Indigenous Peoples Day
Wisconsin 2019

Monday, October 14, 2019, marks the state of Wisconsin’s first official Indigenous Peoples Day.

Wisconsin is home to 12 Native nations (11 federally recognized):
- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- Oneida Nation
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Mole Lake (Sokaogon Chippewa Community) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Saint Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
- Brothertown Indian Nation

The University of Wisconsin–Madison sits on ancestral Ho-Chunk land. The Ho-Chunk call this land Teejop (pronounced “day-JOPE,” meaning “Four Lakes”).

The School of Human Ecology, despite its small size, has the highest number of Native students of any school on the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus. It is also home to a Native faculty cluster hire that includes Drs. Kasey Keeler, Brian D. McInnes, Mariaelena Huambachano, and (joining January 2020) Carolee Dodge Francis.

Typically closed on Mondays, the Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery, currently exhibiting “Intersections: Indigenous Textiles of the Americas,” will be open from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM to recognize this special occasion. Co-curated by SoHE alumna Dakota Mace (Diné) and UW art history PhD student Kendra Greendeer (Ho-Chunk), the show demonstrates the aesthetic exchanges of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas. The gallery is open to the public and always free. Special class tours can be arranged—ask your professor!

Learn more, including about local celebrations: sohe.wisc.edu/IndigenousPeoplesDay