



Lac Courte Oreilles
Est. 1982
Ojibwe University

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University: Priorities for the 119th Congress

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) provide rigorous postsecondary education and research opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) and other rural community residents. TCUs offer higher education that is uniquely Tribal, founded on Native languages, culture, and philosophy, with strong student support systems and community engagement. Through these educational opportunities, research, and industry partnerships for high-demand careers, TCUs are laying the foundation for sustainable economic development within Tribal Nations and beyond. Together, we build Strong Sovereign Nations through Excellence in TRIBAL higher education, empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University

Affordable Tuition: \$3,755 per semester

Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1

Persistence*: 59%

Faculty to student ratio: 10 to 1

Part-time students**: 286

Full-time students**: 147

TRIO Student Support Services: The College serves 160 students annually and addresses their needs holistically, which is vital to our students' success.

Highest Level of Degree: Masters Degree

Fun Fact: Our first space was an old print shop pole barn.

*Degree-seeking students, Fall 2023 to Spring 2024

**Duplicated (Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024)



In partnership with our students, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University (LCOOU) faculty and staff continually identify opportunities to improve services and support to the University's students. Issues that surface time and again include available housing, childcare, accessible internet, and the ever-growing need to support mental health and AODA counseling.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University: Driving Economic Development

TOTAL ALUMNI IMPACT	
\$2.3 BILLION	ADDED INCOME
28,778	JOBS
Job equivalents indicate jobs created by TCUs, both full- and part-time. They are based on industry-specific jobs to sales ratios. The \$2.3 billion alumni impact supports 28,778 jobs nationwide. (EMSI & AIHEC, 2015)	

In 2015, AIHEC conducted an economic impact study to analyze the importance of TCUs in the regional and national economy. TCUs act as a catalyst for economic growth locally and regionally by enhancing educational opportunities, research, and leadership skills for Tribal and other rural students.

LCOOU creates economic value in many ways. The university plays a crucial role in helping students enhance their employability and reach their full potential. LCOOU keeps students in the region, generating new income and opportunities for the northern Wisconsin service area. It equips students with the education, training, and skills necessary for prosperous careers. LCOOU's student and employee volunteers contribute to the regional economy through employment generated by local businesses and organizations. LCOOU supports a variety of industries in the northern Wisconsin service area and contributes to the national society by fostering a more robust economy.



Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University: Strengthening our Workforce

TCUs prepare professionals in high-demand fields, including agriculture and natural resources management, health, information technology, and building trades. By teaching the job skills most in demand within our communities, TCUs are laying a strong foundation for Tribal and regional economic growth.

LCOOU established a Dean of Career and Technical Education position in 2025. This position, along with the expansion of the previous extension department, focuses on creating and implementing train-the-trainer initiatives in renewable energy careers through partnerships with other universities.

Emergency Services Training, a highly sought-after service in northern Wisconsin, offers opportunities in Emergency Medical Responding, Basic Life Support, First Aid, and HeartSaver First Aid.

Additionally, LCOOU is currently exploring the development of a computer science program under the CTE umbrella.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University: Building Our Futures

TCUs are resilient, resourceful, and proud to lead the nation in many areas, including preparing an American Indian and Alaska Native workforce of engineers, nurses, land managers, technicians, and teachers. Always looking to the future, TCUs are focused on building new partnerships, advancing educational excellence, and creating economic opportunities for Tribal and regional communities.

LCOOU impacts all areas of our communities, from providing tuition stipends for nursing students to establishing a mixed media immersion lab that creates opportunities for virtual training and learning. Additionally, it offers tailored training for culinary students seeking food handler management licenses and state certification. LCOOU has received initial approval from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as a teacher preparation entity and is currently developing a K-9 Bachelor of Science in Education program to certify teachers. Specialized offerings will be available for students aspiring to teach in an Ojibwe immersion classroom.

