

Tribal Governance

College of Indigenous Studies

Department of Tribal Governance (<https://tribal.uaf.edu/>)
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Department Overview

At the Department of Tribal Governance, the heart of our mission is to strengthen tribal sovereignty and leadership. Central to our philosophy is the interconnected relationship between tribal self-governance and community well-being. Our courses and curriculum are designed and delivered in response to requests by tribal partners. We recognize, utilize and uplift Indigenous ways of life and knowledge, and we often call upon tribal leaders, experts and Elders to share their knowledge. We currently offer culturally responsive, place-based curriculum, training, and workshops focused on Tribal governance and law, Tribal stewardship, Tribal administration and management, Tribal policy and advocacy, and Tribal economies.

A.A.S., Certificate, Minor, Tribal Governance

The Department of Tribal Governance provides skills and knowledge needed for positions within tribal, local and community governments and organizations across Alaska. In response to the broad variety of job-related skills needed by tribal leaders, councils, administrators and staff, the tribal governance A.A.S., certificate and minor programs allow students to tailor their education for specific employment-related skills. The Department of Tribal Governance provides students with fundamental knowledge of tribal governance, law, policy and management through academic and hands-on education and training in subject areas important to tribal governments. Students work closely with their academic advisor to choose courses in one or more areas of study that target their employment needs.

Students entering either the certificate or A.A.S. degree program will meet with a faculty advisor to discuss program content, requirements and planning.

Minimum Requirements for Tribal Governance Certificate: 30 credits; for A.A.S. Degree: 60 credits

Minimum Requirement for Tribal Governance Minor: 15 credits

Learn more about the certificate and associate degree in tribal governance (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/associates/tribal-governance.php>), including an overview of the programs, career opportunities and more.

Occupational Endorsement, Tribal Justice

The occupational endorsement in tribal justice provides education specific to tribal courts and tribal justice in Alaska, preparing tribal court judges, clerks and administrators for employment in the tribal justice field. The endorsement also provides a pathway for continuing education for tribal justice professionals in Alaska.

Minimum Requirements for Tribal Justice Occupational Endorsement: 9 credits

Occupational Endorsement, Tribal Stewardship

The occupational endorsement in tribal stewardship provides education specific to stewardship issues facing tribal governments in Alaska, from tribal participation in federal subsistence fish and wildlife management to mapping. The O.E.C. is the first step in preparing tribal leaders, youth and staff for leadership and employment in the tribal stewardship and natural resources field. The endorsement also provides a pathway for continuing education for tribal stewardship professionals in Alaska.

Minimum Requirements for Tribal Stewardship Occupational Endorsement: 9 credits

Programs

Degree

- A.A.S., Tribal Governance (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/associates/tribal-governance/>)

Occupational Endorsement

- O.E.C., Tribal Justice (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/tribal-justice/>)
- O.E.C., Tribal Stewardship (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/endorsements/tribal-stewardship/>)

Certificate

- Certificate, Tribal Governance (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/certificates/tribal-governance/>)

Minor

- Minor, Tribal Governance (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/tribal-governance/>)