

TM 250 Current Topics in Tribal Government: Tribal Constitutions, Laws, and Government 2cr. (2+0)

Spring 2015 Course Syllabus Instructor: Kevin M. Illingworth



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Attendance (5%): Because attendance in class is required to both gain information from the lecture and to be able to participate in activities, attendance is graded as part of this course. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each day and immediately after the lunch break. Late arrivals will receive pro-rated credit for attendance at that portion of class. Students with valid reasons for missing class who notify the instructor of their absence *prior* to that portion of class (excused absence) will retain ½ of attendance points for that portion.

Participation (5%): Group discussions and overall group dynamics are an essential part of the learning experience for this course. Students are expected to actively participate in group discussions and exercises in a variety of roles. Participation points for a missed class session cannot be made up.

In-class Assignments (60%): Student will critique an assortment of case studies. Case study critiques should address each of the major tribal sovereignty principles discussed in class, therefore critiques should become more complex as the course progresses.



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Agenda

<u>Monday</u>

- x Developing Tribal Constitutions
 - o Overview of Day
- x Legal Principles
 - o Tribal Sovereignty
 - o Tribal Governments in Alaska



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Thursday

- x MSW Tribal and Community Wellness Practicum Presentation
- x USDOJ Tribal Court Survey

Lunch Break

- x Working with the State in justice
 - 0 Initiating cases in tribal court
 - Transferring cases to tribal court
 - o Sentencing recommendations in State Court
 - Making Sentencing recommendations in State Court case study

Monday 9-noon audio:

x Report back to group on implementation plan discussed in your Final Paper

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