

History 377 (Distance Learning) Syllabus
History and Culture of Native America
Fall 2020 (8/24-12/5)

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Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to dispel stereotypes, crush racism, and encourage you to value the history and culture of Native American people.

Description

This course provides a general overview of Native American history as experienced by the Indigenous peoples in North America highlighting the regions that became the United States. This course will present a general overview of events and themes critical to understanding Native American history. The course will emphasize culture, environment and gender themes as well as important political and economic forces. Finally, as with all history courses students will continue to develop and exercise their critical thinking and writing skills.

Course Goals

- Analytical skills sufficient to distinguish between primary and secondary sources, to analyze arguments and interpretations, and to recognize interpretive conflicts
- The ability to interpret evidence found in primary sources and develop an historical argument based on and sustained by the evidence available
- Writing skills sufficient to write historical essays that are coherent, cogent, and grammatically correct
- The ability to *speak* and *act* intelligently about Native American history and culture and make informed decisions when called upon to **vote** on issues and policies that impact Native American lives.

Course Requirements

- **All assigned work** must be completed in order to pass the course.
- Work turned in past the due date/time will be **docked 3 points** for each day late.
- **Incomplete quizzes** will not be graded until they are complete. Points will be docked for lateness.
- The midterm and final essays **must comply with the required word count**. If they do not, they will be returned and docked 3 points for each day late.

Required Texts

Calloway, Colin G. *First Peoples: A Documentary Survey of American Indian History*, **6th Edition**. The course is built around the text chapters and primary sources so it is imperative that you purchase the **6th edition**.

Text is available to rent, or purchase as etext or paper: https://www.amazon.com/First-Peoples-Documentary-American-History/dp/1319104916/ref=dp_ob_title_bk

Orange, Tommy. *There, There: A Novel*.

The book is available through numerous book stores and online sites. At Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/There-novel-Tommy-Orange/dp/0525520376>

Course Components

The course is organized in 10 modules. Each module contains an assigned chapter from the textbook, a film/documentary to view, a brief (10 minutes max) video discussion and PPT.

Reading

Each chapter includes the main narrative, images, maps, and data. At the end of each chapter are a set of documents and a picture essay. The documents and picture essays are primary sources that are meant to illuminate your understanding of the chapters main points. The picture essays are there to provide visual evidence. **All materials** in each chapter are part of your required readings.

Films/Documentaries

The films assigned in each module are **required**. Each quiz will include questions that can only be answered **correctly** by watching the assigned films. If your response to those question does not demonstrate that you viewed the film, you will not earn those points. All of the assigned films are available directly through the links provided. Many of these links will take you to the Kanopy film database which is available via the Purdue Libraries.

Video Discussion and PPT

Each module will contain a brief recorded discussion in which I will examine a key concept from the chapter. This discussion will also include several PPT slides to clarify and/or illuminate the discussion.

Assessments

Quizzes 50 points each

Five quizzes will test students every other week on the assigned two chapters from the text, the films/documentaries, and the video discussions and PPTs. The format will be identification, short answer, matching and true and false.

Midterm:

Tribal Study Essay 100 points

Final:

Book/Reflection Essay 50 points

Tommy Orange, *There, There: A Novel*

Point Values

Quizzes (5 total @ 50 points each)	250 points
Midterm Essay	100 points
Final Essay	50 points
Total	400 points

Important Dates*

Quiz 1	Friday 9/11
Quiz 2	Friday 9/25
Midterm	Friday 10/2
Quiz 3	Friday 10/16
Quiz 4	Friday 10/30
Quiz 5	Friday 11/13
Final	Friday 11/27

***All assignments are due by 11:59pm on the scheduled dates.**

Week 1 August 24-28

Read

- History 377 Syllabus
- Calloway, Introduction: American Indians in American History

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 1 "What is Native America?"

Week 2 August 31-September 4

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 1 American History Before Columbus

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 2 Native North America
- From Caves to Cosmos—The Roots of Native America
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/caves-cosmos>

Extras

- Navajo Emergence Story (This is a project by a Navajo senior in high school for her project. It has some pixelated images, but it offers a Navajo teenager's perspective in her origin story)
<https://youtu.be/jZY-rVQKSjg>
- Haudenosaunee Creation Story (a short video of elders telling the story of their origins and what it means)
<https://youtu.be/WSzDM7Jmg94>

Week 3 September 7-11

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 2 The Invasions of America: Encounters, Epidemics, and Exchanges

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 3 Columbian Exchange
- Ken Burns, The West, Episode 1, The People
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/people-0>

Submit

- **Quiz 1 (due 11:59 pm September 11)**

Week 4 September 14-18

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 3 War and Diplomacy in Colonial America

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 4
- We Shall Remain: After the Mayflower
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/after-mayflower>

Week 5 September 21-25

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 4 Revolutions East and West

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 5
- Ken Burns: The West, Episode 1, The People
Section on California missions begin video approximately 055:00-1:02:00
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/people-0>
- California Native Perspectives
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmamR8sgNE>

Submit

- **Quiz 2 (due 11:59 pm September 25)**

Week 6 September 28-October 2

Midterm

Native Nation Essay

Submit

Midterm (due 11:59 pm October 2)

Week 7 October 5-9

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 5 American Indians and the New Nation

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 6
- We Shall Remain Episode 3: Trail of Tears
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/trail-tears>

Week 8 October 12-16

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 6 Defending the West

View

- Dr. Marsh Video 7
- Ken Burns, The West, Episode 6: Fight No More Forever
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/ken-burns-west-1874-1877>

Submit

- **Quiz 3 (due 11:59 pm October 16)**

Week 9 October 19-23

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 7 “Kill the Indian and Save the Man”

View

- Unspoken: America’s Native American Boarding Schools
<https://www.pbs.org/video/unspoken-americas-native-american-boarding-schools-oobt1r/>

Week 10 October 26-30

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 8 From the Great Crash to Wounded Knee

View

- A Good Day to Die
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/good-day-die>

Submit

- **Quiz 4 (due 11:59 pm October 30)**

Week 11 November 2- November 6

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 9 Self Determination and Sovereignty

View

- Lake of Betrayal
<https://purdue.kanopy.com/video/lake-betrayal>

Week 12 November 9-13

Read

- Calloway, Chapter 10 Nations Within a Nation: Indian Country Today
- “Judge orders Dakota Access Pipeline to shutdown” (read before video)
https://earthjustice.org/news/press/2020/judge-orders-dakota-access-pipeline-to-shutdown?gclid=CjwKCAjw9vn4BRBaEiwAh0muDHBpo1ag79J4yHc1_QJh9lVt2PkrOBZkWFOGSd8GhRn3mMqjOKEG7xoC2twQAvD_BwE

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View

- Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock*
<http://awakethefilm.org/watch.php>

*When you open the link you will have an option to “Donate Now.” If you only want to access the film click “Donate Later.” The film will begin.

Submit

- **Quiz 5 (due 11:59 pm November 13)**

Week 13 November 16-20

Read

- Tommy Orange, *There, There*

Available for \$6.52 at Amazon or the book purveyor of your choice

[https://www.amazon.com/There-Tommy-](https://www.amazon.com/There-Tommy-Orange/dp/0525436146/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=tommy+orange&qid=1595856145&sr=8-1)

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Week 14 November 23-27

Read

- Tommy Orange, *There, There*

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Native American Girls Describe the REAL History Behind Thanksgiving | Teen Vogue

<https://youtu.be/K7jLeBWMA0U>

Week 15

Submit

Final (11:59 pm due December 4)