



SAN JUAN COLLEGE
Success Matters

PHIL 271–NAVAJO PHILOSOPHY 3 CREDITS

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Examines Dine philosophical thought regarding metaphysics, Epistemology, aesthetics, ethics, religion, and traditional social structure.

Prerequisites: ANTH 111

Semester Offered: Spring, Odd Year

Common Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

GENERAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to develop:

1. An understanding of Navajo origins.
2. An understanding of the Navajo identity.
3. A broader perspective on the history of the Navajo People according to mythology.
4. Insight into the values and relationship of Navajo principles.
5. An understanding of the origins of some of these principles.



5. An understanding of the Navajo's perception of the environment.
6. An understanding on one's roles and responsibilities in terms of the Navajo worldview.
7. An understanding of Navajo organization of knowledge, as designed to promote a life-style becoming an ideal life, as espoused in the Blessing Way.
8. A better understanding of Navajo values, through study of the traditional Navajo values.