

Department of Tribal Governance

Educating Alaska's Tribal and Community Leaders

Spring 2024 Cross Regional Courses

Updated 1/17/2024

Introduction to Tribal Government in Alaska (35399) 3 Credits

TG F101-701

DIST: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday

1/17/24 - 4/1/24

Instructor: Debra O'Gara

An Introduction to the study of tribal government and politics in Alaska, including tribal legislative, judicial and administrative responsibilities. Presents key concepts of federal Indian law, self-determination, and self-governance for building and enhancing tribal governments.

Tribal Governments in Alaska II (35401) 3 Credits

TG F201-701

DIST: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday

1/17/24 - 4/1/24

Instructor: Kevin Illingworth

A study of tribal government and politics in Alaska. Explores the historical relationships among tribal, state and federal governments in Alaska. Provides a focus on tribal sovereignty and self-determination for building and enhancing tribal governments.

Prerequisites: TG F101.

Managing Tribal Governments II (35402) 3 Credits

F205-701

DIST: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday

1/16/24 - 3/28/24

Instructor: Laura Zimin

Advanced tools and methods for the management and oversight of tribal government programs and organizations. Student evaluation includes how well the student affects changes in tribal operations and tribal management.

Prerequisites: TG F105

Tribal Natural Resources Stewardship in Practice (35403) 3 Credits

F225-701

DIST: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Monday, Wednesday

1/17/24 - 4/1/24

Instructor: Carrie Stevens

The skills, abilities and knowledge needed to adapt traditional Western science and management principles to indigenous resource concepts and values are crucial when dealing with contemporary rural Alaska natural resources, land, and environmental management issues. Prepares students and provides tools/methods for considering cross-cultural concepts and values in resource management and conservation decisions.

Current Topics in Tribal Governance: (35404) 2 Credits

Creating a Tribal Program Funded through the Department of Justice

TG F250-703

DISTANCE: 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Thursday

1/18/24-4/18/24

Instructor: Michelle Demmert

This course is intended to introduce tools and methods for the creation, management and oversight of tribal government programs funded by federal grant programs with a focus on Department of Justice (DOJ) grants. Students will review federal law and the role of DOJ policies and regulations in administering grants. Student evaluation will include evaluating the village needs in the context of a grant solicitation, developing programs based on a successful grant application, reporting, and grant close out.

Recommended: Familiar with computer and related word processing and spreadsheet programs.

More information at: www.uaf.edu/tribal or Contact uaf-tribal@alaska.edu or Call 907-474-5826

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Current Topics in Tribal Governance: (36459) 1 Credit
Qualified Expert Witness for ICWA cases in state court

TG F250-702

DISTANCE: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Thursday

2/15/24 - 3/21/24

Instructor: Debra O’Gara

This course will focus on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) requirements for the state to provide Qualified Expert Witnesses (QEW) in certain proceedings of a child welfare case occurring in state courts. There will be discussion on the background for the QEW requirement, role of the QEW, how to prepare to be a QEW, what types of questions to expect, how to qualify as an expert witness, how to prepare a written report, and preparing for in-court testimony.

Current Topics in Tribal Governance: (36478) 1 Credits
Tribal Appellate Court Development for Alaska Tribes

TG F250-701

DISTANCE: 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Friday

1/26/24-2/16/24

Instructor: Michelle Demmert

This course is an introduction to tribal appellate court development in Alaska. This course will focus on a practical understanding of key concepts for developing a tribal appellate court process in rural Alaska. Students will explore the differences and relationship among tribal, state, and federal appellate justice systems, including concepts of the differences between trial and appellate court and the importance of appeals in the context of due process.

Tribal Governance Practicum I (35400) 3 Credits

F199-001

DISTANCE: Arranged

1/17/24-5/3/24

Instructor: Kevin Illingworth

Professional and personal development while working in a rural service organization. Emphasis on developing the understanding and skills necessary for delivery of rural services. Course is guided by an academic advisor. Student must be willing and able to work independently outside the classroom and in the community. Prerequisites: Must be familiar with computer and related word processing and spreadsheet programs.

Tribal Governance Practicum II (35405) 3 Credits

TG F299-001

DISTANCE: Arranged

1/17/24-5/3/24

Instructor: Kevin Illingworth

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