

APPLIED INDIGENOUS STUDIES

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Introduction to Indigenous Studies

Studies indigenous people historically and contemporaneously, using case studies drawn from diverse cultures. Also, traces indigenous studies as a field, with methods and content distinct from the disciplines that contribute to it.

American Indian Expression

Surveys art, literature, journalism, and modern works that constitute Native American expression and contribution to the American aesthetic tradition.

Roots of Federal American Indian Policy

Surveys basic concepts and ideologies surrounding modern U.S. Federal Indian Policy, emphasizing stereotypes historical controversies, and cultural differences.

Current American Indian Government

Provides overview of the development of modern tribal governments, their powers, and the problems they face; includes historical examination of North American indigenous societies.

Tribal Administration

Introduces students to the topic of administration in the context of American Indian Tribal Nations within the United States. The course examines the similarities between public administration and tribal administration, the unique aspects and challenges of administration within tribal nations, and recent developments in tribal administrations.

Museums and American Indians: Collecting, Displaying and Repatriating Indigenous Cultures

Introduction to museum anthropology and current developments in tribal and non-tribal museums

“Authentic Indian”: Gender and Indigenous Representation

Examines the relationship and negotiation of gender and culture as they are represented within a concerning indigenous peoples/communities, focusing on U.S. forms of representation in popular experiences, e.g., literature, film, media.



Foundations of Indigenous Environmental Justice: Law, Policy, and Movements

This course examines perspectives on environmental justice, the history of the environmental justice movement, policy and law, contemporary issues, and current struggles of indigenous peoples for environmental justice worldwide.

Communication Skills for Applied Indigenous Studies

Assists students with developing the communication skills needed by professionals working in indigenous communities and organizations. Students will develop skills in writing any of the following: policy, business plans, environmental impact statements, research reports, grants, and other documents required.

Indigenous-state relations: comparative Global Contexts

As a critical approach to the study of Federal Indian Law, this course examines the basic principles of Indian Law in the United States in a comparative context, utilizing both other British-influenced legal systems (Canada, New Zealand, Australia) as well as those of other former colonial powers, such as Spain and France.

Sounding Resistance in Indian Country

Explores music as a vehicle for American Indian Resistance, from the Red Power movement of the 1960's to Idle No More movement of today.

American Indian Politics and Policy

Examines the development of political and policy relationships between Native American nations and the U.S. government using a political, social, economic, and cultural context.

“Sister Nation” Indigenous Women in the U.S.

Focuses on a deeper theoretical and applied understanding of how indigenous women understand themselves, their communities, and responsibilities.

Graduate Certificate in Tribal Leadership

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Research Issues in Applied Indigenous Studies

Introduces students to the ideological, political, and practical issues involved in managing and conducting research with indigenous communities.

Indigenous Knowledge

Explores indigenous epistemologies (bodies of knowledge) held by various indigenous communities.

Tribal Environmental Management

Examines the various aspects of environmental management within American Indian tribal governments, including regulations, laws, policies, and programs, particular to environmental management in a tribal administrative setting.

Indigenous Nation-building

Introduces literature on indigenous nation-building, including professional capacity-building in an indigenous context, public-private collaboration, and modes of indigenous sovereignty and self-determination.

Fieldwork Experience

Individualized supervised field experience in an appropriate agency or organization. Involves providing reports for a cooperating tribe or agency.

Indian Health: Issues in Health care, promotion and policy

Addresses healthcare systems, policy, and health conditions unique to Native Americans. Students study environmentally related illness and health environments as a whole. The class will consider innovative healing and illness prevention strategies.

Applied Indigenous Cultural Resource Management

This course explores the developments in the working relationships of indigenous peoples and archeologists in cultural resource management (CRM). Tribal CRM strategies and case studies across Indian Country will be reviewed.

Traditional Ethnobiological knowledge of Indigenous Peoples

This course addresses traditional ethnobiological knowledge of wild foragers and farmers, and explores case studies of indigenous communities interacting with parks, endangered species regulators, and environmentalists.

Indigenous Nations in the 21st Century

Involves a senior capstone project that applies the concepts of capacity building for indigenous nations in the current era.

Independent Study

Individualized approach to selected topics by guided reading and critical evaluation.

Contemporary Developments

Examines recent trends and investigations in a selected area.

Exercising Sovereignty: Indigenous Athletes, Sports and Society

This course explores the intersection of both historical and contemporary Indigenous athletes and sport. It examines how sport is grounded in culture and community and mirrors a unique connection with the assertion of sovereignty and Indigenous identity.

Native American Education: Historical, Political and Social Issues

The course will provide an overview of Indigenous education (formal and informal) within both contemporary and historical contexts. The course will analyze Indigenous educational philosophies; history of Native education; contemporary educational, cultural, identity, institutional, and leadership challenges facing Native peoples; and ideas of place, community, and culture in education for and about Native peoples.

Federal Indian Law and Policy

This course covers in detail the foundational doctrines and federal Indian policies that regulate the relationship between American Indian nations and the U.S., including doctrine-setting U.S. Supreme Court decisions; the federal Indian policies of removal, assimilation, termination, and self-determination; criminal jurisdiction in Indian country; civil jurisdiction in Indian country; and the Indian Civil Rights Act.

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