

Special Course in Spring 2022

PADM 5990

Topics Course: Tribal Governance: Sovereignty through Self-Determination

Course Description:

This course introduces theoretical and practical applications of governance from an indigenous perspective. This includes challenges faced by public administrators in understanding the sovereign status of tribal nations, which have demonstrated substantial social, economic, and political resilience since the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975. Students will review historical trends affecting local tribal nations and articulate how roles and government-to-government relationships impact policy decision-making and administration. It focuses on developing skills in tribal administration by reviewing programs and services provided by a local tribal nation and students are encouraged to provide a capacity building proposal for consideration.

Instructor: Sam Morseau, 2nd

Secretary of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Formerly, Director of Education at the Pokagon Band

Available to graduate
and upper-level
undergraduate students

Fully Synchronous
Online

Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m.

Major contents include:

- profiles of indigenous leadership
- path to recognition
- nation-building
- sustainable sovereignty