

AMERICAN INDIAN ETHNOLOGY

**Fall 2005 - Tuesdays 3:30 to 6:15 PM. Architecture Building PCA 150
Florida International University
University Park Campus – Miami, Florida**

Anthropology (ANT 4312-U01) or Liberal Studies (IDS 4920-U01)

This is a WebCT assisted course. Web page at: <http://www.fiu.edu/~wiedmand/courses/naethnology>

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Contemporary Lakota Horse Shield

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to Native American culture. It focuses on the diverse communities of North American Indians with a special emphasis on the historical, economic, environmental, political, legal and spiritual issues that influence the present and future lives of Native Americans. Native cultures of Florida will be highlighted. Special attention will be given to how sociocultural research and methods can be used to address contemporary issues.

COURSE OBJECTIVES On completion of this course the student should:

- 1) Recognize the similarities and differences among North American tribal groups.
- 2) Value the historical and cultural importance of tribal sovereignty, family relationships, oral traditions, spirituality, language, arts and dance to Native Americans today.
- 3) Identify tribal arts, music, dance, poetry, literature and architecture within the cultural and spiritual context of Native American communities.
- 4) Appreciate the economic, health, environmental, political and legal restrictions that have been and continue to influence the everyday lives and communities of contemporary Native Americans.
- 5) Understand methods and theories of comparative sociocultural analysis.

READINGS

Sutton, Mark

2003 An Introduction to Native North America. Second Edition.
Boston: Allyn and Bacon.