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- I. Course Name: The Indian in American History**
Prefix and Number: HIS 206
Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours
Catalog Description:

An introduction to the role played by the Native American peoples in the history of the American nation from pre-Columbian times to the present. The student will examine the white images of the Indian as they evolved in our nation and the relations between white and Indian in order to understand more clearly the contemporary Indian Americans as people. Special emphasis will be given to northeast Native people, in particular the Iroquois.

II. Course objectives and Outcomes

By the end of the course students will have an integrated overview of the Native Peoples of North America. Including: the origins and development of pre-European cultural patterns throughout North America, recognize underlying similarities as well as the wide range of variability of native societies, summarize the destruction wrought upon the native peoples and their cultures through the impact of European and American cultural systems and discuss the nature of Native American cultural heritage in today's world.

Learning Outcomes. The following learning outcomes are addressed in this course: writing, reading, ethics/values, citizenship, and information resources.

This course may be taken as a social science, history or general education course in the liberal arts degree program.

III. Methods of Instruction

Course materials: textbooks, articles, maps, movies will be utilized.

Methods of Instruction: lecture, group discussion, individual participation, use of power point.

Method of Evaluation: Grades will be based upon exams, topic papers and class participation.

Assessment measures: Upon completion of the course student's knowledge and understanding of the Native People of North America will have been assessed.

IV. General Outline of Topics Covered

Origins of the Indian People
Indian-White relations
The Arctic and Subarctic

The Plateau and Northwest
California and Great Basin
The Plains
Natives of the Southwest
Nations of the Northeast
Contemporary Issues