emergency Management	4
Sociology	11	Integrative Biology	20
Spanish	1	Legal Studies	12
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION	35	Mathematics	7
Art Education	4	Mechanical Engineering	2
Cherokee Education	2	Medical Laboratory Science	13
English Education	13	Nutritional Sciences	26
Social Studies Education	16	Organizational Leadership	28
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	228	Speech Language Pathology	27
Accounting	55	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION	164
Business Administration	69	Early Childhood Education	55
Entrepreneurship	6	Elementary Education	63
Finance	15	Health & Physical Education	34
Hospitality & Tourism Management	7	Mathematics Education	1
Information Systems	9	Special Education - Mild/Moderate Disorder	11
International Business Management	5	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE EDUCATION	4
Management	33	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING	30
Marketing	25	BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY	1
Supply Chain Management	4		
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK	33		
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS	19		
BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES	60		
BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION	4		

TOTAL DECLARED MAJORS	1,324
TOTAL UNDECLARED MAJORS	548
NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	20
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	1,892

American Indian Graduate Enrollment

MASTER OF EDUCATION	84
Early Childhood Education	6
Instructional Leadership	16
Mathematics Education	2
Reading	12
School Administration	27
Science Education	4
Special Education - Autism Spectrum Disorders	17
MASTER OF ARTS	19
American Studies	9
Communication Arts	3
English	7
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	52
Business Administration	46
Professional MBA	6
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH	8
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK	16
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING	17

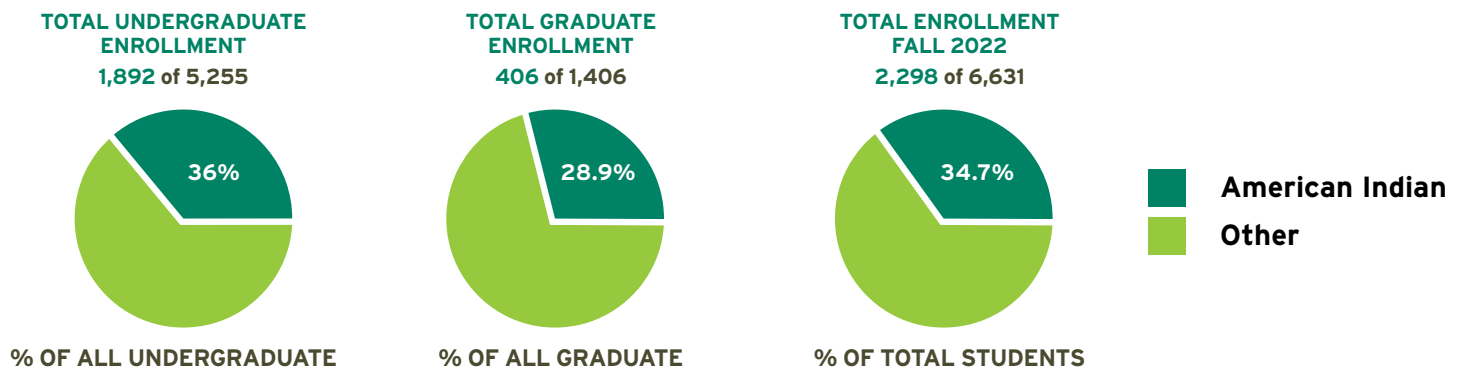
MASTER OF SCIENCE	157
Accounting & Financial Analysis	11
Counseling	38
Criminal Justice	19
Health & Sport Science	8
Leadership	21
Library Media and Information Technology	12
Natural Sciences	6
Occupational Therapy	13
Physician Assistant Studies	9
Speech Language Pathology	20
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	20
American Indian Leadership	1
Classroom Teaching	2
Library Media Specialist Certificate	2
Online Teaching	1
Public Health	1
Reading Specialist Certificate	1
School Administrator Certificate	12
DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY	19

TOTAL DECLARED MAJORS	392
TOTAL UNDECLARED MAJORS	14
TOTAL GRADUATE ENROLLMENT	406

American Indian Enrollment

ENROLLMENT TOTAL >> FALL 2022

DATA SOURCE: NSU Office of Institutional Effectiveness

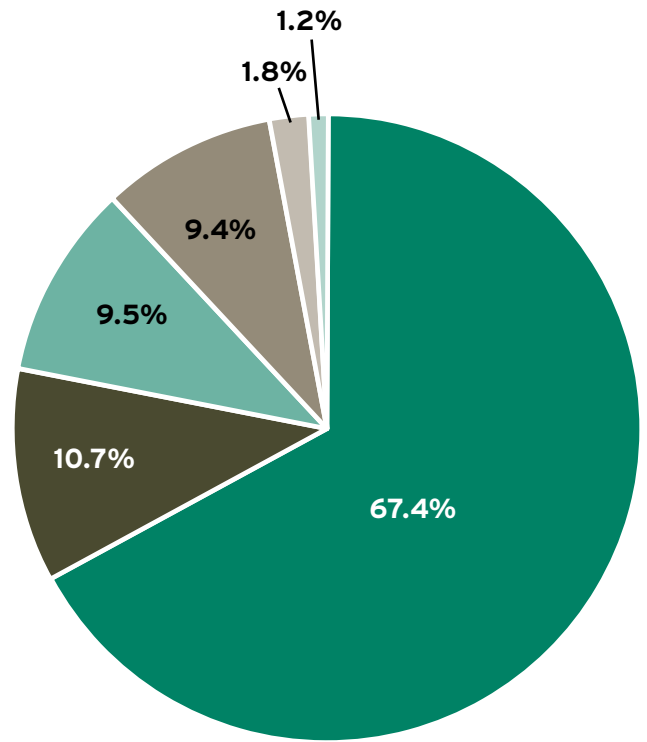


*Includes student enrollment in 100% online degree programs

American Indian Enrollment

BY TRIBE >> FALL 2022

TRIBE	STUDENTS	% TOTAL
Absentee Shawnee	9	0.4
Apache	6	0.3
Caddo	4	0.2
Cherokee Nation	1,612	67.4
Cheyenne-Arapaho	11	0.5
Chickasaw Nation	44	1.8
Choctaw Nation	227	9.5
Citizen Band of Potawatomie	14	0.6
Comanche	10	0.4
Delaware	10	0.4
Eastern Shawnee	3	0.1
Euchee	2	0.1
Iowa	2	0.1
Kaw	2	0.1
Kickapoo	2	0.1
Kiowa	6	0.3
Miami	1	0.0
Modoc	1	0.0
Muscogee Nation	224	9.4
Osage	28	1.2
Otoe-Missouria	4	0.2
Pawnee	3	0.1
Peoria	2	0.1
Ponca	6	0.3
Quapaw	6	0.3
Sac & Fox	4	0.2
Seminole Nation	27	1.1
Seneca-Cayuga	7	0.3
Shawnee	9	0.4
Thlopthlocco (of the Creek Nation)	1	0.0
Tonkawa	1	0.0
United Keetowah Band	16	0.7
Wichita	1	0.0
Wyandotte	2	0.1
Other U.S. Tribes and Indigenous Populations	85	3.7



Enrollment by Tribe >> Fall 2022

■ Cherokee Nation	67.4%
■ Other U.S. Tribes and Indigenous Populations	10.7%
■ Choctaw Nation	9.5%
■ Muscogee Nation	9.4%
■ Chickasaw Nation	1.8%
■ Osage Nation	1.2%

Degrees Conferred

BY DEGREE AND ACADEMIC MAJOR >> SUMMER 2021, FALL 2021, SPRING 2022

BACHELOR OF ARTS	48
American Indian Studies	2
Cherokee Cultural Studies	2
Communication Studies	13
Creative Writing	2
Drama	1
English	9
Geography and Sustainability Studies	1
History	2
Media Studies	7
Music	1
Political Science	2
Sociology	4
Spanish	2

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION	4
Cherokee Education	2
English Education	1
Social Studies Education	1

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK	7
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BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES	25
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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS	4
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION	38
Early Childhood Education	5
Elementary Education	22
Health and Physical Education	5
Mathematics Education	1
Science Education	1
Special Education - Mild/Moderate	4

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	195
Cell and Molecular Biology	23
Chemistry	3
Computer Science	8
Criminal Justice	38
Cyber Security	3
Environmental, Health & Safety Management	6
Health & Human Performance	25
Integrative Biology	3
Legal Studies	3
Medical Lab Science	4
Nutritional Sciences	11
Organizational Leadership	13
Physics	1
Psychology	48
Speech Language Pathology	6

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	61
Accounting	16
Business Administration	12
Finance	5
Health Organizations Administration	4
Hospitality & Tourism Management	3
Information Systems	1
Management	13
Marketing	7

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION	1
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING	13
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BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY	1
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TOTAL BACHELOR'S DEGREES 397

MASTER OF EDUCATION	32
Early Childhood Education	2
Instructional Leadership	7
Mathematics Education	1
Reading	12
School Administration	7
Science Education	1
Special Education - Autism Spectrum Disorder	2

MASTER OF ARTS	7
American Studies	2
Communication Arts	2
English	3

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	20
Masters of Business Administration	16
Professional Masters of Business Administration	4

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH	2
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING	8
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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK	7
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DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY	4
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MASTER OF SCIENCE	46
Accounting and Financial Analysis	2
Counseling	6
Criminal Justice	14
Health & Sport Science	2
Leadership	3
Library Media and Information Technology	4
Natural Science	3
Occupational Therapy	3
Speech Language Pathology	9

