Bemidji State University

INST 4207: Indigenous Lifeways

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

This class examines how Indigenous knowledge systems are embodied and expressed, and what can be the result when people with conflicting knowledge systems interact with one another. Through readings, discussions, lectures, films, group work, and other course assignments, we'll consider Indigenous knowledge systems and worldviews with a particular eye toward how these ideas are related to geographic space, relationships, values, economics, language, and story. Prerequisite(s): Junior or senior standing or by consent of instructor.[Nisidotaading Course Requirement]

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/26/2019 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Indigenous philosophies
2. Indigenous storytelling
3. Indigenous relationality
4. Indigenous places and placemaking
5. Indigenous criticism
6. Indigenous theory
7. Indigenous resurgence
8. Indigenous colonialism

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. discuss the diverse worldviews, cultures, and experiences of some Indigenous peoples.
2. identify how Indigenous systems of knowledge and relationships have shaped their communities, political movements, and arts, as expressions of their visions for the future.
3. analyze what happens when Indigenous concepts and practices come into conflict with settler-colonial ideas, beliefs, and practices.
4. perceive their personal and ethical relationship with, and responsibility to, Indigenous people/s, their representations, and their cultural property, whether it’s physical or intangible.
5. describe some ways that Indigenous concepts can be expressed through language & names; narrative & stories; aural, visual, and kinesthetic means; food, medicine, and subsistence practices; kinship, leadership, and other social relationships.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted