



*Western Illinois University-Macomb is located on the ancestral lands of the Illinois (Inoca) Indigenous people.*

*The Inoca were a tribe within the Peoria tribe, which was one of the five main tribes of the Illinois Confederation. There were 12 to 13 tribes who lived in the Mississippi River Valley. Tribes occupied an area reaching from Lake Michicigao (Michigan) to Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas.*

*The five main tribes were the Cahokia, Kaskaskia, Michigamea, Peoria, and Tamaro.*

*We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands of the **Sauk and Meskwaki People**. The confluence of the Rock and Mississippi Rivers served the Meskwaki (Fox) and Sauk nation for generations. This was home to thriving Native American communities including the Sauk City of Saukenuk which may have had a population of four to six thousand in the late 1700's.*

JIDE Office

<http://www.wiu.edu/jide/>

Multicultural Center

[https://www.wiu.edu/student\\_success/mcc/](https://www.wiu.edu/student_success/mcc/)

University Counseling Center

[https://www.wiu.edu/student\\_success/ucc/diversityStatement.php](https://www.wiu.edu/student_success/ucc/diversityStatement.php)

### **Resources**

University of Minnesota – Territory Acknowledgement

<https://libguides.umn.edu/c.php?g=961505&p=6943614>

Land Acknowledgement U of IL Urbana Champaign

[https://chancellor.illinois.edu/land\\_acknowledgement.html](https://chancellor.illinois.edu/land_acknowledgement.html)

Land Acknowledgement Toolkit

<https://www.csusm.edu/cicsc/land.pdf>

U.S. Department of Arts and Culture

<https://usdac.us/nativeland>

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