

# Tribal Governance (TG)

## College of Indigenous Studies

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### TG F101 Introduction to Tribal Government in Alaska

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

### TG F102 Essentials of Tribal Government

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**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

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**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

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**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**

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme**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**Repeatable for Credit:** 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**Repeatable for Credit:** 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**Repeatable for Credit:** May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

**TG F199 Tribal Management Practicum I**

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

**TG F201 Tribal Government in Alaska II**

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

**TG F205 Managing Tribal Governments II**

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.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme

**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

**TG F221 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

**TG F222 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

**TG F225 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

**TG F250 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:** Pass/Fail Grades

**Repeatable for Credit:** May be taken 9 times for up to 9 credits

**TG F299 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

**TG F310 Alaska Native and Comparative Indigenous Land Settlements**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Alaska Native corporation goals and methods as they implement the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and establish themselves within the larger political economy. An examination of other Indigenous land claims agreements in the circumpolar north and beyond.

**Prerequisites:** ANS F111X, ANS F242X or PS F263.

**Cross-listed with** ANS F310.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme, UAF Degree Social Sciences Req

**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

**TG F325 Alaska Native and Comparative Tribal Self-Government**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Indigenous political systems, customary law and justice in Alaska emphasizing the organization of Alaska Native governance under federal Indian law and Alaska state-chartered local government. Comparisons between Alaska Native political development and those of tribes in the contiguous 48 states and northern hemisphere tribal people.

**Prerequisites:** ANS F111X, PS F263 or TG F201.

**Cross-listed with** ANS F325.

**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme, UAF Degree Social Sciences Req

**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

**TG F425 Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives**

3 Credits

Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years

The special relationship between the federal government and Native Americans based on land transactions and recognition of tribal sovereignty. Federal Indian law and policy evolving from this relationship. Legal rights and status of Alaska Natives.

**Prerequisites:** HIST F110X, PS F101X, TG F112 or TG F201.**Recommended:** PS F263.**Cross-listed with** ANS F425; PS F425.**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme, UAF Degree Social Sciences Req**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus**TG F427 Tribal Contracting and Compacting**

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

Examines the history of federal Indian policy that led to self-determination tribal contracting and compacting. Public Law 93-638 will be studied and analyzed. Challenging issues that hampered tribal contracting will be identified. Case studies involving both tribal organizations and tribal governments will be studied.

**Cross-listed with** RD F427.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus**TG F435 Participatory Policy-making in Tribal, State and Federal Government**

3 Credits

Offered Spring Even-numbered Years

This course analyzes the policy-making and lobbying processes of the American political system, with a focus on the relationship between tribes, U.S. Congress, federal agencies and the U.S. Supreme Court. Uses comparative case studies of national, state of Alaska and tribal issues, policies and laws impacting rural Alaskans.

**Prerequisites:** RD F300; senior standing.**Recommended:** RD F110.**Cross-listed with** ANS F435; RD F435.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus**TG F450 Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policies**

3 Credits

Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years

Comparative approach to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination.

**Prerequisites:** Upper-division standing.**Cross-listed with** ANS F450; PS F450.**Stacked with** ACNS F657; PS F650.**Attributes:** UAF Degree Social Sciences Req**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus**TG F467 Tribal Responses to Violence: Safety, Justice and Advocacy**

3 Credits

Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years

This course examines the crisis of violence against Native people and within Native communities. The role of sexual and other violence will be explored, impacts of trauma, legal and jurisdictional barriers and developments in victim-centered and restorative justice. Students will investigate response systems, relevant policies and issues, and develop solutions.

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing.**Cross-listed with** ANS F467.**Stacked with** RD F667.**Attributes:** UAF Alaska Native Theme**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**Grading System:** Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus