



## HST 259: History of North American Indian Peoples

This course examines the history of the indigenous people of North America from archaic times to the present. Students study the unique culture and civilizations of the Amerindian peoples north of the Rio Grande River before and after contact with other cultures and societies. Students develop the ability to think, read, and write critically and analytically and to understand the various forms of human interaction through a study of the unique cultures of native nations of North America. The course aids students in their efforts to understand the principles of group behavior and social organizations and how power is wielded in society. Prerequisite: A passing score on the college's reading and writing placement tests or, C or better or concurrent enrollment in ENG 091 or ENG 092. Three lecture hours per week. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Critical Thinking, Ethical Dimensions, Global and Historic Awareness, Human Expression and Multicultural and Social Perspectives.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this course will: 1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the complex and diverse cultures and societies of the indigenous nations of North America. 2. Appraise the multicultural nature of modern life within the context of Native American Indian history. 3. Describe the interplay of economics, politics, culture, diplomacy, and technology in the conduct of the United States government towards its native peoples. 4. Apply the tools gained from the study of the past to an analysis of the present and prediction for the future. 5. Explain how an understanding of the history of North American Indian Peoples makes students better citizens in an increasingly complex world.

**Credits:** 3

**Program:** History