

ANTH 32 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ANTH 32 Title: NATIVE CULTURES N.AMER

Full Title: Native Cultures of North America

Last Reviewed: 12/12/2023

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ANTHRO 32

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2025
	G	American Cultures/Ethnic Studies	
	L4	Social and Behavioral Sciences	
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 1981
	G	American Cultures/Ethnic Studies	Fall 2025

CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2011
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology	
	D3	Ethnic Studies	
	D	Social Science	Fall 2010
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology	
	D3	Ethnic Studies	
	D5	Geography	
	D7	Interdisc Social or Behavioral Science	
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	D5	Geography	
	D7	Interdisc Social or Behavioral Science	Fall 2010

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 2010
	4A	Anthropology and Archeology	
	4C	Ethnic Studies	
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1981
	4A	Anthropology and Archeology	Fall 2010

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the basic concepts, terms, and theories used in the anthropological study of culture and apply them to the Native North American groups.

2. Compare and contrast socio-political systems, kinship structure, gender relations, technology, subsistence patterns, arts, and ritual among various Native North American groups.
3. Examine the varied responses of diverse Native North American cultures to policies of removal, land theft, and genocide that resulted from encounters with European and Euro-American settler colonists such as the Franciscan Mission system in California, and the Cherokee Trail of Tears.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify appropriate terms and concepts used in the study of ancestral indigenous cultures of North America.
2. Integrate information from Native North American oral traditions, archaeology, biological anthropology, and linguistics to examine the origin of indigenous North Americans.
3. Locate on a map and describe the Native North American culture areas, as well as the traditional homelands of indigenous groups and intercultural encounters.
4. Analyze the resilient responses of Native North American societies to European and Euro-American settler colonialism.
5. Examine contemporary issues within Native North American tribal nations, including Federal recognition, termination of Federal treaty rights, health, education, and the legacy of U.S. genocidal policies, such as the Indian Boarding School systems.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Overview of Anthropological Concepts and Terms
 - A. Anthropological concepts of culture, culture area, ritual, and kinship
 - B. Theoretical perspectives used in the study of Native American cultures
- II. Origins of Native Americans and the Peopling of the Americas
 - A. Biological and archaeological data and hypotheses
 - B. Ethnographic and linguistic data and hypotheses
 - C. Native oral histories
- III. The Native North American Culture Areas and the Varying Cultural Adaptations of Native Peoples
 - A. Peoples of the Arctic
 - B. Peoples of the Subarctic
 - C. Peoples of the Northwest Coast
 - D. Peoples of the Plateau
 - E. Peoples of the Great Basin
 - F. Peoples of California
 - G. Peoples of the Southwest
 - H. Peoples of the Great Plains
 - I. Peoples of the Northeast and Great Lakes
 - J. Peoples of the Southeast
- IV. Topics and Issues Relative to the Study of Traditional Native North American Cultures
 - A. Ethnicity and identity
 - B. Gender roles and sexual orientation
 - C. Religions and world views
 - D. Environmental ethics and subsistence forms
- V. European Contact and Colonization
 - A. Timeline
 1. Spanish contact and colonization
 2. English contact and colonization
 3. French contact and colonization

- 4. Russian contact and colonization
- 5. Euro-American contact and colonization

B. Cultural change and assimilation within Native North American groups as a result of European and Euro-American contact and colonization

VI. Current Issues, Challenges, and Cultural Trends within Contemporary Native North American Populations

- A. Sovereignty
- B. Indigenous epistemologies
- C. Law and policy
- D. Comparative global indigenous studies
- E. Women and gender studies
- F. Queer studies
- G. Subaltern studies
- H. Immigrant and refugee histories
- I. Transnational and diasporic studies.

Assignment:

- 1. Reading in required textbooks (10-25 pages weekly)
- 2. Exams (2-3) and a final
- 3. Written assignments and/or presentations (1-3; 1000-1250-word total)
- 4. Optional assignments, such as:
 - A. Map quizzes
 - B. In-class participation projects
 - C. Museum assignments

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written assignments and/or presentations	Writing 10 - 25%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None	Problem solving 0 - 0%
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Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%
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Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams and a final; optional assignments	Exams 65 - 85%
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Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation; optional assignments

Other Category
5 - 15%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

An Introduction to Native North America. 5th ed. Sutton, Mark Q. Routledge. 2016 (classic).
The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America. King, Thomas. University of Minnesota Press. 2013 (classic).
The Native Americans. Spencer, Robert and Jennings, Jesse. HarperCollins. 1976 (classic).
The Discovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History. Blackhawk, Ned. Yale University Press. 2023.

Ethnohistorical Textbooks:

This Land Was Theirs: A Study of Native North Americans. 9th ed. Oswalt, Wendell. Oxford University Press. 2009 (classic).
The People: A History of Native America. Edmunds, David and Hoxie, Frederick and Salisbury, Neal. Cengage. 2006 (classic).
North American Indians: A Comprehensive Account. 3rd ed. Kehoe, Alice. Routledge. 2005 (classic).