



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – ANTHROPOLOGY 2500

North American Aboriginal Peoples – WINTER 2013

T, TH 14:30-15:50, B201

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OFFICE HOURS: 14:30-15:50, Tuesday and Thursday

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

North American Indians: A Comprehensive Account (2006, 3rd Edition; Kehoe)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course is an ethnographic survey of First Peoples that focuses on the interplay between environment, economic, political, social and ideological systems and experience with the modern world.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 / 3 per week

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

OBJECTIVES: After completion of this course, a student will have a broad knowledge of the different cultures across North America.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, GMU

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE**GRADING CONVERSION CHART**

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	99 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	94 – 99	
A⁻	3.7	90 – 93	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	87 – 89	
B	3.0	83 – 86	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	80 – 82	
C⁺	2.3	77 – 79	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	73 – 76	
C⁻	1.7	70 – 72	
D⁺	1.3	65 – 69	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	60 – 64	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Wikipedia Project	10 percent
In-Class Quizzes	40 percent (10 percent x 4 quizzes)
Take-Home Tests	30 percent (15 percent x 2 tests)
Current Events	20 percent (5 percent x 4 events)

Percents/points are awarded for work described above. Points can be awarded in fractions. Visit or email me at any time to get your current point total.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tests There will be two take-home tests in this class. Each will be an essay format discussion of a major topic or controversy we have discussed in class. You may use your notes and reading.

Project The project will challenge you to fact-check a Wikipedia entry. A handout will be given for this project.

Quizzes Four in-class quizzes will be given. I will provide a study guide for each one.

Current Events You are responsible for presenting four current events related to our course topic. The presentation should describe the event and why it is related to this course. You should hand in a short (1-2 paragraph) summary of the news story plus a link.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/*

Topics:

Readings:

Assignments:

Section 1: Overview of the Americas and Its First Inhabitants (January 6 – 17):

Introduction (Jan. 8)

Syllabus (Jan. 8)

Geographical Areas (Jan. 10)

Wikipedia Handout (Jan. 10)

Peopling the New World (Jan. 15)

Chapter 1

Library (Jan. 17)

Section 2: Regions (January 22 – April 16):

Southwest (Jan. 22-24)

Chapter 3

Quiz I (Jan. 22)

Southeast (Jan. 29-Feb. 5)

Chapter 4

Current Event I (<Jan. 31)

Northeast (Feb. 7)

Chapter 5

Wikipedia Due (Feb. 5)

Prairies (Feb. 14-28)

Chapter 6

Current Event II (<Feb. 28)

Winter Break (Feb. 18-22)

Quiz II (Feb. 28)

Great Basin (Mar. 5)

Take Home I (Mar. 7)

West (Mar. 12-14)

Chapter 7

Current Event III (<Mar. 19)

Northwest (Mar. 19-26)

Chapter 8

Quiz III (Mar. 26)

Arctic (Mar. 28-Apr. 2)

Chapter 9

No Class (Apr. 4)

Current Event III (<Apr. 9)

Today (Apr. 9-11)

Chapter 10

Take Home II (Apr. 11)

Quiz IV (Apr. 16)

Policies:*Honor & Plagiarism*

All students are bound by the honor code as outlined at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>. This includes prohibitions against cheating, plagiarism, or alteration of documents. Furthermore, disruption of classes, theft, abuse, harassment, improper or illegal use of substances, or firearm possession will not be tolerated. Please direct any questions to me, the department chair, or dean.

Disability

Students with disabilities should work through the Disability Access Office, <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/students/disabilities/index.html>. Please make me aware of any specific needs well in advance of tests or homework that would be affected.

Disruptive Behaviour

Disruptive behaviour including harassment will not be tolerated. I refer you to <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf> (responsibility no. 14). If you feel you have been discriminated against or harassed in any way, please let me know immediately. If you are uncomfortable talking to me, I would be happy to help you find somebody else to whom you may speak.

Phone & E-Mail

Please turn off your phone during class. Phones on silent or vibrate can still cause distraction. I promptly answer emails Monday-Friday, 8:00a-4:00p. Please plan accordingly. If your email requires more than a two sentence reply, please stop by my office.

Make-up Exam

Make-up exams will not be given. Tests are given as per the schedule set out on the syllabus, please make your plans accordingly. Please contact me well in advance if there are conflicts in your schedule (i.e., not the day or night before the test).

Attendance

Class attendance is your responsibility. We will be covering material not in the book, which will appear on the test. If you will be missing a class, I do appreciate an email to let me know. Please arrange to get the notes you missed from a fellow student.