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American Indians at the University of
Michigan (AIUM)

www.umich.edu/~aium

Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs
(MESA)

mesa.umich.edu

Office of Academic Multicultural
Initiatives (OAMI)

www.umich.edu/~oami

Native American Studies Program

www.lsa.umich.edu/ac/native

Ojibwe language program at UM.

www.ojibwe.net

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
(Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver)

www.itcmi.org

Undergraduate Admissions

www.admissions.umich.edu

Rackham Graduate Admissions

www.rackham.umich.edu

Professional Degree Programs

www.umich.edu/professional.php

Office of Financial Aid

www.finaid.umich.edu

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Native Land Gift Which Made UM

In 1817, the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, Shawnee, and Wendat (Huron), inhabited most of what is now Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In the fall of that year, a treaty was signed between Michigan's Territorial Governor, Lewis



Cass, and the Native tribes. In the treaty process, Governor Cass persuaded the Na-

tives to cede 3840 acres of land, half of which was earmarked for St. Anne's Church, and half for "a college at Detroit" in which the Natives would be eligible to enroll.

Judge Augustus Woodward, Father Gabriel Richard, and Reverend John Monteith finally drafted the act that founded the University of Michigan. The government appointed officers and commissioned a building in Detroit in 1821, but no classes were held.

In 1837, land developers in Ann Arbor offered 40 acres on the edge of town as a new home for the University. The original Native land gift was sold and Michigan courts have since held that the proceeds of that sale remain part of the permanent endowment of the University of Michigan.

Native Student Organizations

Native American Student Association (NASA):

The umbrella Native organization at UM.
nasa.exec@umich.edu
www.umich.edu/~aium/nasa

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), UM Chapter:

Promoting the representation of Native Americans in science and engineering fields.
aises.exec@umich.edu
www.umich.edu/~aium/aises

Native Grad Caucus:

A group for Native American/American Indian/Pacific Islander graduate students across the University.
nativecaucus@umich.edu

Latin American Native American Medical Association (LANAMA):

Increasing the enrollment and success of Latino/a and Native medical students.
lanama@umich.edu
www.umich.edu/~lanama

Native American Law Student Association (NALSA):

For Native and non-Native individuals interested in issues currently affecting the Native American community.
students.law.umich.edu/nalsa

Native American Programming Task Force (NAPTF):

Plans Native American Heritage Month in November, the Ann Arbor Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in the spring, and other programming.
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Native American Studies Program

The University of Michigan founded a Native American Studies program within the Program in American Culture in 1983, but only in recent years has it had the human and financial resources to make an impact on the campus.

The program places American Indians at the center of broader inquiries into the nature of human confrontation with intrusive power. Faculty and students work together to explore, through the humanities and the social sciences, varieties of Native Americans experiences and the centrality of Indians to American history, literature, religion, politics, law, economics and the list goes on.

The Native American Studies Program organizes conferences, seminars and public events in American Indian Studies. It offers an Interdisciplinary minor in Native American Studies (15 credits, total).
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Ojibwe Language Program

The Program in American Culture serves as the home unit for instruction in the Ojibwe (Anishnaabemowin) language and culture at U-M. Students interested in learning this endangered language may do so through a six-course sequence.
www.umich.edu/~ojibwe