Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 337: The Maya

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course explores the archaeology of the Maya. Varied perspectives, including native, Spanish chroniclers, the archaeological record, and a cross-cultural understanding of archaic civilizations, are employed to derive and understanding of Maya civilization.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/10/2011 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Regional subdivisions of the Maya area.
2. Geography of the Maya area.
3. Classic Period Maya focus.
4. Interpretation of art and hieroglyphs.
5. Focus on Classic period cities and their dynasties.
6. Role of other Mesoamerican Cultures in the rise and fall of the Maya.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Working knowledge of the Maya homeland including physical and cultural geography, the archaeological sequence, and important cultural traditions.
2. Develop a familiarity with hieroglyphs and the Maya calendar.
3. Appreciation of the effort in reconstructing the dynasties for the important Classic Maya cities.
4. Understanding of current theories applied to the interpretation of the Maya.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted