

Bemidji State University

INST 4418: Federal Indian Law

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding and awareness of the modern complexities of American Indian federal law and policies regarding diverse tribal nations in the U.S. by exploring readings by experts in the field of Federal Indian Law. The multiple shapes and shaping theories of what constitutes the identity of tribal nations and individual Indians and their recognition, limited recognition or lack of recognition in relationship to federal law and policy will be explored. (Might not be offered every year.)

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/06/1998 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. What is an Indian Tribe/ Indian Federal Role with Indians
2. American Indian Law: Federal Government Indian Affairs
3. Evolution of Relationship
4. Presidential Pardon Exercise
5. Jay Treaty
6. Alaska Natives
7. American Indian Law: Taxation
8. Civil Rights of Indians
9. Federal Power over Indian Tribes
10. Indian Gaming
11. Indian Hunting & Fishing Rights
12. Indian Water Rights
13. Judicial Review
14. Termination of the Federal Tribal Relationship
15. Unique Status of Indian Groups

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. analyze the basic issues of tribal and individual identities and powers of self government.
2. be able to advance skillful meaning to annihilation versus support of tribal self government.
3. be able to articulate the confusing patterns of federal laws.
4. examine the concerns of the shifting developments of federal Indian law and policy.
5. understand the interlocking jurisdictions of federal and state law.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted