

## Introduction to Native American Studies

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### Course Description:

This class will use interdisciplinary approaches to understand Native American lives, examining Native American identities, practices, histories, cultures, and sovereignty in context.

### Required texts (available at UO Bookstore):

Vine Deloria, Jr. *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto*.  
Leslie Marmon Silko. *Ceremony*.  
David Wilkins. *American Indian Politics and the American Political System*.  
Reading packet on e-reserve.

### Grading:

3-4 page dilemma paper: 15 points  
3-4 page film analysis paper: 15 points  
3-4 page Ceremony paper: 15 points  
3-4 page dilemma paper #2: 15 points  
Quizzes: 10 points  
Final exam: 30 points

### Course policies:

Papers will receive a one-grade deduction for every day they are late.

Academic honesty is required at all points in your education. Acts of academic dishonesty will result in an F for the class and referral to the student judiciary committee. See <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~conduct/sai.htm> for details.

If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please make arrangements to meet with me soon. Please request that the counselor for students with disabilities send a letter verifying your disability.

Attendance is mandatory every day (really, this goes for all your classes, but in this one we'll have quizzes to make sure you attend and keep up with the readings, too!)

Schedule: Complete readings before class on the assigned day.

Sep 29: Introduction to Native American Studies: Interdisciplinary approaches to understanding Indian lives, histories, cultures, arts, literatures, and politics. Indian music.

Oct 1: Indians quiz. Foundations of American Indian Studies: origins  
Read: Deloria, preface, Ch. 1. Wilkins, Introduction and Ch. 1.

Oct 6: Sovereignty under fire: Spanish, English, French colonization.  
Read: Deloria, Ch. 5. Wilkins, Ch. 2-3.

Oct 8: US Indian policy: Treaties, removals, civilization plan, land acquisition, indigeneity.  
Read: Deloria, Ch. 2, 6. Wilkins, Ch. 4, skim Ch. 7.

Oct 13: US Indian policy: Education  
Video: In the White Man's Image  
Read: Wilkins, Ch. 5.

Oct 15: US Indian policy: Federal recognition in Oregon, Hawaii, Louisiana, Alaska  
Read: Deloria Ch. 3, 11. E-reserve: James Clifford "Identity in Mashpee."  
**Assignment:** To be handed out and discussed in class

Oct 20: Treaty rights: Fishing in the Northwest and Midwest  
Film clips: Lighting the 7<sup>th</sup> Fire  
**3-4 page dilemma paper due**

Oct 22: Indians and the cinema. Begin Smoke Signals  
Read: e-reserve: Rennard Strickland, from *Tonto's Revenge*; Phil Deloria, from *Indians in Unexpected Places*.  
**Assignment:** view two approved films and write 3-4 page analysis (total). Details to be discussed in class.

Oct 27: Indians and the cinema. Finish Smoke Signals.  
Read: Wilkins Ch. 9.

Oct 29: Race: Mascots and ideology  
Film: In whose honor?

Nov 3: Identity: Authenticity and anthropology, tribal boundaries and federal policy.  
Read: Deloria, Ch. 4; packet: Joseph Gone, "Mental Health, Wellness, and the Quest for and Authentic American Indian Identity;" and C. Matthew Snipp and Joane Nagel, "Ethnic Reorganization: American Indian Social, Economic, Political, and Cultural Strategies for Survival."  
**Film response due.**

Nov 5: Race: Indians and others

Read: Circe Sturm, "Blood Politics, Racial Classification, and Cherokee National Identity: The Trials and Tribulations of the Cherokee Freedmen;" read AS ARTIFACT, Deloria, Ch. 7, 8.

Nov 10: Literature: Trends in Indian literature

Read: Silko, 1-63.

Nov 12: Literature: Leslie Marmon Silko

Read: Silko, 64-160.

Nov 17: Literature: Leslie Marmon Silko

Read: Silko, 161-262.

Nov 19: Indian activism in the modern era

Film clip: Alcatraz is not an Island

Read: Wilkins, Ch. 8.

**Ceremony paper due in class**

Nov 24: Indian activism in the modern era

Read: Deloria, Ch. 9-10

Nov. 26: No class

Dec 1: Economy: Traditions, sovereignty, and gaming

Read: Wilkins, Ch.6 , 10.

Dec 3: Flex/review

**Dilemma paper #2 due in class**

**Final Exam:** 8am, Wednesday Dec 9