American Indian Studies

AIS 285  **Indigenous Thinkers**  credit: 3 hours.
An introduction to the English-language traditions of indigenous intellectuals. Specific topics vary. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 6 hours. May be repeated in subsequent terms to a maximum of 9 hours.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Humanities – Hist & Phil

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Credit Hours: 3 hours
Humanities - Hist & Phil, and Cultural Studies - Non-West course.

Topic: Bodies of Knowledge: Science and Medicine in the North American Indigenous Context. There are two popular narratives about Native Americans. The first is that their ancestors reached the Americas via the Bering Strait some 13,000 years ago. The second is that the majority died from infectious diseases when Columbus et al. colonized "the New World". This course is an introduction to the history of knowledge-making by and about indigenous people, their narratives, their knowledge, and their health. Beginning with virgin soils and migration stories, and working up to the present day, will examine both the lived experiences of Indigenous peoples in North America and the ways their health and knowledge have been discussed and used for ulterior purposes.