

Title and Code of Course: **BAN 4506 The History and Culture of Native Americans**

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: Seminar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input type="checkbox"/> In-Class Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Course Description:

The indigenous peoples of North America have a long and diverse history stretching back at least 15.000 years. Since European explorers first united the world's two hemispheres at the turn of the sixteenth century, native communities have faced numerous challenges and fallen victim to often unimaginable hardship. The purpose of this course is to present a survey of American Indian history from the pre-European contact period to the present, highlighting the processes by which Europeans and Euro-Americans dispossessed the various Indian nations of their land and identities, as well as the Indians' efforts to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. The dynamics of contact, conquest, interrelationship, accommodation, assimilation, and resistance is ongoing, and will be examined from both Indian and non-Indian perspectives. The means by which Indians have preserved their identities and cultures is the keynote to the course, rather than emphasizing the many tragic aspects of their histories. To complete the course, students must do the home assignments, write a blank map test, a mid-term test and a take-home exam. Maximum 3 absences are accepted.

Bibliography:

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