Bemidji State University

HST 2925: People of the Environment: Environment and History

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

An examination of past interactions between human society and the natural world in what is now the United States. Issues to be discussed in the course include Native American resource management; the ecological effects of the arrival of Europeans, Africans, and Asians in North America; resource exploitation in the industrial era; the preservationist and conservationist movements; and the historical roots of current environmental problems.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/27/2018 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Biodiversity
2. Climate change
3. Ecology
4. Energy
5. Evolution and Extinction
6. Food and Soil
7. Population
8. Risk and Toxicology
9. The Nature of Science; Economics, Politics and Worldviews
10. Waste
11. Water

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. improve their ability to critically assess environmental issues and discussions about those issues by examining arguments and source materials
2. gain a greater understanding of the relation between human societies and their environments, particularly institutional arrangements that shape and/or reflect the cultural values underlying humans' interaction with their environs
3. learn to effectively develop, support, and communicate their own ideas, interpretations, positions, and arguments.

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

None
F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted