Bemidji State University

INST 2201: Creation to Contact

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course spans the early history of Indigenous peoples from Creation to Contact. This course is designed to provide students with a literary, historical, and philosophical understanding of the orientations and worldviews of some Indigenous people in the Americas. This knowledge will inform students’ understanding of the challenges that Indigenous peoples face in regard to the social, economic, political, and religious policies and practices of colonial societies in later times. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 5 & 7].[Nisidotaading Course Requirement]

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/24/2015 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Indigenous origin stories
2. Indigenous worldviews
3. Indigenous storytelling
4. Impacts of colonialism
5. Indigenous philosophies
6. Indigenous literatures
7. Indigenous histories
8. Indigenous sacred places

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. analyze various themes relating to Indigenous Creation Stories.
2. explain the impacts of colonialism on Indigenous worldviews and practices.
3. apply historical knowledge to contemporary Indigenous issues.
4. analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and anti-Indigenous bigotry.
5. apply what they learn about the diversity of Indigenous Peoples to their own relationship with the lands and waters we are on now.
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

   Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
   1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
   2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
   3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.

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. 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.
   4. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

   Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
   1. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

   None noted