INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS?

RESEARCH METHODS

Vitality, Poverty, and Development is an elective course offered by the Department of Alaska Native Studies and Social Development (ANSSD). The class was conducted using online instruction and fieldwork during the spring semester 2023. Students selected from around the state and from four school districts. All assignments were conducted using class discussions and readings provided in class supplemented with video content. Students recorded their own scores and took part in these two papers. Students were required to complete several assignments throughout the semester, which included readings and fieldwork.

We used the text in the images to create a table that summarizes the key points of the research methods. The table includes the following columns:

- **Phase of Development**: This column indicates the phase of development being discussed.
- **Definition of Development**: This column provides a brief, natural language explanation of the term being discussed.
- **Examples of Development**: This column provides examples of development activities.

### Definition of “Sustainable Development”

In class we found there are many different opinions. Here are the students’ strongest definitions:

- **Economic development** with the residents and managers of the people and their livelihood. (Nicole)
- **Economic diversification** is important and is determined by the community being affected. (Kaylee)
- **Community development** involves the social and economic welfare of the people with economic development. (Verna)
- **Community development** is important. (Kaylee, Nicole)
- To obtain sustainable development, one must have knowledge, passion, and integrity. (Bobbie)
- Projects that last through generations become a community. (Selina)
- Positive development to achieve economic success. (Casey)

### Examples of Development

- Development involves the residents and managers of the people and their livelihood. (Nicole)
- Development is the process of integrating the capacity and autonomy of Indigenous community members to continue a project. (Kaylee)
- Development is considered sustainable development in a balanced system which compensates for sustainable goods. (Adrienne)
- Development meets the needs for today without taking away from tomorrow. (Summa)
- Development involves the residents and managers of the people and their livelihood. (Nicole)
- Development is the process of integrating the capacity and autonomy of Indigenous community members to continue a project. (Casey)

### Definition of Student Success

A student is considered successful in this course if they have:

- Completed all assignments and readings.
- Participated in class discussions.
- Showed growth in their understanding of the course material.
- Demonstrated ability to apply course concepts to real-world situations.

### Examples of Student Success

- Nicole: Highly engaged in class discussions and assignments.
- Kaylee: Consistent participation and active engagement.
- Bobbie: Strong ability to apply course concepts to real-world situations.

### Climate Change and Pollution

- Protests against oil development and mining in Alaska.
- Mining slash burn from EPA designation of abandoned mine near Silverton Colorado.
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### Conclusion

- Successful development is one where the community is satisfied and engaged. (Selina)
- Sustained development is one that maintains relationships and partnerships. (Nicole)
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- Positive development to achieve economic success. (Casey)
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