Tribal Governance (TG)

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TG F101  Introduction to Tribal Government in Alaska  (an)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
An introduction to the study of tribal government and politics in Alaska, including tribal legislative and judicial and administrative responsibilities. Presents key concepts of federal Indian law, self-determination and self-governance for building and enhancing tribal governments.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
Recommended: TG F110.

TG F102  Essentials of Tribal Government  (an)
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
This course will provide an overview of tribal council executive, legislative and judicial responsibilities including tribal council role in writing laws, basics of tribal sovereignty, sovereign immunity and rights of tribal members.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades
Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 2 times for up to 2 credits

TG F103  Introduction to Tribal Administration
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
This course will review the knowledge, skills and abilities required to successfully serve as a Tribal Administrator for Tribal Government within Alaska, including: introduction to Federal Indian Law, basics of Tribal Self-Governance/BIA 638 Contracts programs and funding, overview of tribal financial management, reporting fundamentals and role of the Tribal Administrator.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades
Repeatable for Credit: May be taken 2 times for up to 2 credits

TG F105  Introduction to Managing Tribal Governments  (an)
3 Credits
Offered Fall
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: Must be familiar with computer and related word processing and spreadsheet programs.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TG F110  Tribal Court Development for Alaska Tribes
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
An introduction to tribal court development in Alaska. Will focus on a practical understanding of key concepts for developing a tribal court process in rural Alaska. Will explore the differences and relationships between tribal, state, and federal justice systems, including concepts of jurisdiction and due process.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F111  Children’s Topics in Tribal Justice
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Overview of children’s cases in tribal justice. Preparation for informed participation in the tribal justice system as it affects children and families. Topics such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, child protection, child custody and tribal adoptions will be addressed.
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F112  Federal Indian Law for Alaska Tribes  (an)
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to federal Indian law, focusing on the impacts to modern Alaskan tribal governments. Particular attention will be given to the relationship between federal Indian law and tribal justice systems in Alaska.
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F113  Tribal Code Development
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Focuses on development of written tribal codes, including the importance of incorporating traditional unwritten laws and values into modern written codes. Particular attention will be given to the relationship between written tribal laws and tribal justice systems.
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F114  Tribal Justice Responses to Community and Domestic Violence
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Focuses on role of the tribal justice system in responding to community and domestic violence, including the use of tribal protective orders under the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F115  Tribal Court Administration
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Focuses on the administration of tribal courts in Alaska and the role of the tribal court clerk. Key concepts and strategies related to the effective administration and operation of tribal justice systems in Alaska will be discussed.
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades

TG F116  Juvenile Justice in Tribal Court
1 Credit
Offered As Demand Warrants
Focuses on concepts and strategies impacting juveniles in tribal justice systems. Special focus will be given to issues of juvenile delinquency, strategies in sentencing and community monitoring, as well as, youth courts and community justice theories.
Recommended: TG F110.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades
TG F117  Tribal Court Enforcement of Decisions  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Focuses on role of the tribal government and justice system in enforcement of tribal court decisions in rural Alaska, including monitoring of offenders. Key concepts and strategies related to enforcement of tribal court decisions, including writing effective orders and monitoring of offenders, will be discussed.  
**Recommended:** TG F110.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 1 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Pass/Fail Grades

TG F118  Tribal Community and Restorative Justice  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Focuses on concepts and strategies in community justice, restorative justice, tribal peacemaking and other prominent judicial theories impacting modern Alaskan tribal jurisprudence.  
**Recommended:** TG F110.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 1 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Pass/Fail Grades

TG F120  Introduction to Tribal Natural Resources Stewardship (an)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Examination of foundations, principles and goals of tribal natural resources stewardship. Including the history of tribal stewardship in Alaska, covering state and federal natural resources laws and management systems. The course will also introduce concepts and tools in developing tribal natural resources stewardship programs, including successful contemporary models.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TG F140  Introduction to Geospatial Data  
1 Credit  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
An introductory survey of tools for the gathering and mapping of both qualitative and quantitative geospatial data for the natural and social sciences. Students will get direct experience with basic tools and techniques for gathering geospatial data, and will incorporate their data into an existing geospatial database.  
**Prerequisites:** Basic computer literacy equivalent to CIOS F100.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 1 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TG F141  Practical GIS for Rural Alaska  
2 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Practical and place-based introduction to the development of maps using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. Covers basic tools and skills necessary for creating community maps using existing geospatial data as well as data gathered using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. Class exercises emphasize applications pertinent to rural Alaska map development.  
**Prerequisites:** TG F140.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 2 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TG F142  Practical GIS Project Design  
2 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
How to design and implement basic Geographic Information System (GIS) projects. Class exercises emphasize GIS project planning, data collection, and practical map development to meet common needs for communities in rural Alaska.  
**Prerequisites:** TG F141.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 2 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TG F160  Indigenous Culture and Science Camp  
1-3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Introduction to Indigenous culture and relationships to science, held in conjunction with a Tribally/Community sponsored Indigenous Culture and Science Camp (ICSC). ICSCs provide an opportunity to experience Alaska Native culture(s), Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous science through hands-on and traditional practices. ICSCs explore experiential Indigenous and science learning opportunities.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 13.3-39.9 + 0 + 13.3-39.9  
**Grading System:** Pass/Fail Grades  
May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TG F161  Tribal and Community Leadership Development  
1-3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
This course explores effective tribal/community leadership development, examining place-based, culturally-relevant key leadership qualities and skills in tribal and Alaska Native communities. Students will explore how to put leadership into action for community wellbeing. Course is elder led, with a focus on tribal values and cultural practices, and including tribal/community leaders.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 13.3-39.9 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Pass/Fail Grades  
May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TG F162  Tribal Youth Advocacy  
1-3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
This course provides space for tribal youth leaders to: ground their advocacy in their culture and values; find and strengthen their voice; identify key youth advocacy priorities; grow advocacy fluency and develop advocacy plans. The course provides opportunity to practice and share Indigenous languages and cultural activities, guided by elders.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 13.3-39.9 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Pass/Fail Grades  
May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TG F169  Tribal Management Practicum I  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
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.  
**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0  
**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
TGF201  Tribal Government in Alaska II  (an)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
A study of tribal government and politics in Alaska. Explores the historical relationships among tribal, state and federal government in Alaska. Provides a focus on tribal sovereignty and self-determination for building and enhancing tribal governments.
Prerequisites:  TG F101.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TGF205  Managing Tribal Governments II  (an)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TGF221  Tribal Participation in Federal Fish and Wildlife Management Systems
1-3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to Tribal Government/Citizen participation in Federal Subsistence Management in Alaska as it pertains to promoting traditional ways of life. This course will review: ANILCA Title 8; Tribal Consultation; administration/structure/operations of Federal Subsistence Management. Experiential learning includes development of testimony and/or participation in Federal meetings.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  1-3 + 0 + 16
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
Repeatable for Credit:  May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TGF222  Tribal Participation in State Fish and Game Management Systems
1-3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to Tribal Government/Citizen participation in State of Alaska fish and game management as it pertains to promoting traditional ways of life. Review of administration/structure/operations of fish and game management, including Local Advisory Committees, and/or Board of Fish/ Game. Experiential learning includes development of testimony and/or participation in state meetings.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  1-3 + 0 + 16
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
Repeatable for Credit:  May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TGF225  Tribal Natural Resources Stewardship in Practice
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
This course explores effective tribal natural resources stewardship efforts, examining place-based, culturally relevant program development and implementation at the tribal level. This course will build tools, skills and knowledge for integrated stewardship programming. Examine contemporary issues and identify and discuss underlying Indigenous and Western concepts.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

TGF250  Current Topics in Tribal Government
1-3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Various topics of current interest to Tribal Governments and Tribal Management students. Topics announced prior to each offering and course may be repeated for credit.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  1-3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
Repeatable for Credit:  May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TGF299  Tribal Management Practicum II
3 Credits
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
Repeatable for Credit:  May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

TGF204  Tribal Management in Alaska I
3 Credits
Offered Spring
A study of the historical, contemporary, and legal relationship of tribal government and politics in Alaska. Explores the development of tribal governance in Alaska and the legal framework that supports them. Provides a focus on tribal sovereignty and self-determination for building and enhancing tribal governments.
Prerequisites:  TG F101.
Lecture + Lab + Other:  3 + 0 + 0
Grading System:  Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus