



North Central Michigan College Master Course Syllabus

PART 1:

Course Name: Tribal Governance and Federal Indian Policy

Course Number: PLS 170

Credit Hrs. 3

Lecture Hrs. 3

Lab Hrs. 0

Clinical Hrs. 0

Variable Hrs. 0

Total Hours of Instruction: 3

Total Contact Hours: 52.8

(Total Contact hour's formula: (lecture hrs. + lab hrs. + clinical hrs) x 17.6)

Course Description:

Introduces the history, institutional structures and processes of tribal government, with an emphasis on the impact of federal law and policy on governance issues; tribal politics in the state of Michigan are also explored. Specific topics include constitutional structures and relationships; historical and contemporary approaches to tribal sovereignty; and criminal and civil jurisdiction in Indian country, addressing such issues as taxation, child welfare, land management, the prosecution of criminal offenses and civil regulation.

Prerequisite(s): None

Co-requisite(s): None

Course Objectives:

- Describe federal policy toward Indian tribes from the colonial era through the present day.
- Describe the civil and criminal jurisdictional framework in Indian country.
- Explain the status of Indian tribes in relation to the U.S. Constitution.
- Explain the differences between traditional forms of tribal government and tribal government in the post-Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) era.
- Demonstrate understanding of sovereignty in the context of tribal governance.

Reasonable accommodations can be provided for students with documented disabilities. Please contact Learning Support Services to arrange for these (231)348-6687 or (231)348-6817, Room 533 SCRC.



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PART 2:

Course Objectives and Linked Lumina DQP Outcomes

See **PART 3** of this syllabus for the complete language of each Lumina DQP outcome.

*Please identify the Lumina DQP outcome(s) supported by the course objectives. List each course objectives (from **PART 1**), followed by the corresponding Lumina DQP Outcome number(s) in parentheses.*

- Describe federal policy toward Indian tribes from the colonial era through the present day. (DQP 5, 18)
- Describe the civil and criminal jurisdictional framework in Indian country. (DQP 5, 18)
- Explain the status of Indian tribes in relation to the U.S. Constitution. (DQP 3, 18)
- Explain the differences between traditional forms of tribal government and tribal government in the post-Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) era. (DQP 3, 18)
- Demonstrate understanding of sovereignty in the context of tribal governance. (DQP 6, 18)



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Suggested Methods of Instruction:

Lecture, collaborative work, simulation, small-group and whole-class discussion

Suggested Methods of Assessment and Evaluation:

May include: individual writing assignments, exams, class participation, and group and individual presentations deriving from class activities.

Adopted Text at Time of Course Adoption/Revision:

Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies, Justin B. Richland and Sarah Deer

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: History of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, Andrew J. Blackbird.

Topics Covered During the Semester:

Sequence of topics and time allowance are at the discretion of the instructor

WEEK 1	Introduction to tribal governance
WEEK 2	Federal policies toward Indian tribes: past to present
WEEK 3	Federal policies toward Indian tribes: past to present (cont).
WEEK 4	The Treaty Era (emphasis on local treaties)
WEEK 5	Indian Reorganization Act
WEEK 6	Traditional forms of Anishinaabek governance
WEEK 7	Federal laws which impact tribal governance
WEEK 8	Criminal/civil jurisdiction in Indian country
WEEK 9	Criminal/civil jurisdiction in Indian country (cont).
WEEK 10	Indian Child Welfare Act
WEEK 11	Tax and other civil regulatory processes
WEEK 12	Tribal law and governance
WEEK 13	Tribal law and governance (cont).
WEEK 14	Tribal sovereignty
WEEK 15	The future of tribal governance
WEEK 16	Presentations

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Part 2 approved by CRDAP Chair:

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PART 3:

LUMINA DQP OUTCOMES – Use this reference sheet for **PART 2** of Master Course Syllabus.

Specialized Knowledge

1. Describes the scope and principal features of the field of study, citing at least some of its core theories and practices, and offers a similar explication of at least one related field.
2. Illustrates contemporary terminology used in the field.
3. Generates substantially error-free products, reconstructions, data, juried exhibits or performances as appropriate to the field.

Broad Integrative Knowledge

4. Describes how existing knowledge or practice is advanced, tested and revised
5. Describes and examines a range of perspectives on key debates and their significance both within the field and in society.
6. Illustrates core concepts of the field while executing analytical, practical or creative tasks.
7. Selects and applies recognized methods of the field in interpreting characteristic discipline-based problems.
8. Assembles evidence relevant to characteristic problems in the field, describes the significance of the evidence, and uses the evidence in analysis of these problems.
9. Describes the ways in which at least two disciplines define, address and interpret the importance of a contemporary challenge or problem in science, the arts, society, human services, economic life or technology.

Intellectual Skills – Analytic Inquiry

10. Identifies, categorizes and distinguishes among elements of ideas, concepts, theories and/or practical approaches to standard problems.

Intellectual Skills – Use of Information Resources

11. Identifies, categorizes, evaluates and cites multiple information resources necessary to engage in projects, papers or performance in his or her program.

Intellectual Skills – Engaging Diverse Perspectives

12. Describes how knowledge from different cultural perspectives would affect his or her interpretations of prominent problems in politics, society, the arts and/or global relations.

Intellectual Skills – Communication Fluency

13. Presents accurate calculations and symbolic operations, and explains how such calculations and operations are used in either his or her specific field of study or in interpreting social and economic trends.
14. Presents substantially error-free prose in both argumentative and narrative forms to general and specialized audiences.

Applied Learning

15. Describes in writing at least one substantial case in which knowledge and skills acquired in academic settings are applied to a challenge in a non-academic setting; applies that learning to the question; and analyzes at least one significant concept or method related to his or her course of study in light of learning outside the classroom.
16. Locates, gathers and organizes evidence on an assigned research topic addressing a course-related question or a question of practice in a work or community setting; offers and examines competing hypotheses in answering the question.

Civic Learning

17. Describes his or her own civic and cultural background, including its origins and development, assumptions, and predispositions.
18. Describes diverse positions, historical and contemporary, on selected democratic values or practices, and presents his or her own position on a specific problem where one or more of these values or practices are involved.
19. Takes an active role in a community context (work, service, co-curricular activities, etc.), and examines the civic issues encountered and the insights gained from the community experience.

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