

Native American Students and the University of Michigan



>>> **Michigan is Your Future**

We want to talk to you about coming to the University of Michigan!

One of the top-ranked public universities in the world, the University of Michigan offers an excellent education in an exciting and diverse atmosphere.

We have over 200 degree programs offered by 12 different undergraduate schools and colleges and our alumni body is the largest in the world: more than 400,000 living alumni.

Our mission of serving the people of the State of Michigan includes a strong outreach program to Native American students. We invite you to explore the vast opportunities available at Michigan!

Hail to the victors



DEADLINES

Fall Term Deadline — February 1

Consideration to all units are made on a space-available basis and some units fill early. Freshman applicants are urged to apply as early as possible in the fall of their senior year. Applicants from outside the United States are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Application deadlines vary depending on School and College (units) and term applied to. Please reference www.admissions.umich.edu/deadlines for specific dates.

Early Response

University of Michigan offers an Early Response admission program where applications submitted by a set date in the fall are guaranteed an admission decision by the end of December. Please visit www.admissions.umich.edu/early for updated information and dates.

- This applies only to freshmen applying for Fall semester.
- Early Response is only available for students applying to LSA, Engineering, Kinesiology, and Nursing.
- Our regular, rolling admissions deadline of February 1st is still in place.
- We will not be awarding priority in the review of an application simply because it was submitted for Early Response.
- Early Response decisions are non-binding, and students may still apply to other Early Action or Early Decision schools.



“ My experience at the University of Michigan has been rewarding; it provided me with an opportunity to learn my Native Odawa language within a college setting. I was also able to find and fit into a Native community that is kind, caring, and considerate to my ambitions. Supportive would be another adjective to describe this community that helped me expand my interest, to help find myself. ”

Frank Eugene Bartley | Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa citizen

>>> Applying to Michigan

The University of Michigan welcomes both freshman applicants from high schools and transfer applicants from community and tribal colleges, two- and four-year colleges, and universities.

When applying, make sure you have the following:

FRESHMEN

- Decide which School or College (unit) to apply to; admission is specific to one of the 12 undergraduate units.
- Have your ACT with writing/SAT scores sent to our office. U-M ACT code is 2062; U-M SAT code is 1839.
- Counselor Recommendation
- Written Responses: General short answer and academic unit answer. Three short answers are required for dual applicants.
- Academic Teacher Recommendation (English, math, science, social science, or foreign language). School of Music, Theatre & Dance, School of Art & Design, and Interarts Performance applicants must also have a recommendation completed by a teacher who knows them well in an arts-related capacity.
- Transcripts: high school and any dual enrollment transcripts.
- Interarts Performance applicants must also complete the Request for Portfolio Review/Audition/Interview form.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Decide which School or College (unit) to apply to; transfer admission is specific to one of the 12 undergraduate units. Please note that each unit has unique deadlines and requirements for admission and policies for transfer credit.
- Official Transcripts (high school and all college transcripts) or G.E.D. certificate.
- Written Responses: General short answer and academic unit answer.
- If you took the ACT and/or SAT in high school you need to submit official test scores (U-M ACT code is 2062; U-M SAT code is 1839). If you didn't, you do NOT need to take them now.

ALL STUDENTS

- Application Fee of \$40 (\$75 if applying to the School of Music, Theatre & Dance). If you have a concern about the application fee, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (734) 764-7433.
- The application completely filled out, answering all questions.
- Essay: All applicants are required to answer one essay question.
- School of Music, Theatre & Dance applicants must also complete the Request for Audition/Interview form.
- School of Art & Design applicants must also complete the Request for Portfolio Review form.

You can afford the University of Michigan!

As college costs rise, more families find themselves needing help “filling in the gap.” The Office of Financial Aid administers a comprehensive program of federal, state, and institutional aid.

- The first step is to fill out the **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)** online. The FAFSA ensures that you are considered for all possible financial aid options.

Both entering freshmen and transfer students **MUST** complete this form to apply for all federal and state aid. Code: 002325

Before you can fill out your FAFSA, you must obtain a PIN so you can apply online. (If you're under 18 or a dependent, your parents must also get a PIN so they can sign the FAFSA).

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Next, you'll need to fill out the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid Profile. Entering freshmen and transfer students **MUST** complete this form to apply for all need-based University grants and scholarships. Code: 1839
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>



CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The ChildCare Subsidy Program provides funds to students with children to assist in meeting the cost of licensed child care. The age range criterion is 12 years old or younger for dependent child(ren), or 19 years or younger for dependent child(ren) with special needs.

Other requirements must be met to receive the Child Care Subsidy. You can review the criteria and the amount of Child Care Subsidy offered on the Financial Aid website at www.finaid.umich.edu.

For more information visit: 
www.finaid.umich.edu



NATIVE LAND GRANT

The University and the native peoples of our state have a long history together. In fact, the University originally stood on part of the land given by the tribes in 1817. The land was specified for a “college at Detroit” where Native Americans would be eligible to enroll.

The 1817 treaty was signed between Michigan's territorial governor, Lewis Cass, and the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, Shawnee, and Wendat (Huron) tribes. Judge Augustus Woodward, Father Gabriel Richard, and Reverend John Monteith drafted the act that founded the University of Michigan.

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.

“ My experiences here at the University of Michigan have been positive in the light that this campus supports diversity to a great degree. Whether it be through the many different race and ethnicity courses and foreign language classes that are offered, to just the general acceptance of diversity by the students and faculty. ”

Timothy Andrew Lozon | The Lumbee Indian Tribe of North Carolina

>>> **Process for Tuition Waiver Program**

ADMISSION | Students need to apply and be accepted to a U-M school or college. The American Indian Grant program only guarantees tuition payment, not admission.

TRIBAL CERTIFICATION | Tribal governments or the Bureau of Indian Affairs certify blood quantum by checking tribal or federal records.

- Native American students must complete the student portion of the tuition waiver application and forward the application to their tribe to complete the “Tribal Certification” portion.
- You also may obtain an original letter of certification from their tribe or the Bureau of Indian Affairs and verify residency.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY | Twelve (12) consecutive months of residency must be provided to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

ITC will check your application for completeness and confirm that you’ve obtained a certification of 1/4 blood quantum from the Tribe or Bureau of Indian Affairs and verify 12 months residency.

ITC will forward documentation of verification to the Financial Aid Office of the Michigan public community college or university. Verifications will not be forwarded to the school or university without certification and documentation of residency.

Fill out and print the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan application online at www.itcni.org/ituition.html

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER?

You do if you:

- are no less than 1/4 quantum blood degree, and your blood quantum (or citizenship) is certified by your tribe.
- have had legal residence in the State of Michigan for the past 12 months; and
- qualify for admission as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student attending a public, state, community, junior college, public college, or public university.

hail! hail!



>>> Student Life

The University of Michigan has over 1,000 student organizations to choose from, including these groups geared specifically to Native American students:

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) | A national academic organization whose mission is to increase the representation of American Indian and Alaskan Natives in engineering, science, and other related technology disciplines.

www.umich.edu/~aium/aises

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (NASA) | This umbrella Native organization at U-M has members from many undergraduate and graduate departments and programs, as well as members of the community at large. Please email nasa.exec@umich.edu for more information.

LATIN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (LANAMA) | LANAMA is a medical student organization at the U-M Medical School.

www.umich.edu/~lanama

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (NALSA) | NALSA consists of a community of both Native and non-Native individuals interested in issues affecting the Native American community.

www.law.umich.edu/journalsandorgs/studentorganizations/Pages/nalsa.aspx

NATIVE GRADUATE STUDENT CAUCUS (NATIVE CAUCUS) | For more information, contact Lani Teves at tevess@umich.edu or the American Culture department.



MICHIGAN'S FIGHT SONG IN OJIBWE

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HAIL TO THE VICTORS VALIANT

aanii bemnagejig pane

HAIL TO THE CONQUERING HEROES

aanii Michigan

HAIL TO MICHIGAN

aapchigwa nishiiwag niiganzi-jig

THE LEADERS AND BEST

Elise Christine McGowan | Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians



“ No other place in the world is as diverse as the University of Michigan. Opportunities are endless, and I have never had as much fun as I do when I am with the Native American and Ojibwe Language groups. All the clubs on campus, including the Ojibwe language group, are a blast and a break from studying, even though we probably should be studying. ”

Ann Arbor is one of
the all-time great
college towns!

>>> Academics

The University of Michigan also has several major academic programs that will be of particular interest to Native American students. These include:

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM | The U-M's Program in American Culture has had a Native American Studies program since 1983, but only in recent years has it begun to make an impact on campus.

This 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 American experiences and the centrality of Indians to American history, literature, religion, politics, law, and economics. The Native American Studies Program organizes conferences, seminars, and public events. An Interdisciplinary Minor in Native American Studies (15 credits) is also offered.

www.lsa.umich.edu/ac/native

OJIBWE LANGUAGE PROGRAM | The Program in American Culture also serves as the home 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



ABOUT ANN ARBOR

One of the benefits of attending the U-M is living in Ann Arbor. A combination of small-town charm and big-city culture, Ann Arbor offers countless opportunities for recreation, dining, shopping, and entertainment.

Ann Arbor has a wealth of restaurants with menus that range from the simple to the sophisticated. There are film societies and movie theaters; coffee houses and tea shops; beautiful open spaces for biking and hiking; the Huron River for boating; and numerous shops and department stores. And of course we don't have to tell you about our sports teams!

And everything is convenient to campus, so you can take advantage of all this wonderful city has to offer.

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IMPORTANT WEBSITES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

www.admissions.umich.edu	Office of Undergraduate Admissions
www.commcoll.umich.edu	Community College Transfers
www.finaid.umich.edu	Office of Financial Aid
www.umich.edu/~aium	American Indians at the University of Michigan (AIUM)
www.mesa.umich.edu	Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs (MESA)
www.lsa.umich.edu/ac/native	Native American Studies Program
www.ojibwe.net	Ojibwe language program at U-M
www.itcmi.org	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
www.umich.edu/~aium/theCircle.html	The Circle
www.umich.edu/~oami	Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives
www.facebook.com Native Americans @ Umich	Facebook Group, Native American U-M Students

CONTACT US

We understand it can be overwhelming to sift through all this information. So please always feel free to contact us with any questions you may have!

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