Syllabus

`Ant 3245 Native American Religions Spring 2020

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Location: online

Prerequisite(s): Sophomore standing. Corequisite(s): None. Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): None.

Course description from UCF catalogue : The religious beliefs of native New World peoples.

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

Texts

Native Religions An Introduction by Gill (available online in the class material).

Native Religions of North America by Hultkrantz

Sanapia : Comanche Medicine Woman

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.

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.

Office Hours - Face to Face and Online

Your instructor holds both face to face office hours in the office and online in the course chat. Office hours are for discussing anything of interest but especially anything related to course material. Since this is an online course the only means of communicating and interacting with students is through e mail and in office hours, if there is any confusion on any issue in the class students should contact the instructor. A further note - some students decide to go on to graduate school, or some other activity that requires a letter of recommendation and they often ask me for one. Since they are online students I rarely know much or anything about them beyond their performance in the course. If you think that at some time in the future you might desire to make such a request participating in office hours in some form is required.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student ConductLinks to an external site. for further action. See the UCF Golden RuleLinks to an external site. for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Accessibility Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must connect with Student Accessibility ServicesLinks to an external site., Ferrell Commons, 7F, Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

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this online classroom environment and your use only. All copyright materials are credited to the copyright holder.

Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need **not** make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

Campus Safety Statement

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise in our class, we will all need to work together. Everyone should be aware of the surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Please make a note of the guide's physical location and consider reviewing the online version at http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.htmlLinks to an external site..
- Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes from each of your classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency. (Insert class-specific details if appropriate)
- If there is a medical emergency during class, we may need to access a first aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those items are located in this building, see http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/AEDlocations-UCFLinks to an external site.(click on link from menu on left). (insert class specific information if appropriate)
- To stay informed about emergency situations, sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to ucf.eduLinks to an external site.and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the tool bar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on your Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert", fill out the information, including your e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."
- If you have a special need related to emergency situations, please speak with me during office hours.

- Consider viewing this video (You CAN Survive an Active Shooter(Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.)) about how to manage an active shooter situation on campus or elsewhere.

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

If you are a deployed active duty military student and feel that you may need a special accommodation due to that unique status, please contact your instructor to discuss your circumstances.

Schedule

Week 1 1/6: Introduction to anthropology, the concept of culture and religion.

Reading: online material, Gill chapter 1

What is culture and Unseen world Assignments Due 1/13 11:55

Week 2 1/13: Introduction to Native American Religions: What is in the Unseen World

Reading: Gill chapter 2; Hultkrantz Chapters 1 and 2

Gill assignment 1 due 1/20 11:55

Week 3 1/20: How to Access the Unseen World

Reading Gill chapters 3 and 4

Gill Assignment 2 and 3 due 1/27 11: 55 pm

Week 4 1/27: What is Brought Back From the Unseen World

Gill chapters 5 and 6

Gill Assignment 4 due 2/3 11:55

Week 5 2/3: The Southeast: The environment, the peopling of North America, the Prehistory of the Southeast

Reading: online material

Exam 1 2/8 8 am – 2/10 11 55 pm

Prehistory Assignment due 2/10 11:55 pm

Week 6 2/10: Prehistorical religions of the Southeast

Reading: online material

Prehistory assignment 2 due 2/17 11:55 pm

Week 7 2/17: The Cherokee

Reading: online material

Cherokee Beliefs assignment due 2/14 11:55 pm

Week 8 2/24 The Northeast and the Huron

Reading: online material

Huron assignment due 3/2 11:55 pm

Week 9 3/2: The Plains: Environment and Prehistory and the Sioux

Reading: online material; Sanapia chapters 1-3

Sioux assignment due 3/16 11:55 pm

Spring Break 3/9 - 3/14

Week 10 3/16: the Plains: the Shoshoni

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

Exam 2 3/21 – 3/23 11 55 pm

Shoshoni and Sanapia assignment due 3/23 11:55 pm

Week 11 3/23: The Southwest, The Zuni

Reading: Hultkrantz chapter 4

Zuni assignment due 3/30 11:55 pm

Week 12 3/30: the Southwest: the Apache

Reading: online material

Week 13 4/6 The Northwest and the Potlatch

Reading: online material

Week 14 4/13: Revitalization

Reading: online material

Kwakiutl Assignment due 4/20 11:55 pm

Last Day of Class 4/20 all assignments are due.

Final Exam 4/22 8 am – 4/24 11 55 pm