

NAS 204

Native American Experience

4 Credits Whitman 124 Monday 6-9:20 pm

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Books (at the bookstore)

Ojibwe Waasa Inaabidaa, We Look In All Directions. Thomas Peacock and Marlene Wisuri. St. Paul : Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2002. Originally published by the Afton Historical Society Press.

The Mishomis Book. Edward Benton-Banai (Editor). Minneapolis : University of Minnesota Press and Indian Country Communications, 2010. Originally published by Red School House 1988.

Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now. Grace Chaillier and Rebecca Tavernini (Editors). Marquette : Northern Michigan University Press, 2011.

To Become a Human Being : The Message of Tadodaho Chief Leon Shenandoah. Steve Wall (Editor). Newburyport, Massachusetts : Hampton Roads Publishing Company, 2002.

Native American Voices: A Reader. Susan Lobo, Steven Talbot and Traci L. Morris (Editors). New York: Prentice Hall, 2010. (Recommended)

Course Goal To provide a broad overview of the development of First Peoples' history, thought, ideas, and issues from early times to the present day.

Objectives To learn about identity and major trends and events that impact Indigenous issues with an emphasis on First Peoples in the Great Lakes Region; multiple perspectives regarding respectful inquiry about Indigenous people; and the relationship between active learning and/or service learning and Indigenous people.

Outcomes After completing this course successfully, we will be able:

1. To *think in a cohesive, balanced way* about the relationship between *identity and issues* regarding First Peoples in a broad sense and First Peoples of the Great Lakes.
2. To *communicate in a cohesive, balanced way* about the relationship between *identity and issues* regarding regarding First Peoples in a broad sense and First Peoples of the Great Lakes.
3. To *think in a cohesive, balanced way* about major trends and events that impact First Peoples in a broad sense and First Peoples of the Great Lakes.
4. To *communicate in a comprehensive, balanced way* about major patterns and events surrounding Indigenous issues regarding First Peoples in a broad sense and First Peoples of the Great Lakes.
5. To *discuss* different perspectives surrounding respectful inquiry about First Peoples in general.

Weekly Readings, Film and Audio In general, these will be announced/posted each week Monday by Midnight through educat. Readings will often come from the assigned texts but may be supplemented by excerpted texts: handouts and readings will most often be posted as .pdf excerpts and require no additional purchase. I recommend purchasing the listed books as the proceeds go in-part to Indigenous authors.

Lecture/Conversation Whitman 124, 6-9:20 pm Mondays. *At times a zoom or pre-recorded audio/video will take the place of the in-person sessions.

Office hours Office hours in-person or zoom by appointment. Email with two times that work well for you and a preference for zoom or in-person.

Assessment Strategies (260 total points)

1) **130 pts** Attendance/Participation

2) **130 pts** Freewrites 1-13 10 pts each.

The weekly writing assignments, are due **sunday at midnight**.

Approximately **400 words** entered directly into educat.

Freewrites are reflection/responses to readings, films, podcasts, etc.

Freewrites require a **minimum of 4 citations** (2 quotes from the readings including page number, 1 from the weekly film with timecode, and 1 from the weekly conversational lecture audio with timecode)

Late writing assignments drop 1 pt every 2 days. After 20 days the points drop to zero. Makeup possible with extenuating circumstances (illness, funeral, etc.)

Final grades will be an average of scores in the assessments resulting in a grade out of 100.

A 94-100	A- 90-93	B+ 87-89	B 84-86	B- 80-83	C+ 77-79
C 74-76	C- 70-73	D+ 67-69	D 64-66	D- 60-63	F <60



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Anishinaabe Ancestral Homelands Statement Northern Michigan University is located on the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe Three Fires Confederacy. Gichi-Namebini Ziibing is the traditional name of this area now also called Marquette. For more information visit the Center for Native American Studies website at nmu.edu/nativeamericans

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