

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: History
2. Course Number: HIS 238
3. Course Title: NAVAJO HISTORY
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:
Examines Dine ("The People") history with emphasis on the role the Navajo have played in the economic, cultural, and political life of the Navajo Nation. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

This course will provide an accurate review of the history of the Navajo in the Southwest. Included will be an awareness of the culture and legends of the Navajo, and the effect of the Mexican, Spaniard, and U.S. Government colonization efforts toward the Navajo.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Summarize the early history related to the evolution of the Navajo as "The People"
2. Describe the major legends of the Navajo, and how these legends have influenced the Nation
3. Explain how the Spanish attempted to colonize the Navajo and how these efforts were resisted
4. Interpret the sequence of events involving the U.S. Government's action towards the Navajo under the auspices of "Manifest Destiny"
5. Explain and appraise the present day direction and organization of the Navajo Nation

D. Course Content:

Will include:

1. Theories of origin:
 - a. EuroAmerican theory
 - b. Navajo legends
2. Contact with other cultures
3. How the Navajo interpret their development as "The People"
4. The Dine under the dominant culture(s)
 - a. The Long Walk
 - b. The return to Dinehteh
5. The significance of treaties and establishment of the reservation
6. The role of the Indian Bureau (presently known as the BIA)
7. Self-determination and sovereignty
 - a. Between two worlds
 - b. The Navajo today