

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES (AIST)

AIST-101 **American Indian Studies**

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course provides a general overview of American Indian history, culture, philosophy, religious practices, music, art, literature, tribal law, government, and sovereignty. The course will focus on both traditional and contemporary cultures with an emphasis on issues in American Indian life. The course will also cover the origins and development of content and method in American Indian studies, focusing on patterns of persistence and change in American Indian communities, especially political, linguistic, social, legal, and cultural change.

AIST-225 Native People of North America

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course provides a general overview of the Indigenous cultures of North America, with an emphasis on specific Indigenous cultures of the Northwest. The course takes a critical approach to foundational concepts and methods used by anthropologists, reflecting the current trend of the discipline grappling with traditionally colonial mindset. This course examines the variance of language, socio-political and legal systems, ideas and structures of kinship and family, relations of land, and contemporary legal and environmental issues facing Indigenous North Americans. This course's definition of "North America" includes Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, and the Indigenous peoples of the colonial territories of the United States. This course is the same as ANTH-225.

Recommended Prerequisites: ANTH-100

AIST-240 American Indian History

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course provides a historical overview of post-contact Indian and non-Indian relations and their effect on Indian culture, including reactions, adaptations, and conflicts in social, political, and economic systems. Some emphasis will be placed on prominent Indian personages and geographical groups, their migrations and intertribal and U.S government relationships, including federal Indian policy. Students will gain a deeper sense of "nations" and an understanding of the importance of tribal heritage and identify from a historical perspective. This course is the same as HIST-240.

Prerequisites: ENGL-101

AIST-250 American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Policy **3 Credits**

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course provides a critical overview of American Indian Sovereignty as it relates to citizenry, history, governance, culture, ideology, tribal case law, practices, literature, tribal law, treaty rights, tribal gaming, and environmental (land and water) rights. The course will focus on the cultural and political relationship of indigenous communities and the United States by drawing upon decolonization methods and critical race theory with an emphasis on issues in American Indian experience. The course will also cover the contemporary case law affecting indigenous communities in the Pacific Northwest, specifically political, linguistic, social, legal, and cultural shifts.

Prerequisites: AIST-101

AIST-285 **American Indian Literature**

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course explores traditional American Indian world views and belief systems as reflected in myths and legends, as well as contemporary poetry, short stories, and novels by Native Americans. The difference between American Indian and Eurocentric world views and the implications of these differences will be considered, as illustrated in literature. The course will also explore political, sociological, and psychological effects on American Indians of U.S. governmental policies and actions taken in regard to various tribes. This course is the same as ENGL-285.

Prerequisites: ENGL-101

Recommended Prerequisites: ENGL-175