

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 202: American Indian Culture

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

A historical perspective on living, traditional cultures of American Indian groups. Topics include tribal entities, religion, arts, life-styles and ecological adaptations.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 12/08/1999 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction to Culture Areas of Native North America.
2. Brief history of research on Native North Americans.
3. Euro-American/Native relationships.
4. Discussion of each of the ten culture areas of Native North America: Arctic, Subarctic, Plateau, Northwest Coast, Great Basin, California, Southwest, Plains, Northeast, Southeast. In each culture area the following will be considered:
 - A. Basic History
 - B. Ethnographic Research
 - C. Ethnographic Portraits
 1. Political Organization
 2. Social Organization
 3. Economics
 4. Material Culture and Technology
 5. Religion
 6. Contemporary Situation

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Know how anthropologists study American Indians.
2. Describe the ten culture areas of Native North America.
3. Understand the connections between aspects of American Indian cultures to their environment/geographic location.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted