

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 309: Indians of the Great Plains

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course focuses on past and present cultures of Plains Indians. Individual tribal traditions are compared and contrasted. The interdependence of techno-environment, socio-political organization and ideology is stressed, with emphasis on culture change. Present day adaptations to reservation and urban life are examined. MnTC Goal 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 10/29/2012 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Plains Environment
2. Plains Religions
3. Plains Socio-political Organization
4. Plains Peoples and Demographics
5. Plains Subsistence
6. Contemporary Plains Life
7. Plains External Relations
8. Plains Kinship and Daily Life
9. Plains Material Culture and Decorative Arts
10. Plains Music and Dance
11. Plains Oral Traditions

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand ethnohistorical methods
2. Understand the relationship between Plains groups and their relationships with Euroamericans
3. Understand the history of Plains Indians
4. Understand the unique cultures of Plains Indians
5. Understand the changing ideas and representations of Plains Indians in American 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. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. 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.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted