



# EMPOWER YOUR CREATIVITY

IAIA®  
INSTITUTE OF  
AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS





## MISSION

“To empower creativity and leadership in Native Arts and cultures through higher education, life-long learning, and outreach.”



# WELCOME

I welcome you to the Institute of American Indian Arts located on 140 acres, with state-of-the-art buildings and equipment, in beautiful Santa Fe, New Mexico. IAIA's mission is to empower creativity and leadership in Native arts and cultures through higher education, lifelong learning, and outreach. This compelling mission is accomplished through accredited academic programs, IAIA's Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, and the IAIA Land Grant Programs.

IAIA's talented faculty and staff are committed to ensuring student success. We believe our students deserve the very best in academic programs and student services. I invite you to explore our unique programs and visit our beautiful campus. We look forward to you bringing your creativity and talents to IAIA in pursuit of your academic goals.

To learn more about IAIA and its mission, please visit [iaia.edu](http://iaia.edu).

Wado (Thank you),

**Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee)**  
**IAIA President**



## OUR HISTORY

The Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) was established in 1962 during the administration of John F. Kennedy and opened on the campus of the Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Under the leadership of Dr. George Boyce, Lloyd "Kiva" New (Cherokee), and others, IAIA embodied a bold and innovative approach to Native arts and culture education. Originally established as a high school with post-graduate offerings, IAIA became the world's only four-year college focused on American Indian arts and culture in 2001. IAIA was accredited to award an MFA in Creative Writing in 2013. Nearly three thousand students have graduated from IAIA, gaining recognition as acclaimed artists, writers, educators, and leaders in their professions; leading the way for Native artists in the 21st century.

## OUR MISSION OBJECTIVES

- Improve Student Success
- Strengthen Academic Programs
- Build College Community
- Advance Contemporary Native Arts and Culture
- Expand Capacity as a 1994 Land-Grant Institution



# IAIA PROFILE

MEDIAN AGE  
**22**

**325**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
**44**  
GRADUATE

**801**  
TOTAL HEAD COUNT



## CURRENT STUDENTS REPRESENT

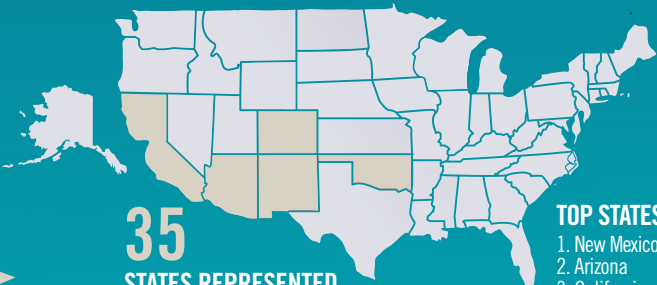
**17%**



**FEDERALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
TRIBES**  
(99 OF 573)

Tribes Represented: 99  
NM Tribes Represented: 34  
NM Pueblos represented: 11  
Navajo students: 59

## STUDENTS BY REGION



**TOP STATES**  
1. New Mexico  
2. Arizona  
3. California  
4. Oklahoma  
5. Colorado



**82%**

FULL-TIME STUDENTS



**18%**

PART TIME STUDENTS



**TOP 6  
TRIBES**

- Navajo Nation
- Alaskan Native
- Cheyenne River Sioux
- Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck
- Jicarilla Apache
- Oglala Sioux

**8 to 1**

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

**DEGREE  
PROGRAMS**

Studio Arts 49%  
Cinematic Arts & Technology 17%  
Museum Studies 10%  
Indigenous Liberal Studies 7%  
Creative Writing: 10%  
Performing Arts: 4%  
Business: 1%

**78%**  
NATIVE

**22%**  
NON-NATIVE

**96%**

**SEEKING**  
Bachelors,  
Associates,  
Certificate



# STUDENT LIFE

Life on campus goes beyond the classroom and textbooks. At IAIA, the Student Life Division creates a welcoming, supporting, and engaging community. Students can enjoy a variety of clubs, activities, and events to assist in personal and social development which is vital to a successful college experience. We encourage you to become involved in making IAIA your community.

## Student Involvement

The Student Activities department plans exciting on and off-campus events and takes students hiking, camping, to movies, museums, and more! On campus, the Student Union Building (SUB) provides students a space to relax and have fun with our pool tables, ping pong, TV, and other games. There are lockers for commuter students to store their belongings while on campus. Come and play our 18-hole championship high desert disc golf course.

Another way to be involved is through our Associated Student Government, student clubs, and organizations. We have clubs in a variety of interest areas: Museum Club, Indigenous Liberal Studies Organization, Movie Club, Archery Club, Stickball Club, Sculpture Club, and many more!

## Healthy Living

IAIA prides itself on providing fitness training and healthy food options. Our new Fitness Center includes a gymnasium and is equipped with treadmills, spinning bikes, and free weights and provides a variety of fitness classes. At the Bon Appetit Café all meals are produced in a socially-responsible manner from regional and seasonal products grown by local farmers and artisans. Food is cooked from scratch on-site using fresh, authentic ingredients full of flavor and nutrition.

## Student Success Center

The change from a home to a college environment presents many academic, social, and personal challenges. Different styles of learning and different achievement levels may require help and support. That is what the Student Success Center is designed to do in a “One-Stop-Shop” location. It provides support for student success in a time of great growth and challenge. At the Student Success Center, we create a safe and supportive learning environment for students throughout their college career.

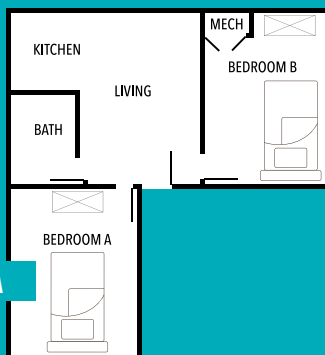
## Living on Campus

Students who live on campus are happier, healthier, and more likely to succeed in college than those who do not. Living in the residence hall or family housing complex offers everything needed for college success including convenient access to campus facilities such as classrooms, library and studios, recreational and fitness centers, friends and classmates right next door, comfortable living accommodations, and a residence life staff to help you 24 hours per day.

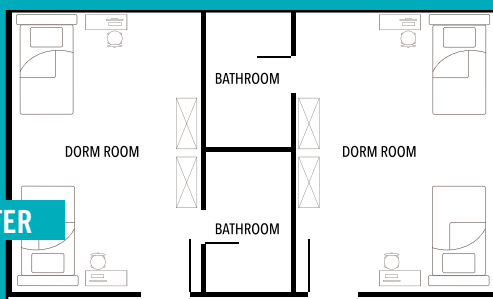
The IAIA Residence Center is a two-story, traditional style dormitory. Each of the 77 rooms accommodates two students and has a private bath. Basic furnishings for the room are included, consisting of a bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, desk, chair, and file cabinet for each student. Each floor has a kitchen and a large common area for watching television, playing games, relaxing, and holding meetings or study groups. A laundry room is available on each floor. All Freshmen are required to live on campus their first year.

Each Family Housing Casita is a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment with a kitchenette and dining space. A laundry room is available in the adjacent Student Life Building, which also houses the Recreation Room. Family housing is designated for students with children under the age of 18 or students that have a domestic partner/spouse.

FAMILY CASITA



RESIDENCE CENTER





# ASSOCIATE & BACHELOR PROGRAMS

## Studio Arts

IAIA is the only school in the nation to offer a Studio Arts degree within a diverse Native American learning community. The program encourages students to explore the visual arts through an exciting comprehensive course of study designed to develop not only skills, but also concepts, historical awareness, and cultural sensitivities essential to the professional artist. Our program offers painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, jewelry/metals, and digital art.

## Creative Writing

In the Creative Writing program, students develop their own voice in multiple genres: poetry, fiction, playwriting, screenwriting, journalism, or creative nonfiction. They are also offered many opportunities to read publicly during the program. Our education is built on a strong foundation in Indigenous perspectives and world views of literature. With our small class sizes, we offer individualized attention and feedback. Creative Writing students will work with a broad array of visiting writers and the program offers many opportunities for scholarships, recognition, and fellowships to national writing conferences.

## Museum Studies

The Museum Studies Program introduces students to all aspects of museum studies from theoretical perspectives to practical application. They learn how to safely handle cultural objects, catalogue collections, and work with Native communities. With a wide array of courses available, students can customize their Museum Studies degree to fit their interests and needs. Required internships provide students opportunities to apply knowledge gained in the classroom to real work museum settings. The year-long Senior Thesis project takes student through the steps of curating and executing their own exhibition.

## Cinematic Arts & Technology

The IAIA Department of Cinematic Arts & Technology is recognized as one of the best film programs in the state of New Mexico. The program curriculum has a strong emphasis on meaningful storytelling, which is elevates our program above all others. IAIA students have produced award winning films and have been screened at film festivals around the world. We also highlight the accolades of our faculty which includes a recent Emmy Award-winner for Cinematography and an expert in computer game design. Students will have access to state-of-the-art film technology such as professional RED cameras, a motion capture system, and a digital dome for immersive environments. Students that have completed our 4-year degree program have gone on to film industry jobs or are pursuing advance degrees at colleges in New York and California.

## Indigenous Liberal Studies

The program is guided by the term "Indigenous Ways of Knowing," focusing on the exploration and development of Indigenous knowledge. Students will receive a unique educational experience that includes academic course work, opportunities for meaningful experiential education, and preparation for service to Indigenous communities. The process is one of reflection, critical inquiry, research and the exploration of interrelationships among academic disciplines and the world at large.

## Performing Arts

The Performing Arts program honors Indigenous traditions and utilizes a process of respect that integrates indigenous ways of knowing. Performing Arts builds upon that notion to envision boundless ways of creating story. This recently launched program recognizes the importance and interdisciplinary nature of performing arts and through our program students discover their role as architects in the creation of artistic voice through theater, movement, sound, and visuals. The three pillars of the Performing Arts program: performance, applied arts, and arts education, prepare students for multiple ways to work in the field upon graduation and to live full and productive lives as artistic leaders. The new state-of-the-art Performing Arts building and Black Box theatre allows students to learn about the technical aspects of working in a variety of theatrical spaces with state-of-the-art technology.



*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have expanded our course options to offer an array of online and in-person courses which allows students to have a comfortable and safe learning environment on campus or at home.*

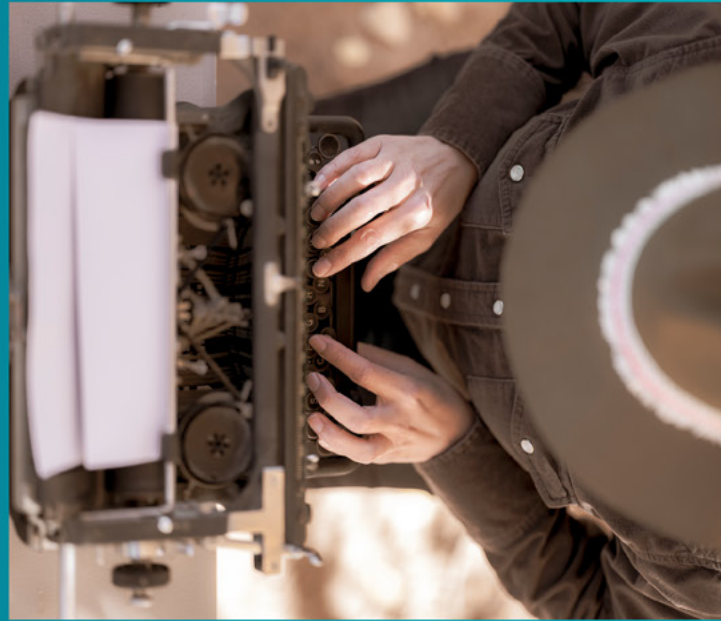




# GRADUATE PROGRAM

## Creative Writing

The Institute of American Indian Arts' Low Residency MFA in Creative Writing provides one-on-one mentorships with faculty who specialize in multiple genres, including screenwriting, poetry, creative non-fiction, and fiction. During the two-year program, students gather twice a year on the IAIA campus in Santa Fe, NM for an intensive week of workshops, lectures, and readings with prominent Native and non-Native faculty and visiting writers. At the end of the week, each student is matched with a mentor, who works one-on-one with the student for the 16-week online semester. The Low Residency model allows you to live at home and continue participating in work, family, and community, while also being a part of a vibrant and supportive community of writers. IAIA's MFA in Creative Writing emphasizes the importance of Native writers offering voice to the Native experience, placing priority on Indigenous world views in a contemporary context.



## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### Museum Studies

The program introduces students to all aspects of Museum Studies from theoretical perspectives to practical applications. Courses are arranged with weekly video demonstrations, readings, and original research assignments. In addition to learning the details of museum operations, students also learn about the ethical and legal considerations involved in collecting, storing, and exhibiting Native American cultural objects.

