Syllabus

`Ant 3245 Native American Religions

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Online Office hours: Thursday 10 - 12 am; 2 - 4 pm.

To access the class you use MyUcf and online course resources.

When you reach the class website you follow the directions to log in.

Once in the class you go to the modules. The class is organized by weeks so you begin with week 1. Within week 1 there is a week 1 Outline. The outline will tell you what to do for that section of the class.

I am including a class syllabus with this message so you can see when the tests are. Within the weeks you will see what kind of posting you must do in the online assignments.

Weekly Modules

The class is organized by weeks. Within each week there are modules and activities. The modules contain material from your instructor that supplements the texts. The supplemental modules are required. They are your instructor's way of providing what you miss in lectures. Consequently, there will be a substantial amount of material from the modules on the four exams. Further, in some cases you will not be able to do the activities unless you have done the modules. The activities are things you must do for credit.

Grading

Three exams. Each exam will be worth 100 points.
Fifteen On-line Discussion Exercises 10 points each.

On-Line Exams: The exams will be available for specified days (see Schedule). You must take the exam during those specified days or it will have been missed. Once you

begin the exam you will have two hours to complete it. At the end of two hours it will automatically close. The exams will have only multiple choice questions and you should be able to complete the exams within one hour (this is the case when you instructor gives them in face-to-face classes), but you get two hours.

On-Line assignments: Within the week to week outlines there are activities, in this case on-line assignments. These are required postings that you must make to the assignments for that week. For example, in the Week 1 Outline there is a requirement to post to some specific assignments. It is recommended that you write your posting in word, then go on-line and open that assignment and copy and paste your response. If you write first and save and then use copy and paste you will have your responses saved to your computer in case something happens. If you write the response on-line and something happens during your composition and you are not finished you will lose your work. Better to write it on your own computer and save it and then post it to the list.

All assignments on time or late are due on the last day of class.

Very Important note: this is not cable news. Answer the question you are asked, not the question you wished had been asked. If you do not answer the question you are asked to answer you will not receive credit.

Warning: do not copy another student's assignment into your assignment and do not copy and paste from the online material into your assignment, both are plagiarism and the minimum penalty is a 0 for the assignment.

Important Note: Do not use attachments to post your assignment answers.

There will be NO makeup exams. Those who take all three regularly scheduled exams are exempted from the Final Exam. Anyone who misses a regularly scheduled exam MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. The Final Exam will be CUMULATIVE.

Student Responsibilities

1. You are responsible for having access to both a web capable computer and internet access throughout the entire period of this course. Not being able to access the internet is not an acceptable excuse in a fully online course for missing a due date for either an assignment or exam.

2. You need to have MS word, Adobe Acrobat reader and Mozilla Firefox on your computer. Not having access to these capabilities is not an excuse for missing a due date for either an assignment or an exam. With the exception of MS Word all of the required programs are available for free download.

3. You are responsible for reading the syllabus, including the due dates included in the syllabus. The syllabus is available on the class homepage. Not reading the syllabus is not an excuse for missing a due date for either an assignment or an exam.

4. You are responsible for accessing the list of assignments in the class web site and taking not of the due dates for the assignments. Missing an assignments because you have not looked at the assignments page in the class web site is not an excuse for missing an assignment.

5. UCF Instructors are only allowed to communicate with students through knights mail. You are responsible for accessing you knights mail for information on the class on a bi-weekly basis. Not accessing your knights mail account is not an excuse for not receiving information on upcoming exams and exam topics. If you have problem with knights mail it is your responsibility to contact the help desk and resolve the issue.

6. Exams in this course become available on Saturday mornings at 8 am and remain available until the following Monday at 11 55 pm. The exam, once opened, will remain open for 2 – 3 hours (depending on the number of questions on the exam). You must complete the exam once you open it. There is only one chance to take an exam so be prepared before you open the exam. The only excuse for missing an exam is a **documented**medical emergency. The final exam is available to make up excused missed exams (not for trying to improve previous exam scores). If you do have such an emergency you are responsible for notifying your instructor through e mail before the exam availability closes. The final exam will be cumulative. You are responsible for taking the exams during the period they are available.

7. You are responsible for asking any questions you have at the time you have them of your instructor through e mail. Your instructor's email is: vance.geiger@ucf.edu and can be found in the syllabus you are required to read.

