ANTY 323X.01: Native Peoples of Montana

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Course: Anthropology 323: Native Peoples of Montana

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Course Description: The purpose of this course is to provide students with an in-depth introduction to the diversity and complexity of Native American societies that came to inhabit the state of Montana as part of the Northwestern Great Plains. Using an ethnohistorical and ethnological approach, the course examines the culture history of various Native American nations within the region, highlighting the social processes that shaped their lives prior to the advent of the reservation era. The course also examines each society’s social and cultural institutions to form a cross-cultural comparative perspective.

In-Class Scheduled Lecture Days: M, W, F
In-Class Lecture Times: 2:00 – 2:50 pm
Building and Room: Social Science, Room 356

Course Objectives:

1. Students will evaluate data within a diachronic and cultural framework about indigenous peoples of Montana to understand socio-cultural diversity.
2. Students will synthesize ideas and information regarding historical causes, course of events, and their consequences for Montana’s indigenous societies to interpret human activities.
3. Students will analyze human behavior, ideas, and institutions comparatively to derive an historical and cultural perspective of intercultural complexities and perspectives.

Face-to Face Safety Instructions: Please carefully read and comply with the instructions so we may have a safe instructional environment:

- The University encourages vaccines and boosters, which are offered at Curry Health Center.
- Mask use is no longer mandatory within the classroom, but respect those choosing to wear a mask to reduce the spread of respiratory viruses.
- Social distancing, while voluntary, is encouraged whenever possible.
- Stay home if you feel sick, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or test positive, isolating for a minimum of five days and symptom-free. If you are sick or displaying any symptoms, please contact the Curry Health Center at (406) 243-4330.

Required text:


Recommended texts: The following works are highly recommended supplemental readings for the course. They are books that offer either a new perspective, insight, or provide a basis for cross-cultural comparison. These texts will enrich your knowledge and breadth of the region, the peoples, their cultural, and historical experiences.
Morgan, R. Grace, Beaver, Bison, Horse: The Traditional Knowledge and Ecology of the Northern Great Plains. University of Regina Press.


**Extra Credit Opportunity:** For those who would like to strive for a superior grade, a student can obtain one or all the optional texts, read them, and write a critical book review for each selected book relating the review to the course content. The book review must be 3.5 to 5 double spaced pages. The review must address what the book was about and how the work relates to the course? The review also must contain your substantive opinion about the work.

The assignment is due the last lecture day of class. **No late assignments will be accepted after that day.**

**Course Requirements:** Each student is responsible for all reading and lecture material for in-class lecture, discussion, and exams. There are two exams, a midterms and final examination. Each exam is worth 100 points. The structure and content of the test will be disclosed during the in-class review session. Grading is on a straight point system. **There is no negotiation for points to raise your grade.** If you did not receive the grade you want on the midterm, consider doing the extra credit.