

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 210: Midwest/Plains Prehistory

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

Culture/history of ancient peoples in the northern Midwest since earliest occupation. Archaeological excavations and their implications for understanding regional prehistory. Origins of historically known ethnic groups. MnTC Goal 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Methods of archaeology and ethnohistory; geography and culture.
2. Mythic past-Moundbuilders, Vikings and others.
3. Prehistoric native cultures at European contact.
4. Paleoindian and Archaic hunters.
5. Woodland gatherers and farmers; intensive bison hunting.
6. Plains villagers and the emergence of modern tribal groups.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Know how archaeologists learn about regional prehistory.
2. Understand the variety of cultures known from the northern Midwest and Plains.
3. Understand the ways in which regional cultures have changed over time and the reasons offered for those transformations.

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