

Native American Studies (NAS)

NAS 3000. Survey of Native American Language. 3 Hours.

A survey of the diversity in Native American languages families, problems of classification, language particulars and social uses, and contemporary issues. Topics include language mapping, language contact, historical language shift, oral histories, literacy, contemporary language shift, language revitalization programming, and the complex connections between language and identity.

NAS 3500. Contemporary Native American Experience. 3 Hours.

An examination of the Native American experience from WWII to the present. This course addresses issues of expectations of enfranchisement, poverty, termination, and self-determination as well as, the development of social movements focusing on issues of Native American enfranchisement, cultural revitalization, and civil rights is also addressed.

NAS 3610. Native American Thought. 3 Hours.

Also offered as PHIL 3610 and REL 3610. A study of Native American cultures in the areas of epistemology, ontology, metaphysics, religion and spirituality. The course will examine historic and current trends related to the interaction between Native American and Western cultures.

NAS 3620. Post Colonization Issues in Indigenous Cultures. 3 Hours.

Also offered as PHIL 3620 and REL 3620. An examination of post-colonial issues in Indigenous cultures throughout the world. The course will focus on the individual and academic voices of Indigenous people. Attention will be given to issues of epistemology, ontology, metaphysics, religion, spirituality, ethics, and a range of social and political issues.

NAS 3630. Native American Women. 3 Hours.

Also offered as PHIL 3630 or REL 3630 or WGST 3630. An examination of the contributions of North and South American Indigenous women in the areas of epistemology, ontology, metaphysics, religion, spirituality, and ethics. The course will include a range of Indigenous cultures, such as Alaskan, Hawaiian, and Pacific and Atlantic islanders and will explore the issues faced by Indigenous women in the Western Hemisphere.

NAS 4100. Native American and Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.

Also offered as CRJU 4680. An examination of the Native American experience in terms of the American criminal justice system. Cultural conflict, poverty, colonization, forced assimilation, and deculturalization will be examined as possible sources of crime in the Native American community. Further, the subject of victimization, as well as that of the importation of crime patterns and behaviors, will be explored.

NAS 4500. Special Topics in Native American Studies. 3 Hours.

Topics vary. An intensive study in a current topic relevant to Native American Studies. This course may be repeated twice for credit.