Asking questions about issues that occurred more than a day after the problem occurs is not an excuse for missing a due date for an assignment or exam.

8. The syllabus clearly delineates the grading system for the course. You are responsible for reading the syllabus and assessing how you are doing in the course. Your instructor cannot discuss grades through e mail or in any online format per FERPA regulations.

9. Your instructor cannot discuss your grades in this class to any outside interested party, **no one**. If you are required to obtain information on your grades in a form requiring your instructor's signature then you must present yourself in person with ID during your instructor's on campus office hours found in the syllabus.

10. Do not just copy and paste answers to assignment questions. Write your answers in your own words that can convince me or my Teaching Assistant that you read the material (both online material and the texts). If you write a response long enough to use a specific quote (so that the quote is less than 10% of your response) and you reference correctly then it will not be plagiarism, which it would be if you do not follow the rules.

Explanatory Note

You have chosen to take an online course. This means you have chosen to take a course that requires you to have and maintain access to the internet. It also means that you have chosen a course that requires you to have access to more technology than other available alternatives. Online courses also require more personal initiative than face to face courses that meet three or two times a week. This is a choice you have made and are therefore responsible for. Your instructor does not meet with you on a regular schedule (although there will be online office hours scheduled and your instructor does hold on campus office hours – see the syllabus) which means that you must take the initiative to inform your instructor of any problems you have.

Class Requirements:

Tests: three online exams each worth 100 points

Postings: 15 online postings each worth 10 points

Grading

Three On line Exams 100 points each = 300

15 assignments 10 points each = 150

Total = 450

I grade on a 90% – 100% = A, 80% – 89% = B, 70% – 79% = C, 60% – 69% = D, Below 60% = F

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Texts

Native Religions An Introduction by Gill

Native Religions of North America by Hultkrantz

Sanapia : Comanche Medicine Woman

Class Description: A introduction to the study of religion from an anthropological perspective and a survey of Native American religions of North America.

Week 1 8/20: Introduction to anthropology, the concept of culture and religion.

Reading: online material, Gill chapter 1

What is culture and Unseen world Assignments Due 8/28 11:55

Week 2 8/27: Introduction to Native American Religions: What is in the Unseen World

Reading: Gill chapter 2; Hultkrantz Chapters 1 and 2

Gill assignment 1 due 9/4 11:55

Week 3 9/3: How to Access the Unseen World

Reading Gill chapters 3 and 4

Gill Assignment 2 and 3 due 9/10 11: 55 pm

Week 4 9/10: What is Brought Back From the Unseen World

Gill chapters 5 and 6

Gill Assignment 4 due 9/17 11:55

Week 5 9/17: The Southeast: The environment, the peopling of North America, the Prehistory of the Southeast

Reading: online material

Exam 1 9/22 8 am – 9/24 11 55 pm

Prehistory Assignment due 9/24 11:55 pm

Week 6 9/24: Prehistorical religions of the Southeast

Reading: online material

Prehistory assignment 2 due 10/1 11:55 pm

Week 7 10/1: The Cherokee

Reading: online material

Cherokee Beliefs assignment due 10/8 11:55 pm

Week 8 10/8: The Northeast and the Huron

Reading: online material

Huron assignment due 10/15 11:55 pm

Week 9 10/15: The Plains: Environment and Prehistory and the Sioux

Reading: online material; Sanapia chapters 1-3

Sioux assignment due 10/22 11:55 pm

Week 10 10/22: the Plains: the Shoshoni

Reading: Hultkrantz Chapter 3; Sanapia chapters 4,5 conclusion

Exam 2 10/27 – 10/29 11 55 pm

Shoshoni and Sanapia assignment due 10/29 11:55 pm

Week 11 10/29: The Southwest, The Zuni

Reading: Hultkrantz chapter 4

Zuni assignment due 11/5 11:55 pm

Week 12 11/5: the Southwest: the Apache

Reading: online material

Week 13 11/12: The Northwest and the Potlatch

Reading: online material

Week 14 11/19: Revitalization

Reading: online material

Kwakiutl Assignment due 11/26 11:55 pm

Week 15 11/26: Tradition and Change in Native American Religions

Reading: Gill chapter 7

Exam 3 11/30 8 am – 12/1 11 55 pm

Final Exam 12/3 8 am – 12/4 11 55 pm