

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ENGL 352: Native American Literature

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is an introduction to and an exploration of literature written by Native Americans. Texts read in this course are produced by writers of Native American descent. Course presents core texts (fiction, essays, poetry, drama) in the development of literary history of western Indian writers with an emphasis on contemporary literature. MnTC Goal 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 11/01/2004 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduce students to cultural literature, specifically that written by Native Americans
2. Provide historical and critical study of authors, genres, and scholarship of Indian people in North America
3. Demonstrate and practice close readings and critical analysis of a cultural text
4. Recognize and articulate the value assumptions and cultural perspectives which underlie and affect decisions, interpretations, analyses, and evaluations made by ourselves and others

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To read and study literature written by Native Americans
2. To expand student knowledge about literature and thought in non-canonical English-language contexts
3. To compare own knowledge of and experiences with traditional texts (Anglo, Western) to that of texts that carry a culturally diverse perspective
4. To illuminate Native American experience in America
5. To become aware of cultural features that distinguish Indian writing
6. To foster critical thinking and analytical writing with regard to Native American Literature
7. To gain a deeper understanding of concepts such as : authenticity/authority of Native American experiences, orality/oral tradition, identity, racism, ethnicity as discourse, renderings of place and spirit
8. To foster an appreciation of and respect for Indian literature and culture

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. 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.
5. 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