Anthropology C144/C243P  
Native American Languages and Cultures

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REQUIRED TEXTS:


*Also a packet of Readings, containing all non-text articles listed below. This packet is available from Westwood Copies (1001 Gayley Ave. Suite 104, call (310) 208-3233 for additional information).*

# Week (date)

#1 (1-09) Introduction and Overview. Linguistic Anthropology: Important Themes in the Linguistic Anthropology of Native American Languages and Cultures.  
*READ: AIL* PART I, pp. 1-13, 337-349

#1 (1-11) Linguistic Structures of Native America: A Brief Overview. The Diversity of Native American Languages.  
*READ: AIL* PART II, 15-44

#2 (1-16) The Ethnography of Communication: Studying Native American Language Usage, Studying Native American Speech Communities.  
*READ: AIL* Ch.4, pp. 77-119.  
AIL Ch. 6, pp. 151-70.


[Reprinted in WACL pp. 80-98.]


#3 (1-25) Interethnic Communication. Interethnic communication in interpersonal and institutional contexts.


#4 (2-1) Language, Communication, and Native American Education


In-Class Midterm Exam February 8  
MIDTERM Take-home ESSSAY DUE February 13

#6(2-13) Native American Verbal Art I: Hearing the Oral Traditions.

**READ:** AIL PART IV, Ch. 5, pp. 122-48.


VIDEO: Iishaw: Hopi Coyote Stories


#7 (2-20) Native American Verbal Art--Functions, Forms, and Cultural Contexts


#8 (2-27) Language Contact, Multilingualism

**READ:** AIL 205-66.  
**FF** 153-79.  


#9 (3-6) Language and History: Language and Culture History, Language and Identity

READ: **AIL** PART VI, 267-336
**FF** 71-106


#9 (3-8) Language Renewal and Language Revitalization

**FF** 181-7, 221-47.


[NOTE : This manuscript will be sent as an email to the class and posted on the course website—it will not be included in the packet.]


Selected Chapters: Christine P. Sims "Native Language Planning: A pilot process in the Acoma Pueblo Community" 63-73.

ALSO Presentation of two CD-ROMs on Native American Languages.
Paul V. Kroskrity, Rosalie Bethel, and Jennifer Reynolds Taitaduhaan: Western Mono Ways of Speaking (Western Mono), U Oklahoma Press.

#10 (3-15) Language, Culture, and Thought: Language and Worldview; Linguistic relativity and linguistic determinism.


Whorf, Benjamin Lee. 1941. The relation of habitual thought and behavior to language. In Language, culture, and personality, essays in memory of Edward Sapir, pp. 75-93.


The films:
"A Navajo Weaver" by Susie Benally. 22 minutes.
"Intrepid Shadows" by Alfred Clah. 18 minutes.

FINAL EXAM: MONDAY, March 22, 9-11 AM.
TAKE-HOME FINAL ESSAY DUE during exam period.

Course Requirements: For Undergraduates taking C144:

Midterm and Final Multiple Choice Exams with take home essays. Students will be given approximately one week to complete essays of approximately 6-8 pages each using only course materials. (Further details later).

For Graduate Students taking C243P: Two options exist.

1. Take exams as per above as well as attend and fully participate in seminar discussion section. This includes doing additional readings—see C243P syllabus.

2. Write a term paper of about 15 pages (the topic of which is approved by the instructor no later than week four) instead of essays and fully participate in seminar discussion section.

To be further discussed in seminar. Seminar Participation (Required of graduate students, optional for undergraduates who have the instructor's permission.)