

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (NAS)

NAS 101 Ochethi Sakowin Language for Beginners (3 credits)

This course will provide an introduction to the Ochethi Sakowin language. The course will emphasize the sounds of the Ochethi Sakowin language, correct pronunciation, and the alphabet used to represent those sounds. The course will also focus on Ochethi Sakowin kinship terms, the numeric system, vocabulary for seasons, weather, animals, foods, environmental and cultural contexts, and basic sentence structure.

NAS 102 Ochethi Sakowin Language for Elementary Learners (3 credits)

This is an advanced course designed to enhance the use of the Ochethi Sakowin language in both written and oral forms. Emphasis is on pronunciation, a more advanced examination of grammar, an expanded vocabulary, and continued practice in reading, writing, and speaking the language. Lessons will include discussion of Ochethi Sakowin history, culture, oral tradition, and ceremonies with specific reference to the language.

Prerequisite/s: NAS 101

NAS 103 Introduction to Ochethi Sakowin Language, Culture & History (3 credits)

This course will provide a brief overview of the language, history, and culture of the Ochethi Sakowin peoples, including the present. The Ochethi Sakowin Language will be included through the use of terms, basic phrases, names and other opportunities.

NAS 105 Ochethi Sakowin Culture I (3 credits)

This course will survey the history and culture of the Ochethi Sakowin groups, including both the past as well as the lived reality of the present. Topics will include social customs, patterns of behavior, the social system (kinship), cultural beliefs and practices (rituals and ceremony), and oral literature.

NAS 107 Native American History I (3 credits)

This course is an introduction to Native American history from before the European colonization through the 1760's.

NAS 108 Native American History II (3 credits)

This course is an introduction to Native American history from the era of the American Revolution through the 1920's.

NAS 109 Native American History III (3 credits)

This course is an introduction to Native American history from the era of the Indian Reorganization Act through to the present.

NAS 110 Ochethi Sakowin Music & Dance (3 credits)

This course will provide an introduction to the music and dance of the Ochethi Sakowin. The course will include the traditional repertory, cultural context of musical and dance performance, musical styles and song types, dance styles, and study of dance regalia.

NAS 112 Introduction to Native American Studies (3 credits)

This course will provide an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Native American Studies. This course meets the Education Standards and Practices Board Native American Studies requirement for teacher certification.

NAS 204 Native American Governments: Traditional & Contemporary (3 credits)

This course will survey the structure of various American Indian tribal governments (both traditional and contemporary), and will examine the on-going struggle to retain sovereign powers of self-government over internal affairs and preservation of a land base and natural resources. The course will examine key events and legislation in American Indian policy that have affected tribal governments and shaped how those political institutions relate to state and federal governments.

NAS 208 Ochethi Sakowin Tradition, Philosophy, & Spirituality (3 credits)

This course is an examination of traditional Ochethi Sakowin philosophical and spiritual beliefs, specializing in the study of documentation of the history and evolution of ceremonies and rituals, as well as the "thought-in-practice" of traditional medicine people.

NAS 211 Ochethi Sakowin Language for Pre-Intermediates (3 credits)

This is an advanced course in the Ochethi Sakowin Language designed to enhance the student's oral skills. Special emphasis is given to comprehension, conversational exercises, and mastery of verbal conjugations.

Prerequisite/s: NAS 102

NAS 212 Ochethi Sakowin Language for Intermediates (3 credits)

This is an advanced course in the Ochethi Sakowin Language designed to further enhance the student's oral skills. Emphasis is on developing the student's ability in oral expression so that a basic level of proficiency in everyday conversation will be acquired.

Prerequisite/s: NAS 211

NAS 213 Ochethi Sakowin Oral Tradition & Storytelling (3 credits)

This course will provide an introduction to traditional Ochethi Sakowin oral tradition and storytelling, including an examination of the general narrative structure, characters, content, and thematic characteristics of the categories of oral narratives as well as stylistic features and other aspects of the actual performance of storytelling.

NAS 218 Native American Literature (3 credits)

A study of various works by Native American writers within an historical framework, both from the oral and the written literacy tradition.

NAS 247 Native American Art Projects (3 credits)

Creation of art activity based on the five different cultural aesthetics: Northwest Coast Transformation Masks, Plains Style Parfleches, Southeastern Shell Carving, Woodlands Beadwork, and Southwest Pottery Designs. Students will be required to complete five (5) different projects.

NAS 301 Ochethi Sakowin for Advanced Intermediates (3 credits)

This is an advanced course in the Ochethi Sakowin language designed to enhance the student's oral skills. Special emphasis is given to comprehension, conversational exercises, and mastery of verbal conjugations.

Prerequisite/s: NAS 211

NAS 302 Ochethi Sakowin for Proficient Learners (3 credits)

This is an advanced course in the Ochethi Sakowin language designed to further enhance the student's oral skills. Emphasis is on developing the student's ability in oral expression so that a basic level of fluency in everyday conversation will be acquired.

Prerequisite/s: NAS 301

NAS 309 Comparative Spirituality (3 credits)

This course will examine different religious traditions and dimensions of human existence in the world, both historical and contemporary. The course will include such topics as the history of select religious traditions, outstanding individuals, key rituals and ceremonies, and perspectives on the sacred dimensions of human existence. Emphasis will be on the Ochethi Sakowin religious tradition and spirituality.

NAS 311 Native American Women (3 credits)

This course examines Native American women and their roles and experiences in traditional tribal societies. The course will include both historical and contemporary periods, including the effects of Western values and gender/sex roles on Native American societies.

NAS 318 Native American Literature (3 credits)

A study of various works by Native American writers within an historical framework, both from the oral and the written literacy tradition.

NAS 321 Peoples & Cultures of Native North America (3 credits)

This course will provide a survey of the diversity of Native peoples and their cultures in North America, including coverage of tribes in all the major culture areas. Topics covered will include origin stories, historical and cultural development, social and kinship systems, religious belief and ceremonialism.

NAS 331 Native Peoples of the Northern Plains (3 credits)

This course will provide an overview of the histories and cultures of the Native peoples of the Northern Plains region, including the Lakota/Dakota, Nueta, Hidatsa, Sahnish, and Anishinabe.

NAS 350 Native Languages of Native America (3 credits)

This course will provide an overview of Native American languages and linguistics, including topics such as genetic, areal, and typological classifications, structures of selected languages, comparative (historical) study of select language families, the relationship between language and culture, and select topics in the ethnography of speaking (sociolinguistics).

NAS 360 Ochethi Sakowin Culture & Society Through Oral & Textual Sources (3 credits)

This course will provide an in-depth study of select topics in Ochethi Sakowin culture and society through the use of textual and oral languages resources.

NAS 410 Ochethi Sakowin History I (3 credits)

This course will provide a detailed study of the historical development and experiences of the Ochethi Sakowin peoples from before Euro-American colonization to the 1890's.

NAS 411 Ochethi Sakowin History II (3 credits)

This course will provide an in-depth study of the historical development and experiences of the Ochethi Sakowin groups from the 1890s to the present.

NAS 415 History of Native American Education (3 credits)

This course will provide a general historical survey of the encounters between Native American and Western education systems, including traditional tribal education, mission schools, BIA schools, and current school systems both on and off reservations in the United States and Canada.

NAS 418 Contemporary Native American Literature (3 credits)

This is a discussion-based course that explores contemporary fiction, non-fiction, and poetry written by a range of Native American authors from tribes and geographical regions across the United States and Canada. We will look at the cultural context from which each text is produced, paying particular attention to the issues and themes emphasized in each text.

NAS 419 Native Sovereignty & Decolonization (3 credits)

This course provides an in-depth look at the multiple definitions and understandings of Native sovereignty, and how these definitions impact contemporary Native life. In addition, this course gives an overview of the relationship between Native sovereignty and decolonization. Prerequisite/s: NAS 203, or NAS 204, or NAS 109, or CJ 205

NAS 420 Current Issues in Native North America (3 credits)

This course will investigate a variety of contemporary issues in Indian Country, as well as the background for understanding present-day issues. Topics might include sovereignty, blood quantum, tribal enrollment, loss and revitalization of native languages and other identity issues; tribal gaming; tribal education; law enforcement; and natural resources.

NAS 421 Ochethi Sakowin Social & Kinship Systems (3 credits)

This course will provide a detailed analysis of the social and kinship systems of the Ochethi Sakowin people, including the organization and structure of the thiyospaye and thiwahe units, appropriate use of kinship terms and their associated behaviors, the values and moral philosophies of the social system, and the expectations for proper roles of males and females within traditional Ochethi Sakowin society.

NAS 431 History of Traditional Ochethi Sakowin Leadership & the Ithanchan (3 credits)

This course will provide a detailed analysis of the traditional Ochethi Sakowin system of leadership and government, including the organization and structure of traditional band and tribal government, how leaders were selected and expectations for their behavior and moral philosophies of the leadership system, and study of specific ithanchan (chiefs) who greatly influenced the historical direction of the Ochethi Sakowin groups.

NAS 445 Applying Native American Culture to Nature Resource Management (3 credits)

Students will learn more about Native American perspectives on environmental issues and natural resource management. Students will discuss the traditional and contemporary relationships between Native Americans and the environment. Focus will be on Ochethi Sakowin culture.

NAS 497 Native American Studies Capstone Course (1 credit)

This course provides students opportunities to gain supervised, practical experience working in a tribal community. A minimum of 45 hours of field experience and completion of a reflective presentation to the Native American Studies advisory committee are required. Students will be evaluated on quality of presentation and supervisor's evaluation.