

Indigenous Peoples of the World

Mondays, 6:30-9:15

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Introduction:

This course examines the historical and cultural experiences of indigenous peoples from around the world. The main objective is to gain a better understanding of the impact that modernization and globalization has had on the development of these cultures through an investigation of select groups from areas such as (but not limited to) Australia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Americas. The course will use studies from cultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and ethnomusicology to increase students' exposure to alternative means for living in and understanding the world.

Conduct:

Some simple rules to live by (if you want a good grade):

1. Arrive on time and stay for the entire class.
2. No late assignments (see below).
3. Be respectful of your classmates and the professor.
4. Use the writing center.
5. Actively Engage in your readings and class discussions.
6. Read and abide the college's academic honesty policy.
7. Do not wait until the last minute to read the assignments.
8. Study!
9. **Ask for help!**

Academic Dishonesty:

Any form of cheating, including plagiarism, will result in the immediate failure of the assignment and an official report to academic officials. Any additional acts of dishonesty will probably lead to failure of the course. Please see me if you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism.

College Withdrawal Policy:

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course MUST complete a withdrawal form obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students may withdraw from class anytime during the first ten weeks of the semester without being in good standing or obtaining permission of the instructor. After that period, a student wishing to withdraw must obtain written authorization of the instructor to receive a "W" grade for the course. Students who fail to properly withdraw, and discontinue coming to class, will be assigned an "F" grade. Eligibility for refund of tuition is based upon date of withdrawal through the registrar's office. Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.

Learning Disabilities:

If you have a disability that may require classroom or test-taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible.

E-Mail Communication:

All correspondence should be conducted in a professional manner. Therefore, be certain that your address and the content of the message are professional. Your best means is through Blackboard.

Late Assignments:

The simple thing is to just get your work in on the day it is due. However, for those who are unable to do this read on...

Assignments are due by the end of class on the day they are assigned. Anyone wishing to hand in a late assignment must bring it to my office and place it in "The Box." These assignments will be returned at the convenience of the professor, and will be graded on a pass/fail basis (a "pass" in this case will be graded as a "D" even if it is "A" level work). No box assignments will be accepted after the last day of classes.

Required Texts:

Indigenous Peoples, Ethnic Groups, and the State, by David Maybury-Lewis.

Assignments:

All reading assignments will be posted on Blackboard. Each week you will prepare and submit a two page response paper focused on the assigned reading. This will help to generate more lively class discussion.

Your research paper will be explained in detail in class. However, there will be periodic assignments on Blackboard to help you stay focused. The due dates for these are listed with each assignment.

Grades:

Your final grade will be determined as follow:

Weekly assignments, class participation: 50%

Research Paper Preparation Assignments: 25%

Research Paper: 25%

The total points for each assignment will be pre-weighted to match the percentages above. You will be able to calculate your current grade by determining the percentage of points you have earned from the total points given at that time in the semester. You should also be able to calculate your potential grade as well.