

## ARCHAEOLOGY 419

### TIPI, BUFFALO, AND VISION: PEOPLE OF THE PLAINS

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Office Hours: TF 8:00-9:00; W 10:00-12:00, or by appointment  
Lecture: MW 2:00 – 3:15, SS 109

**Pre-requisites:** None

#### **Course Description**

Comparative study of the people of the Great Plains based on oral traditions, traditional ethnography, and written records, including: subsistence, dwellings, transportation, socio-political structure, warfare, and religion. Origins of traditional lifeways will also be examined through archaeology and historical linguistics.

A series of five seminar discussions will compare aspects of the traditional lifeways of the Blackfoot and Hidatsa people, with students handing in a written commentary about the readings at the start of each seminar class.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course, students will be expected to:

- 1) Explain the lifeways of Plains bison hunters and horticulturalists, with particular emphasis on the Blackfoot and Hidatsa.
- 2) Understand the merits and biases in the ethnohistoric documents, ethnographic accounts and oral traditions of these groups.
- 3) Appreciate the influence of alternative worldviews on the interpretation of anthropological evidence.
- 4) Know how to apply these basic principles in their evaluations of other ethnographic accounts of Indigenous groups around the world.

#### **Exams**

There will be a map quiz, one closed book midterm exam, and one closed book in class final quiz. No particular component must be passed to receive a passing grade in the course as a whole.

#### **Textbooks**

Grinnell, George B., 1962 *Blackfoot Lodge Tales: The Story of a Prairie People*. University of Nebraska Press; Facsimile edition of 1892 edition. Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bowers, Alfred 1992 *Hidatsa Social and Ceremonial Organization*. University of Nebraska Press.

**Grading:**

Map Quiz (February 6)	15%
Midterm (March 4)	30%
Discussion participation	15%
Written discussion commentaries (6% each)	30%
Final in class quiz (since Midterm) (April 10)	10%

**TENTATIVE SEMINAR DATES**

I = Feb. 4\*    II = Feb. 13\*    III = Mar. 13\*    IV = Mar 27.\*    V = Apr 3\*  
(\*=6% each)

**Grading Scheme**

A/A+	90-100%	C	66-69%
A-	86-89%	C-	62-65%
B+	82-85%	D+	56-61%
B	78-81%	D	50-55%
B-	74-77%	F	<50%
C+	70-73%		

**Course Structure**

Lectures: the main information content of the class is given in “Powerpoint” lectures.  
Seminar Discussions: the other main vehicle for providing information is a series of seminar discussions.

**Evaluation Methods**

- i) The lecture portion of the class is evaluated through a map quiz, a midterm examination, and a short final exam. The exams will combine a number of assessment methods, including short answer, multiple choice, and matching questions.
- ii) Discussion seminars are evaluated on participation in the class discussion and in the logic and support developed for the opinions given in the written commentaries.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing will also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology’s policy on intellectual honesty

**DEFERRED EXAMS:**

A student who is absent from a test for legitimate reasons must discuss an alternative course of action with the instructor. The instructor at their discretion may transfer the percentage weight for the test to the final examination, if there is a final examination in the course, set another test,

etc. An instructor will normally make this decision on the basis of verbal information provided by the student. In the event that an instructor feels that they cannot judge the veracity of the information provided, Students must be aware that they are responsible for payment of any charge associated with the medical assessment and documentation as this service falls outside the realm of services provided by the Provincial Health Care Plan. Deferral of the final exam requires Registrar approval.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the instructor of this course.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Calgary is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievements. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. Non-academic integrity also constitutes an important component of this program.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic and non-academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic and non-academic misconduct will be investigated following procedures outlined in the University Calendar. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behavior or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources.

Where there is a criminal act involved in plagiarism, cheating or other academic misconduct, e.g., theft (taking another student's paper from their possession, or from the possession of a faculty member without permission), breaking and entering (forcibly entering an office to gain access to papers, grades or records), forgery, personation and conspiracy (impersonating another student by agreement and writing their paper) and other such offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, the University may take legal advice on the appropriate response and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the police, in addition to or in substitution for any action taken under these regulations by the University

### **TEACHING EVALUATIONS / USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction)**

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. **Your responses make a difference, please participate!** Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri/>

### **Writing Across the Curriculum**

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support, part of the Student Success Centre, can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance

**Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points:** In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternative arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

**Safewalk Information:** Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:** Have a question, but not sure where to start? Arts Students' Centre

The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs and the Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- program advising
- the Faculty's Co-operative Education Program
- the Arts and Science Honours Academy
- the Faculty's Interdisciplinary Programs
- a Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403.220.3580

Email: [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca)

Website: [arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/)

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contacts for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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