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Fall 2000 ANTHROPOLOGY 388
NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH AND HEALING

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- I. Required readings for this course will be drawn from the following resources: Tales Of a Shaman's Apprentice, Sanapia, Cry of the Eagle.
- II. This course is designed to acquaint students with how Native health practitioners traditionally respond to health imbalances and the role that plants have played in Native approaches to health and healing. Students will gain this perspective through lectures, assigned readings and discussions. In addition to this the course will also examine the impact that colonization and technology has had upon Indigenous cultural knowledge and as a result the way Indigenous people have come to perceive their own health and healing.
- III. **Objective:** By the end of the course students should expect 1. to be familiar with aspects of ethnobotany, 2. to be able to identify certain plants that possess medicinal value and 3. gain an understanding of how Native health practitioners traditionally respond to health imbalances.
- IV. Graded assignments:
- A. The **Short Answer Exam is worth 50 pts** and will consist of 4 short answers (10 pts ea.) and 5 identifications (2 pts ea.).
- B. The **Mid Term is worth 50 pts** and will consist of 20 multiple choice (1 pt ea.), 5 identifications (2 pts ea.), and 2 short answers (10 pts ea.)
- C. The **Final Research Paper is worth 50 pts** and should be 8-10 pages in length, with approximately 240 words per page, or a minimum of 2,400 words to a maximum of 2,800 words. The paper should be properly referenced, with a properly written and formatted bibliography of no less than 6 references. Those papers not adhering to the word length, bibliography and reference criteria will result in a significantly lower graded paper. Students must get their paper's topic approved by me first.
- D. The **Group Presentation is worth 50 pts**. Assigned groups will be expected to present on a topic of Native health and healing. Presentations can cover such areas as; effectiveness of Native health practices, a comparative perspective, Native health and healing from a psychological perspective; etc. Every member of the group must participate in the presentation or the presentation will loose points. The presentation can cover a maximum of 35 minutes including time for questions.
- E. The final research paper is to be turned in during class on the date that it is due. **If the research paper is turned in late 2 points will be deducted for each day late,** Saturdays and Sundays not included.

IV. **Grading Scale:**

A = 181 - 200
D = 129 - 140

B = 161 - 180
F = 0 - 128

C = 141 - 160

Academic Honesty: Under no circumstances should students represent another person's work or ideas as their own. To do this is to plagiarize, and it is an intolerable offense in the academic community. Students who plagiarize will fail the assignment.

ANTHROPOLOGY 388 NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH AND HEALING

Course Outline

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DISCUSSION TOPICS</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
		<u>TALES OF A SHAMAN'S APPRENTICE</u>
1 Sept. 5 & 7	Course Overview and Introduction The Lure of Healing Knowledge	pages 1 - 18 and 53 - 80
2 Sept. 12 & 14	Video: The Hawaiian Art of Healing	Chapter 4; pages 81-125
3 Sept. 19 & 21 Sept. 21	Curare A. <u>Short Answer Exam</u> over Week 1 and 2 assignments	Chapter 5; 126-158
4 Sept. 26 & 28 Sept. 26	The Ethnocentrism of Colonialism Video: The Yanomamo	Chapter 6; pages 159-199
5 Oct. 3 & 5	The World of the Witch Doctor The Yanomamo	Chapter 7; pages 200-238
6 Oct. 10 & 12	<u>Video:</u> Medicine Man	Chapter 8 & 9; 239-290
		<u>SANAPIA</u>
7 Oct. 17 & 19	Comanche Historical and Cultural Background Sanapia and Medicine	Chapter 1 - 2
8 Oct. 24 & 26	Ghost Sickness, Witchcraft and Illness	Chapter 3 - 5
9 Oct. 31 Nov. 2	B. <u>MID TERM</u>	
		<u>CRY OF THE EAGLE</u>
10 Nov. 7 & Nov. 9	The Spiritual World	Read to page 39
11 Nov. 14 Nov. 16	ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY	pages 40 - 77
12 Nov. 21 Nov. 23	Native Medicine and Non-Natives THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	pages 78 - 111
		C. <u>Research Paper Due Nov. 28</u>
13 Nov. 28 & 30 Nov. 30	Case Histories & Issues of Cultural Knowledge D. Groups 1 & 2 presentations. Attendance will be taken.	pages 112 - 138
14 Dec. 5 Dec. 7	D. Groups 3 & 4 presentations. Attendance will be taken. D. Groups 5 & 6 presentations; Attendance will be taken.	
15 Dec. 12 Dec. 14	D. Groups 7 & 8 presentations; Attendance will be taken. D. Groups 9 & 10 presentations; Attendance will be taken.	
16 Dec. 18 - 22	Finals Week: D. Group spill over presentations on Tues. Dec. 19. Attendance will be taken. Students who attend 5-6 days of group presentations will get 5 bonus points added to their course grade. Students who attend 3-4 days of group presentations will get 3 bonus points added to their course grade. Students who attend 1-2 days of group presentations will get 1 bonus point added to their course grade.	