TOTAL MASTER'S DEGREES AND DOCTORATES 126

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	16
CERT-Data Analytics	2
CERT-Emergency Mgmt & Planning (UG)	6
CERT-Human Resource Management (UG)	1

CERT-School Administrator (GR)	4
CERT-STEM Education (GR)	3

TOTAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES CONFERRED 539

Top Five Ranking Among Four-Year Colleges Serving American Indians

WINDS OF CHANGE 28TH ANNUAL SPECIAL COLLEGE ISSUE • 2021-2022

RANKED BY NUMBER OF DEGREES AWARDED TO INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF 2016, 2015, AND 2014 - 3,2,1)

#1	University of Oklahoma	289.2
#2	Northeastern State University	280.5
#3	University of New Mexico - Main Campus	241.2
#4	Oklahoma State University - Main Campus	232.2

RANKED BY NUMBER OF FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

#1	Northeastern State University	1219
#2	Fort Lewis College Oklahoma State University - Main Campus	1111
#3	University of New Mexico - Main Campus	954
#4	Oklahoma State University - Main Campus	904

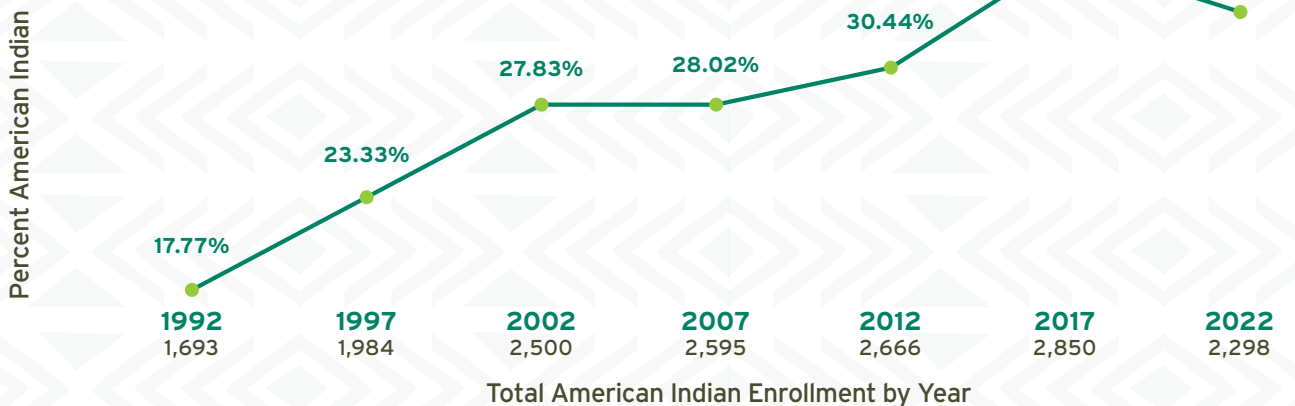
Winds of Change report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). "Indigenous" above includes American Indian, Alaska Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations, and other Indigenous peoples of North America.



American Indian Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment

BY YEAR » FALL SEMESTERS 1992 to 2022

YEAR	UNDER-GRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL AMERICAN INDIAN	NSU TOTAL	PERCENT AMERICAN INDIAN	YEAR	UNDER-GRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL AMERICAN INDIAN	NSU TOTAL	PERCENT AMERICAN INDIAN
2022	1,892	406	2,298	6,631	34.66	2006	2,411	245	2,656	9,540	27.84
2021	1,926	411	2,337	7,006	33.36	2005	2,396	240	2,636	9,702	27.17
2020	2,096	358	2,454	7,291	33.66	2004	2,435	281	2,716	9,562	28.40
2019	2,284	350	2,634	7,496	35.14	2003	2,422	223	2,645	9,297	28.45
2018	2,631	310	2,941	7,899	37.23	2002	2,257	243	2,500	8,984	27.83
2017	2,573	277	2,850	7,906	36.05	2001	2,187	183	2,370	8,603	27.55
2016	2,502	317	2,819	8,100	34.80	2000	1,962	139	2,101	8,378	25.08
2015	2,510	326	2,836	8,276	34.27	1999	1,769	91	1,860	8,121	22.90
2014	2,525	313	2,838	8,332	34.06	1998	1,920	120	2,040	8,462	24.11
2013	2,513	255	2,768	8,559	32.34	1997	1,875	109	1,984	8,503	23.33
2012	2,417	249	2,666	8,758	30.44	1996	1,760	99	1,859	8,710	21.34
2011	2,290	236	2,526	9,361	26.98	1995	1,786	130	1,916	8,273	23.16
2010	2,511	240	2,751	9,588	28.69	1994	1,766	135	1,901	9,374	20.28
2009	2,309	257	2,566	9,318	27.54	1993	1,582	138	1,720	9,299	18.50
2008	2,203	193	2,396	8,833	27.13	1992	1,521	172	1,693	9,527	17.77
2007	2,343	252	2,595	9,261	28.02						



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