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## **General Syllabus**

### **HIST 4163 The Native American and the United States**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of department head.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Survey of the development and progression of Native American policy by the government and people of the United States from 1783 to the present.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the development of various Native American policies established and frequently changed by the demands of the American people and the national government.
2. Analyze the impact on tribal people through the making of over 300 treaties, and the subsequent breaking of those treaties by the U.S. government.
3. Examine the decline of Native American cultures caused by war, forced removal, trade policies, and corruption of government Indian programs into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

##### **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

###### **Analytical Skills**

###### **Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will formulate interpretations of important themes and events in the history of relations between Native Americans and the United States government and Anglo citizens of the U.S.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

By exploring social, cultural, political, and economic factors, students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the issues faced by Native Americans during their long history of dealing with the United States government and the people it represented.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will use a formal documentation style for written presentations of research projects. Students will discuss particular aspects of Native American history in written and oral assignments.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. The first Indian treaties
- B. George Washington's first Indian policy
- C. White encroachment on Indian lands and the impact on policy
- D. The Removal concept from Jefferson to Jackson
- E. Western migration and early Native American resistance
- F. The Civil War impact on policy
- G. The implementation of the Reservation policy
- H. Indian wars on the Great Plains
- I. The Dawes Act and assimilation
- J. Major Indian reform movements
- K. The Collier reforms
- L. Native American policy during the World Wars
- M. the policy of Termination
- N. The ongoing crisis of tribal identity