### Business & Entrepreneurship

The IAIA Business and Entrepreneurship program provides a foundation for arts professionals interested in incorporating business principles and practices into their work and/or growing/starting an arts related business. The certificate program includes required courses that provide a general business education, and also courses that can be tailored to the specific needs and interests of each student. Students learn practical skills they can immediately apply to their careers and can assist family and indigenous communities through business development.

### Native American Art History

IAIA offers one of the only Native American Art History certificate programs in the nation. The program takes an interdisciplinary approach, examining Native American art as a form of discourse and cultural exchange. Survey courses provide a broad historical overview of the history of Native American, First Nations, and Central and South American art forms. Courses examine the disciplinary lenses applied to Indigenous art, including archaeological, anthropological, ethnographic, and art historical methods; analyzed with close attention to the ethical and conceptual concerns of Indigenous scholars, artists, and activists.

**All Available IN PERSON and ONLINE**



# TUITION – FULL-TIME STUDENTS (12-18 credits per semester)

*All Required Undergraduate Textbooks Included With Tuition.*

**Undergraduate – United States Resident & Canadian First Nations**  
(\$185.00 per credit hour)

SEMESTER	YEAR
\$2,223.00	\$4,446.00

**Online Only**  
(\$138.75 per credit hour)

\$1,667.00	\$3,334.00
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**International Undergraduate**  
(\$370.00 per credit hour)

\$4,440.00	\$8,880.00
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**Graduate (Creative Writing MFA Program)**  
(\$500.00 per credit hour)

\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
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## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

**Residence Center - Shared Room**

SEMESTER	YEAR
\$2,328.00	\$4,656.00

**Family Housing - Casita**  

- 2 bedroom/1 bath, utilities included
- Fall Semester: August – December
- Spring Semester: January – May

\$4,588.00	\$9,176.00
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## MEAL PLAN

**14-Meals per week plan**

SEMESTER	YEAR
\$2,218.00	\$4,436.00

*Academic year 2021-2022 estimated cost of attendance for a full-time student on-campus is \$14,779 (Direct charges: tuition, fees, room & board). The above chart does not reflect miscellaneous fees or deposits (studio fees, fitness, technology, etc).*

*\*Subject to change. For more information visit [iaia.edu/admissions/tuition](http://iaia.edu/admissions/tuition)*

*See updated tuition and costs at [iaia.edu/tuition](http://iaia.edu/tuition)*

**100% of IAIA's students graduate with zero federal student loan debt\***

**IAIA gave out over \$850,000 in institutional scholarship money in 2019**

**57% of IAIA students received a Pell Grant in 2019**

**You can now receive the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship for up to 7 semesters if you attend IAIA within a year of your New Mexico high school graduation**

\* Some students graduate with debt they acquired before coming to IAIA

**[iaia.edu/aid](http://iaia.edu/aid)  
[iaia.edu/tuition](http://iaia.edu/tuition)**

## FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): All full-time students attending IAIA are required to submit an application to be considered for Federal, State, some Institutional Aid, and for Financial Need Analysis forms. The new FAFSA comes out each October for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.

**Apply for Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**

**IAIA School Code: 014152**

Federal/State Financial Aid: Students who submit a FAFSA, and are eligible according to Federal Guidelines, will be awarded a Federal Pell Grant

Note: Pell Grants are pro-rated based on actual enrollment. There are supplemental federal and state grants and also Federal and State Work-study funds that are awarded on a first-come/first-served basis. Students are encouraged to submit their FAFSA early each year to be considered for supplemental grants and work-study programs. IAIA does not participate in the federal student loan program.

### IAIA Tribal Scholarship:

Students who are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American, Alaska Native Tribe, or Canadian First Nation, are eligible to receive the IAIA Tribal Scholarship. Students must demonstrate need according to official FAFSA results, proof of enrollment, and 2.0 transfer grade point average (GPA). There is no incoming GPA requirement for new entering freshmen. Award Amounts per Semester: \$500 Full-time / \$200 Part-time. There is no incoming GPA requirement for new entering freshmen.

### IAIA Merit Scholarship:

Students must be full-time, undergraduate, and degree-seeking to be considered. Award amount is based on cumulative GPA or earned GED. Award amounts per semester: 3.00-3.49: \$500 / 3.50-3.89: \$750 / 3.90-4.00: \$1,000.

### For More Scholarships:

Please visit [www.iaia.edu/aid](http://www.iaia.edu/aid) to learn more about financial aid and begin to research external scholarship opportunities.

## CONTACT US

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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

APPLY AT [IAIA.EDU/APPLY](http://IAIA.EDU/APPLY) • Spring Deadline - January 4  
Fall Deadline - July 27

## Freshmen Students

(Less than 24hrs of transferable college credit)

1. Complete IAIA Application available at [iaia.edu/apply](http://iaia.edu/apply)
2. \$25 non-refundable application fee
3. Official high school transcript or official GED scores
4. Official college transcripts indicating less than 24 transferable credit hours if you have earned college credit or participated in dual credit courses.

## Transfer Students

(More than 24hrs of transferable college credit)

1. Complete IAIA Application available at [iaia.edu/apply](http://iaia.edu/apply)
2. \$25 non-refundable application fee
3. Official college transcripts from each college previously attended
4. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a teacher, counselor, or community leader
5. Statement of interest (one page, typed, in 12-point font) addressing the following:
  - Your educational and life goals, and how the college can help you fulfill them;
  - An example of a leadership role you held in your community; and
  - A situation in which you had to overcome adversity.
6. A portfolio in the intended area of study - see portfolio requirements

## Transfer Portfolio Requirements

### Creative Writing

- 15 to 20 pages of original work (poetry, fiction, playwriting, or nonfiction)

### Indigenous Liberal Studies

- 1,000 word essay including:
  - What you expect to gain through participation in the Indigenous Liberal Studies Program/Native American Studies program
  - What experience you have had as a member of or working for an Indigenous or local community
  - What issues facing Indigenous or local communities seem most important to you

### Museum Studies

- 700-word Statement of Interest in the Museum Studies program. The statement should include:
  - Your goals and any special training or previous relevant employment or other experience
  - Current knowledge of the museum/cultural center field
  - The kinds of experiences you hope will be a part of your college education
  - Reasons for choosing the Museum Studies degree program

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### Cinematic Arts & Technology

- Up to five individual films (narrative, documentary, animation, or experimental in nature), with a total running time of no more than 20 minutes. Applicants are encouraged to submit work on DVD media when possible, which should be able to be played on standard DVD player. Applicants must check their work to meet this requirement. Do not send .flv, .swf or Windows Media files. If an applicant's work is posted on the web, he/she should send the URL(s) as part of the portfolio as well.

- A short film demonstrating foundational skills and promise.

### Studio Arts

- A minimum of 10 art pieces related to the applicant's intended major and created within the past two years.

### Preferred Portfolio Submission Formats:

- Electronic media may include digital images of artwork, graphic files, animation, or similar work. Files may be sent on CDs or DVDs. Files must be labeled and the CD or DVD must be labeled.
- Please do not submit original artwork or pieces, such as jewelry, pottery, or sculpture.



# VISIT IAIA

Schedule a visit today at: [www.iaia.edu/visit](http://www.iaia.edu/visit)

The beautiful IAIA campus spreads across 140-acres in the south part of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The atmosphere is electric, a product of the creative energy that occurs when talented students interact with and are inspired by talented faculty. IAIA campus and community is very welcoming and inspiring. We look forward to your visit to our campus!

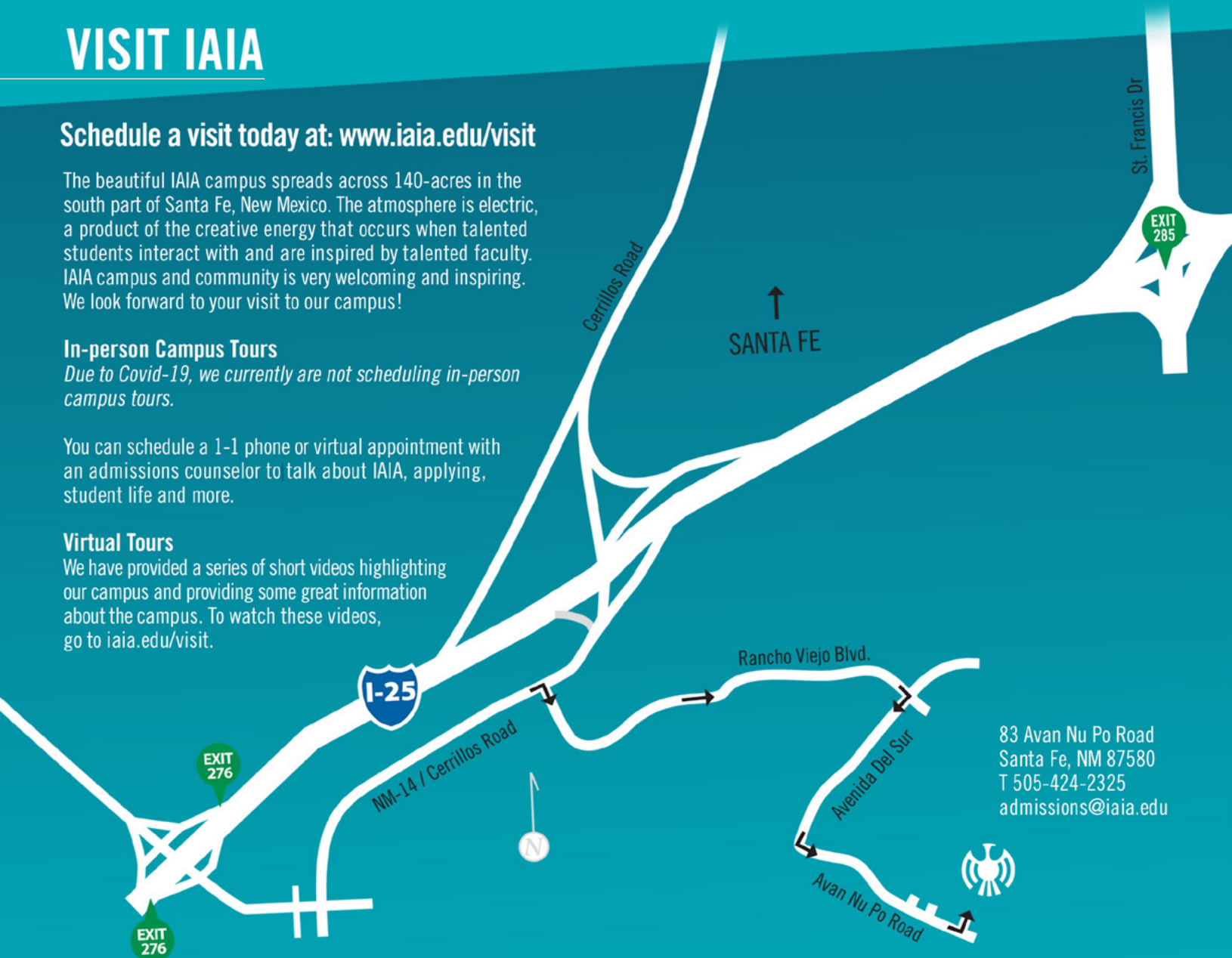
## In-person Campus Tours

*Due to Covid-19, we currently are not scheduling in-person campus tours.*

You can schedule a 1-1 phone or virtual appointment with an admissions counselor to talk about IAIA, applying, student life and more.

## Virtual Tours

We have provided a series of short videos highlighting our campus and providing some great information about the campus. To watch these videos, go to [iaia.edu/visit](http://iaia.edu/visit).





# CAMPUS MAP

## BUILDING KEY

- 1 Hogan
- 2 Family Housing
- 3 Academic Classrooms
- 4 Center for Lifelong Education (CLE)  
Center for Student Life / Cafeteria
- 5 Library & Technology Center
- 6 Facilities & Receiving
- 7 Residence Center
- 8 Fitness & Wellness
- 9 Barbara & Robert Ellis  
Science & Technology Building
- 10 Allan Houser Haozous  
Sculpture & Foundry Building
- 11 Dance Circle
- 12 Green House
- 13 Sweat Lodges
- 14 Lloyd Kiva New  
Welcome Center
- 15 Digital Dome
- 16 The Haozous Garden
- 17 USDA Agricultural Field
- 18 Performing Arts &  
Fitness Center
- B City of Santa Fe  
Bus Stop
- P Parking



## IAIA DIRECTORY

Every department is accessible for additional information. Information about the campus and the museum, which is located in downtown Santa Fe, are available to the students and public.

Please feel free to contact these departments to visit, tour, and discuss everything that IAIA has to offer.

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