Course: Native Peoples of the Greater Southwest

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Course Description: This course is to provide students with an introduction to the cultural diversity and complexity of Native American societies of the Greater Southwest. Using an ethnohistorical perspective, the cultural heritage and the unique histories of select Native American societies will be examined in detail. Course content will emphasize the cultural processes that shaped indigenous cultures of this region and their histories.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will evaluate documents within a historical and/or cultural framework about Southwestern indigenous peoples;
2. Students will synthesize ideas and information with regard to historical causes, the course of events, and their consequences about indigenous societies of the Greater Southwest;
3. Students will analyze human behavior, ideas and institutions for historical and cultural meaning and significance.

Required Text and Readings:

T. Griffin-Pierce, Native Peoples of the Southwest. University of New Mexico Press.

Recommended Readings: The following works are highly recommended supplemental reading for the course. It is a book that offers new perspectives, insights, or provides a basis a cross-cultural comparison. The texts will enrich your knowledge and breadth of the region, the peoples, and their historical experiences.


D. Grant, Living the Southwest. Santa Fe: SAR Press.


**Course Requirements:** There will be two exams during the course. The midterm and final examination will consist of short identifications and an essay (100 points). The grading system is a straight point system. There are not any negotiations for points to another higher grade.

**Graduate Students:** Graduate students are required to purchase one of the recommended books, in addition to the text for required reading. They must write a review of the work. The review is due the last day of class (Note: The required reading cannot be used for extra credit). They are also required to write a research paper, which is a historical ethnography of a tribe of the Greater Southwest. The paper is due no later than the final day of class lecture.

**Extra credit:** Any student wishing to do extra credit can write a book review using one or more of the recommended readings. The paper is due the final day of lecture. **No late papers will be accepted.** The assignment will be worth 30 points for each review.