This course introduces the lives of American Indian peoples and tribes and has three related goals. First, this course aims to enhance knowledge of and appreciation for the accomplishments of these enduring and resurgent indigenous peoples. Second, the course questions the objectified and stereotyped image of "the Indian" by investigating the intellectual and cultural roots of this image, and by highlighting the diversity of American Indian cultures and individual experiences. Third, the course provides a conceptual framework drawn from cultural anthropology (meaning-centered, relativistic, holistic, and historicist) for understanding American Indian societies of North America, specifically, and our world, more generally.