

# Bemidji State University

## INST 4207: Indigenous Lifeways

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: \*.\*

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding and awareness of the native philosophical world views and the interface that occurs among indigenous peoples and western people. Part of this understanding is that of two worlds; one of those worlds is the native world and the other being the western world. At the heart of native existence is the spiritual ecology, natural environments, human geography, identity, Indian activism, Christian and native religious beliefs and contemporary life ways. Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing or by consent of instructor.

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

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Comparative spiritual and religious beliefs about the natural world of Indigenous peoples

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. understand the interlocking metaphors used in myths and traditional oral methods.
2. analyze the basic ways of Indigenous lives and why they are relevant in a modern world.
3. examine the concerns Indigenous peoples have in regard to the destruction of the natural world.
4. be able to articulate what Indigenous Philosophy is.
5. advance skillful meaning to original teachings and traditional Indigenous knowledge.

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

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted