University of Massachusetts  
Certificate Program in Native American Indian Studies  
Alternative Spring Break 2012  
United Houma Nation  
Dulac, LA

What: Student facilitated 3-credit Spring semester class focusing on health and land sustainability in indigenous communities. The class will include a spring break volunteer trip to help rebuild the lives and homes of those suffering from poverty and the after-effects of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike and the BP oil spill. In addition to volunteer work, special attention will be devoted to learning from the area’s distinct Native American community, the United Houma Nation.

Where: Location of weekly class meetings will be agreed upon as a group. The spring break trip will take place in and around the Dulac Community Center in Dulac, Terrebonne Parish, LA on the Gulf Coast.

When: Weekly class meeting times will be agreed upon as a group. The volunteer trip will occur over spring break: March 16th - 26th

Eligibility: Open to all 5-College students.

Applying: Applications are due by Thursday, December 1st 2011 at 5pm. After your application is reviewed, you will find out via e-mail if you've been granted an interview. Interviews will take place during the week of December 5th 2011.

Questions: Contact Jean S. Forward at jforward@anthro.umass.edu
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Program Application

Name: ________________________________
Spire ID #: __________________________
Year of Graduation: __________________
Major(s): ____________________________
Local/Campus Address: ________________________________
Cell Phone: _______________ Winter Break Phone: ________________
Winter Break Address: ________________________________
Email Address: __________________________

How did you hear about this program?

Do you meet the criteria for van drivers (valid driver's license through March 31 2012, over 21, no moving violations in the past year, comfortable driving a minivan or a 15 passenger van) and are you interested in driving?

Are you part of the Certificate Program in Native American Indian Studies?

Certification Statement:

I, ______________________, certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_________________________________________   ______________________
(Signature)                                          (Date)
Questions:

Please type your answers. We expect to have more applicants than spaces available in the program so please put the necessary time and effort into your responses so that we can get a good idea of who you are and your reasons for wanting to partake in this service learning project.

1. Why do you want to participate in UMass Native American Indian Studies ASB? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

2. Please describe a cross-cultural experience you've had and how it affected you.

3. Please describe your learning style. This question will not affect your acceptance. We will use this information to format our meetings. How do you tend to participate in class or group settings? Please provide some examples.

4. What are your experiences with community service? And what do you hope to learn from this particular experience?

5. What special skills or experiences could you bring to the team? (e.g. first aid, computer skills, construction, plumbing, music, story telling, inter-group dialogue, juggling etc.)

6. Do you have any special needs/concerns? Please explain any special dietary needs including veganism, vegetarianism, or medical or religious restrictions.

7. Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?

Applications are due by Thursday, December 1st 2011 at 5pm. Please submit competed applications in one of two ways:

- drop off at the CPNAIS office in 4 Thompson
- e-mail in .pdf or .doc format to Michael Stewart at mjstew@rocketmail.com