American Indians have a wonderfully rich tradition of wisdom and spirituality. This course looks at the spirituality of at least two nations of American Indians from a variety of perspectives including historical, sociological, anthropological and political. Students have the option to explore other American Indian nations if desired. Some community research is expected. Significant focus is given to issues of race and racism.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/26/2006 - 08/15/2016 08/16/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:
See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Describe the diversity within the many Indigenous spiritual traditions in the Americas.
2. Analyze and challenge the exploitation of Indigenous spiritual practices.
3. Express the many ways Indigenous spiritualities face a variety of external and internal community impacts.
4. Understand key concepts and ideas in the American Indians' spirituality and worldview.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

G. Special Information

Overlap: RELS 322 American Indian Spirituality.