

MESABI RANGE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE – VIRGINIA/EVELETH

Course Outline

Course Title: Introduction to Indian Studies  
Semester Course Prefix and Number: ANTH 1515  
Old Quarter Course Prefix and Number: ANTH 101

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Approval Date:  
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Number of Credits: 3      Number of Lecture Credits: 3  
Semester(s) Offered:      Number of Lab Credits:      Number of Lab Hours:  
Negotiated Class Size: 40      Number of Studio/Demonstration/Internship Credits:

Course Purpose Code:

- 0 – Developmental Courses
- 1 – Non-transferable, General Education
- 2 – Technical course related to career programs
- 3 – College course which has the primary goal of applying certain concepts (e.g. vocal ensemble)
- 4 - Other college course not considered a part of general education (MNTC) e.g. computer science, health, physical education
- 5 – Course which is intended to fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) requirements.
- 9 – Continuing Education/Customized Training specialized credit course (not occurring in 0-5)

Catalog Description:

This course examines Native American cultures from contact to present. Historical change, Native contribution, and present day concerns are addressed.

Prerequisites and/or recommended entry skills/knowledge:

Course Prerequisite(s): None  
Reading Prerequisite: None  
Composition Prerequisite: None  
Mathematics Prerequisite: None

Career Programs and Transfer Majors Accessing this Course:

Law Enforcement, Education, Human Services/Chemical Dependency, Social Work

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal(s) partially met by this course if applicable: Notes: No more than two goals may be met by any one course. (Curriculum Committee review and the Chief Academic Officer's approval are required).

- 0.  None
- 1.  Communications
- 2.  Critical Thinking
- 3.  Natural Sciences
- 4.  Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
- 5.  History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 6.  The Humanities and Fine Arts
- 7.  Human Diversity
- 8.  Global Perspectives
- 9.  Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- 10.  People and the Environment

**Learning outcomes, including any relevant competencies listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum:**

The student will:

- Employ the methods & data that historians & social & behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
- Examine social institutions & processes across a range of historical periods and cultures
- Use & Critique alternative explanatory systems or theories
- Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States history and culture.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
- Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
- Describe & analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states & societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions
- Demonstrate knowledge of and sensitivity to cultural, social, religious, and linguistic differences
- Analyze specific international problems, illustration the cultural, economic, & political differences that affect their solution
- Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

**Student assessment methods:**

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Individual and group projects

**Use of instructional technology** (includes software, interactive video and other instructional technologies):

**Outline of the major course content:**

Cultural Anthropology and application to topics including: Language, race and ethnicity, cultural evolution, subsistence strategies, family, religion, politics, environment, and social change.

**Additional special information** (special fees, directives on hazardous materials, etc.)

**Transfer Information:** (Please list colleges/majors that accept this course in transfer.)

**Approvals:**

Body	Representative Signatures	Date
Curriculum Committee		
Faculty Association		
Meet and Confer		
Chief Academic Officer		

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