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American Indian Experience - ES 338 (E, W) Online Outreach College – Fall Extension 2014  
September 15 – December 19

When the storm is over..... when rain and fire again leave the land in peace, then the world will no longer be the world, but something better.  
Anonymous

This course will provide a comprehensive look at the indigenous foundation of life and societal development in the Americas. Although largely marginalized in the annals of Euroamerican history, the American Indian experience and influence are still prevalent in many parts of the hemisphere today. We will explore some of the origins and beliefs of indigenous peoples since ancient times to the ethical importance of contemporary indigenous rights’ issues and issues related to the future.

The course has an ethical focus, is writing intensive, and divided into four time periods: 1) Indigenous Identity and Theory; 2) Ancient Indigenous World and Early Colonial Encounter; 3) Native American Relationship to the United States; and 4) Contemporary Issues and the Indigenous Future. All four periods overlap, though our focus will be in leading toward the fourth time period. Contemporary Amerindian issues are as hotly debated as ever, and their outcomes may affect both native and non-native peoples. Finally, students are encouraged to write comparatively in relation to their own personal backgrounds, e.g., by elaborating on the Pacific region and elsewhere.

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