

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 327: The Aztecs

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is an examination of Aztec civilization. Varied perspectives, including native and Spanish chroniclers, archaeological data, and a cross-cultural understanding of archaic states, are employed to derive an understanding of Aztec civilization. MnTC Goal 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/09/2008 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Anthropology and Ethnohistory
2. Native American Civilizations
3. Understanding other civilizations
4. Biases in reading the past
5. Understanding native rulers
6. Understanding native books

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Introduce in detail an important Native American civilization.
2. Understand how biases have shaped misleading caricatures of the Aztecs.
3. Explore the Aztecs rags-to-riches story.
4. Document how the Aztecs compare favorably with what we know of other ancient civilizations.
5. Appreciate the Aztecs perspective on their past, rise and decline.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted