

Fall 2026 Cross Regional Courses

Introduction to Tribal Government in Alaska

TG F101 **CRN: 75735** **3 credits**
Instructor: Kevin Illingworth **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Oct 1, 2026 - Dec 12, 2026 **Time:** 11am - 1pm TR

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.

Introduction to Managing Tribal Governments

TG F105 **CRN: 75732** **3 credits**
Instructor: Laura Zimin **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Oct 1, 2026 - Dec 12, 2026 **Time:** 1:10pm - 3:15pm TR

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.

Tribal Court Development

TG F110 **CRN: 75733** **1 credit**
Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Nov 2, 2026 **Time:** Asynchronous EXCEPT Fri, Aug 28 at 12pm

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.

Federal Indian Law for Alaska Tribes

TG F112 **CRN: 75734** **1 credit**
Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Nov 2, 2026 **Time:** Asynchronous EXCEPT Tues, Aug 25 at 10am

An 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.

Tribal Code Development

TG F113 **CRN: 75737** **1 credit**
Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Nov 4 - Nov 20, 2026 **Time:** 12 - 2:30pm WF

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.

Alaska Natives, Indigenous Peoples and International Laws

ANS/RD F113 **CRN: 75582/75581** **1 credit**
Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance
Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Nov 2, 2026 **Time:** Asynchronous EXCEPT Wed, Aug 26 at 12pm

Familiarize students with international law and its importance for Indigenous Peoples. Special emphasis on international legal instruments of importance for Alaska Natives.



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Tribal Community and Restorative Justice

TG F118 CRN: 75738 1 credit

Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Aug 28, 2026 - Oct 14, 2026 **Time:** 1:30 - 4pm MW from Sept 28 - Oct 14

Focuses on concepts and strategies in community justice, restorative justice, tribal peacemaking and other prominent judicial theories impacting modern Alaskan tribal jurisprudence.

Introduction to Tribal Natural Resources Stewardship

TG F120 CRN: 75739 3 credits

Instructor: Carrie Stevens **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Sept 30, 2026 - Dec 10, 2026 **Time:** 11am - 1pm MW

This course will examine the 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.

Tribal Management Practicum I

TG F199 CRN: 75740 3 credits

Instructor: Kevin Illingworth **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Dec 12, 2026 **Time:** Asynchronous/Arranged

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.

Tribal Management Practicum II

TG F299 CRN: 75741 3 credits

Instructor: Kevin Illingworth **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Dec 12, 2026 **Time:** Asynchronous/Arranged

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.

Alaska Native and Comparative Self-Government

TG/ANS F325 CRN: 75559/75558 3 credits

Instructor: Michelle Demmert **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Aug 24, 2026 - Dec 12, 2026 **Time:** 3:30 - 5pm TR

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.

Tribal Contracting and Compacting

TG F427 CRN: 75742 3 credits

Instructor: Carrie Stevens **Delivery Method:** Distance

Dates: Sept 30, 2026 - Dec 10, 2026 **Time:** 3 - 5pm MW

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.



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