Bemidji State University

INST 1107: Introduction to Turtle Island

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 2
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the study of American Indians from a cultural and academic perspective. The academic overview will include considerations of breadth, method of research, terminology, and principles of various disciplines that include American Indians in their fields of study. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/24/2015 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. "The Only Good Indian . . . 
2. All My Relations Family and Ed
3. American Indian Story (History)
4. In the Light of Reverence
5. Indigenous Rights
6. Native Representations: Media and the Arts
7. Native Sovereignty
8. Peoples and Nations
9. The Hidden Heritage
10. The Sacred: Spirituality and Sacred . . 
11. Urbanism

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. experience a Native American studies perspective rather than that of mainstream anthropology, history, or sociology. That perspective is that of the Indigenous peoples of America as people and nations, not as ethnic minorities.
2. critique how the organizational structure of the discipline within colleges and universities has been problematic.
3. become adept with key terms, for example; blood quantum, First Nations, metis, mestizo and Indianness.
4. analyze the purpose and consequences of statistical genocide.
5. be evaluated on their ability to follow directions in collecting genealogical data and artifacts.
6. accept, distinguish and synthesize their data/artifacts into a Genealogical notebook that details their specific ethnic identity.
7. examine grounded perspectives in traditional Indigenous history, culture and resistance.
8. understand that Native American Studies is multidisciplinary in scope.
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. No Competencies Indicated
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity
1. No Competencies Indicated
2. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
3. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
4. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
5. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
6. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
None noted