

ANTH E320 INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

Course syllabus

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Class Time: 1:30-2:45pm TR

Class Location: KT 149

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Native American populations encountered by the Europeans upon reaching North America displayed a bewildering variety of adaptations to their natural and social environments. The Europeans themselves came from a number of different countries with different concepts of cultural relations, which in turn affected how they dealt with the Native Americans. Too often modern society refers to these peoples uniformly as "Indians", without recognition of their diversity and the tenuous links between them. This course will expose students to this diversity, emphasizing both the unique ecological adaptations and the sociopolitical organizations of the native groups that lived in today's Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

As a means of introducing the subject, we will discuss the various means by which we classify Native American groups, and what this tells us about their origins. The course then follows across several large regions, in each case providing a detailed discussion of the societies that lived in the area at European Contact. These will be supplemented by several ethnographic studies of specific groups, in order to give a more depth presentation. This will make up the meat of the course, but will be followed by a brief discussion of Indian/White relations since European Contact.

EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

There will be three examinations over the course of the semester, including the final exam. The first two exams will count for 20% each, while the final exam will be worth 40%.

A paper will also be required from students in this class, and details will be provided at a later date. This paper will count for the remaining 20% of the semester grade.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Alice B. Kehoe. 1992. *North American Indians: A comprehensive account*. 2nd edition.

Norman A. Chance. 1966. *The Eskimo of North Alaska*.

Bruce G. Trigger. 1969. *The Huron: Farmers of the North*.

E. Adamson Hobel. 1978. *The Cheyennes: Indians of the Great Plains*.

Dee Brown. 1971. *Bury my heart at Wounded Knee*.

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND READINGS

Aug. 26 (T) - Introduction to Anthropology and the course.

Aug. 28 (R) - Who is an Indian? Biological, Linguistic, Cultural classifications.

Sept. 2 (T) - The peopling of the New World

Kehoe 1-20

Sept. 4 (R) - Early Adaptations	
Sept. 9 (T) - Arctic (Inuit)	Start Chance
Sept. 11 (R) - Arctic (Inuit)	Kehoe 480-519
Sept. 16 (T) - Movie	Finish Chance
Sept. 18 (R) - Subarctic (Chipewyan)	Kehoe 519-563
Sept. 23 (T) - The Plains (Mandan)	Start Hobel
Sept. 25 (R) - The Plains (Mandan)	Kehoe 287-360
Sept. 30 (T) -The Plains (Lakota)	Finish Hobel
Oct. 2 (R) - EXAM	
Oct. 7 (T) - Northeast (Iroquois)	Start Trigger
Oct. 9 (R) - NO CLASS. Fall Break	
Oct. 14 (T) - Northeast (Iroquois)	Kehoe 224-287
Oct. 16 (R) - Northeast (Miami)	Finish Trigger
Oct. 21 (T) - Southeast (Natchez)	Kehoe 160-223
Oct. 23 (R) - Southeast (Natchez)	
Oct. 28 (T) - Northwest Coast	Kehoe 429-479
Oct. 30 (R) - Duane Slick - Contemporary Native Artist	
Nov. 4 (T) - EXAM	
Nov. 6 (R) - Southwest (Zuni)	Kehoe 103-159
Nov. 11 (T) - Southwest (Zuni)	
Nov. 13 (R) - Southwest (Navajo)	
Nov. 18 (T) - Movie	
Nov. 20 (R) - NO CLASS	
Nov. 25 (T) - Mesoamerica (Aztec Empire)	Kehoe 21-102
Nov. 27 (R) - NO CLASS. THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Dec. 2 (T) - Mesoamerica (Aztec Empire)	Paper Due,start Brown
Dec. 4 (R) - Indian/White contact	
Dec. 9 (T) - Indian/White contact	
Dec. 11 (R) - catch-up and REVIEW	Finish Brown
December 18, (R) 1:00-3:00pm. FINAL EXAM	