NASX - Native American Studies

NASX 105D. Intro Native Amer Studies. 3 Credits. (2 Lec; 1 Rec) F,S,F
A survey of traditional and contemporary American Indian cultures, the historical
development of the unique relationship between the federal government and Indian
nations, and current issues among Indian peoples.

NASX 205D. Native Americans Contemp Soc. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 Selected contemporary economic, social, political, educational, and cultural issues
facing American Indians today, with special emphasis on tribal groups in Montana.

NASX 232D. MT Indian Cult, Hist, Cur Issu. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
5 cr. 1EC: 3 Movements of Indians into Montana. Social structures including
kinship, political affiliations; military, warrior societies, and religion. Establishment of
Montana’s reservations; treaties and agreements with the federal government; vested
rights of Indians; sovereignty and self-government; contemporary tribal governments;
contemporary Indian societies; socioeconomic problems.

NASX 239. Native North American History through Art and Material Culture. 3
Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 The aesthetic, cultural, and symbolic meanings of traditional and contemporary
American Indian art: Plains, Southwestern, Northwest Coast, and Inuit art and artists.

NASX 253. Indigenous Lit & the West. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S
This course will familiarize us with Indigenous literature and its relation to the
American and Canadian West. We will seek to retrace the creation of the Western
mythos while placing Indigenous perspectives and literature at the center of our
discussions.

NASX 280IS. NA Studies Retch Theor/Mthds. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S
3 PREREQUISITE: NASX 105. This course critically examines the political and
academic foundations of Native American Studies. It analyzes the theoretical and
methodological underpinnings, emphasizing indigenous paradigms and practices.
Students are expected to think analytically, participate in discussion, and do original
research.

NASX 290R. Undergraduate Research. 1-8 Credits. (1-8 Ind; 8 cr max) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITE: Consent of department head. Directed undergraduate research/
creative activity. Course will address responsible conduct of research.

NASX 291. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand
Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need,
or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a
regular course number.

NASX 292. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and approval of department head. Directed
research and study on an individual basis.

NASX 294R. Seminar/Workshop. 1-2 Credits. (1 Rct; 2 cr max) F,S,Su
COREQUISITE: NASX 290. Classroom instruction associated with directed
undergraduate research and creative activity projects.

NASX 304. Native American Belief & Phil. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S
3 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing. An in-depth analysis of specific contemporary
and historic, tribal, and pan-Indian beliefs. Basic elements of Native American
religions are defined from the perspective of the practitioner’s understanding of
their contributions to distinct cosmologies. The legal protection of Native American
religions frames the analysis.

NASX 310. Native Cultures of N. America. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 alternate years to be offered odd years PREREQUISITE: Junior standing. History and cultures of
representative Native peoples of North America; impact of European discovery, conquest and colonization: political, social, and economic developments from pre-
Colombian to present times including contemporary issues facing the indigenous
peoples of the Americas.

NASX 340. Native American Literature. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S
3 PREREQUISITE: Junior standing and WRIT 101W. Traditional and
contemporary Native American literature including oral narratives, folktales, poetry,
short stories, essays, and the novel. Methods of literary analysis will be explored to
assist students in determining the meaning and function of the various genres.

NASX 360. Native Americans and Cinema. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
Alternate years to be offered odd years Analysis of images and representations of American Indians in
feature, independent, and tele-films based in a cultural studies approach to film and
film production. Considerable attention is given to Indigenous aesthetics.

NASX 405. Gndr Is Is In Native Amer Studies. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
3 alternate years to be offered even years PREREQUISITE: Previous course in NAS and junior
standing, or permission of instructor. Compare and contrast the social construction of
gender in Native American cultures and Euroamericans. Explore role of women,
men and “two-spirit” gender of early North American Indigenous societies. Analyze
the impact of European colonization on traditional roles and examine contemporary
gender issues.

NASX 415. Native Food Systems. 3 Credits. (1 Lec) F
3 alternate years to be offered even years PREREQUISITE: NASX 105 or NASX 232 and upper
division standing. This course engages indigenous practices and beliefs, focusing
particularly on the food systems of the Native Americans, and using comparative data
from across time and place. Of specific interest are dynamic connections between
Native foods and the health of people and place, both traditionally and in societies
affected by colonization and rapid cultural change.

NASX 430. American Indian Education. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 alternate years to be offered even years PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, NASX 232. Historical
development and contemporary directions in American Indian education, values and
assumptions inherent in programs devised at the state and federal levels and their
results, the cultural basis of Indian education, and selected materials appropriate to
the various educational levels.

NASX 440. Montana Indian Literature. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F
3 PREREQUISITE: odd years. Junior standing, consent of instructor. Examination of
literature written by and about Native American peoples in Montana.

NASX 450. History of American Indians. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: HSTA 101 or HSTA 102. Indian affairs in America from
1600-1970. Emphasis on white reaction to the American Indians and the effect of
the European invasion on Indian culture.

NASX 476. Amer Indian Policy and Law. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
3 PREREQUISITE: NASX 105, and junior standing. Survey of institutions, laws,
cultures, and political forces which shaped federal Indian policy from colonial times to
the present. Examination of primary documents, treaties, case law, and agencies which
are the foundations of federal relationships with Indian Tribes.

NASX 490R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 12 cr max)
Directed undergraduate research/creative activity which may culminate in a research
paper, journal article, or undergraduate thesis. Course will address responsible conduct of
research.

NASX 490Z. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 12 cr max)
Directed undergraduate research/creative activity which may culminate in a research
paper, journal article, or undergraduate thesis. Course will address responsible conduct of
research.

NASX 491. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisite as determined for each offering. Courses not
required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a
trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course
number.

NASX 492. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, consent of instructor, and approval of department
head. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

NASX 494. Seminar. 1 Credit. (1 Sem; 4 cr max) F,S,Su
COREQUISITE: NASX 490. Classroom instruction associated with directed
undergraduate research/creative activity projects.

NASX 498. Internship/Cooperative Educ. 2-12 Credits. (2-12 Ind; 12 cr max) On
Demand
An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business or other organization
to provide guided experience in the field.

NASX 505. Proseminar Native Amer Studies. 3 Credits.
This course is a Graduate introduction to Native American Studies.

NASX 515. Native Food Systems. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F
This course engages indigenous practices and beliefs, focusing particularly on the food
systems of the Native Americans, and using comparative data from across time and
place. Of specific interest are dynamic connections between Native foods and the health of people and place, both traditionally and in societies affected by colonization and rapid cultural change.
NASX 520. Fem/Gender Theories IN NAS. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. This course is intended to explore gender issues in Native American Studies. It will critically explore the problems and points of conflict between Native American women's gender concerns and Euroamerican feminist theories.

NASX 521. Tribal Govt: Yesterday & Today. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. The course examines the complexities of American Indian governments' organization, their histories, and the unique relationship between the Federal government and American Indian tribes. The course highlights several models of both traditional and contemporary tribal governance systems.

NASX 523. Am Indians/Minority in High Ed. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. The course will develop and build the students' understanding of the historical and current situation of American Indians and other minorities in the U.S. higher education. It will also focus on the unique place of tribal colleges in the U.S. higher education.

NASX 524. Contemp Iss in Am Indian Std. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
To be offered even years PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. The course is intended to develop and refine the students' knowledge of the historical background of American Indian issues and how history now affects the contemporary issues facing American Indians.

NASX 525. Indigen Phil/Sacred Ecologies. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
To be offered odd years PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. This course begins by examining indigenous philosophies of sacred ecologies, contrasting these views with those held by Europeans regarding the natural world. It traces the impact of historical colonization in the environment up to contemporary conflicts over sacred sites and environmental resources.

NASX 530. Federal Law and Indian Policy. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. Advanced analysis of theories, doctrines, case law, and legislation with a focus on key legal and policy concerns for contemporary Native America including treaties, criminal jurisdiction, land, environmental regulation, water rights, fishing and hunting, child welfare, gaming, taxation, repatriation, and religious freedom.

NASX 540. Theoretical Positions in NAS. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. An introduction to the central conceptualizations of the academic discipline of Native American Studies and several of the theoretical paradigms operative within it. Students will gain an understanding of the contributions of Native American Studies to theoretical understandings within, across, and beyond dominant academic disciplines.

NASX 541. Critical Approach to NAS Mthd. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. A critical survey of the interdisciplinary approaches used in NAS grounded in a sociopolitical context with emphasis on ethical questions raised by research of Native Americans. Students receive individual attention toward formulating an effective methodology for their master's project.

NASX 550. American Indian Art Survey. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. Focus on the unique arts of North American indigenous peoples by culture area, in both the past and the present, within the overlapping contexts of culture area politics, cosmology, religion and spirituality, and gender.

NASX 552. Indigenous Nations of Montana. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. NASX 552 is a graduate level introduction to Montana's contemporary Indigenous Nations, with a summary overview of Montana's PaleoIndian prehistory and post-contact history. Students explore the traditional culture and history of each Montana tribe, and focus on the contemporary life and issues pertinent to each tribe.

NASX 553. Indigenous Lit and the West. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
This course will familiarize us with Indigenous literature and its relation to the American and Canadian West. We will seek to retrace the creation of the Western mythos while placing Indigenous perspectives and literature at the center of our discussions.

NASX 560. Native American Lit Tradition. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
This course will familiarize us with Indigenous literature and its relation to the American and Canadian West. We will seek to retrace the creation of the Western mythos while placing Indigenous perspectives and literature at the center of our discussions.

NASX 575. Professional Paper. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 6 cr max) F,S,Su
1-6 cr. IND Maximum 6 cr. PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. A research or professional paper or project dealing with a topic in the field. The topic must have been mutually agreed upon by the student and his or her major adviser and graduate committee.

NASX 576. Graduate Consultation. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 3 cr max) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITE: Master's standing and approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies. This course may be used only by graduate students who have completed all of their course work and their theses, if on a thesis plan, but who need additional faculty or staff time and assistance.

NASX 590. Master's Thesis. 1-10 Credits. (1-10 Ind; max unlimited) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITE: Master's standing.

NASX 591. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Upper division courses and others as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

NASX 592. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Ind; 3 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, consent of instructor, approval of department head and Dean of Graduate Studies. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

NASX 594. Seminar. 1-4 Credits. (1-4 Sem; 4 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or seniors by petition. Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Topical material not covered in regular courses. Students participate in preparing and presenting discussion material.

NASX 598. Internship. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 6 cr max) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, consent of instructor and approval of department head. An individualized assignment arranged with an agency, business or other organization to provide guided experience in the field.