

NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY

PHI 123

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be an overview of the basic practices and beliefs of North American Native tribes, and will trace these religious systems from their oral beginnings through contact with Christianity to present-day revivals of traditional practices

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to enable the student to identify geographical regions of the North American Native tribes; to examine specific beliefs and ritualistic practices, and to trace the developmental stages in the religious history of the native North American peoples.

TEXTS

The Sacred Wisdom of the American Indians, by Larry J. Zimmerman, 2011, Duncan Baird Publishers.

The Way To Rainy Mountain, by N. Scott Momaday, 1969, University of New Mexico Press.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation in all classes and activities.
2. Reading and viewing of all assigned materials.
3. Completion of 3 written assignments and one presentation.

GRADING

Attendance and participation: 50%
90%-higher=A

89-80%=B
Presentation: 20%
79-70%=C

69-60%=D
3 written assignments: 10% each
below 60%=F

COURSE SCHEDULE

Friday 10/30: Introduction

Zimmerman pp. 32-143.

Momaday

Saturday 10/31: Museum of Science and Nature

Friday 11/6: Zimmerman pp. 144-208.

Saturday 11/7: Denver Art Museum

Friday 11/13: Zimmerman pp. 208-295 .

Saturday 11/14: Presentations

Students are responsible to meet all deadlines for the

course unless serious and unforeseen events can be documented for the instructor.

Make copies of all material sent through the mail; the instructor is not responsible for undelivered assignments. Students will be required to resubmit any missing material. Under extreme circumstances, the grade of "Incomplete" may be assigned. The grade requires that the student make up the coursework, on their own, by the end of the following semester. To receive an "Incomplete" the student must be in good standing in the course at the time that the Incomplete is requested. If the Incomplete is not resolved by the end of the following semester, the grade will revert to "F".

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Eligibility

To ensure the provision of reasonable and appropriate services at Red Rocks, students with disabilities must identify themselves in a timely manner to the Office of

Special Services (OSS), Room 1182, Learning and Resource Center, 303-914-6733., in order to be eligible for the requested accommodation(s). Current and comprehensive documentation must be on file with the office prior to approval of the accommodation.

It is strongly encouraged that students self-disclose their disabilities at the beginning of their academic experience because accommodations are not retroactive.

RRCC will provide accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To request accommodations, contact the Office of Special Services; Director, Jacquie Stanton at your earliest convenience. The Office of Special Services located in the Learning and Resource Center (LARC) in Room 1185. You may contact Jacquie at 303.914.6731 V/TDD or email jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu