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## TM 250 Current Topics in Tribal Government: Tribal Constitutions (1 cr)

April 21-22, 2014

Cheesh'na Community Hall, Chistochina, AK

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### **Course Description:**

An overview of tribal constitutions, with an intensive workshop focused on identifying and improving sections of the existing Constitution that are in need of Amendment. This course will provide a forum for review of current Constitutional provisions, a workshop focused on identifying and improving sections of the Constitution and preparing for Constitutional Amendments to be presented to and voted on by tribal members.

### **Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to: understand:

- a) Identify the basic elements of tribal Constitutions.
- b) Illustrate the function and purpose of Constitutions.
- c) Apply the existing rules for amending the current Constitution.
- d) Evaluate provisions of the Constitution that are in need of improvement.
- e) Prepare Amendments to be presented to the tribal members for vote.

**Text:** There are no text for this class. Materials will be distributed in class

### **Disability Services:** UAF Disability Services for Distance Students

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**Office Hours:** As this is a 2 day intensive course, with a distance follow up, no office hours are scheduled. However, instructor will attend all session of the course and be available via phone and fax for student contact after course contact period.

### **Evaluation and Grading:**

This course will be letter graded. Students are expected to participate in class discussions and to contribute to group activities, including the mock site visit and site prioritization.

Class activities (5)

20% each activity = 100%

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## Day 1 - Tuesday

1:00 pm Introductions

Introduce yourself

- View Video: "Alaska Tribes: Federal Indian Law in Alaska" and Legal Update
- "Tribal Constitutions"

Activity 1: Review and discussion of existing Constitutional Provisions.

Activity 2: Review and discussion of Constitution in 'track changes'.

5:00 pm Done for the day

Homework, read for tomorrow: "Explanation of Key Provisions of Draft Amended Constitution" handout

## Day 2 – Wednesday

9am "Tribal Constitutions"

Review and discussion of Model Constitutional Provisions

Activity 3: Evaluate, Prioritize and Identify provisions of the Constitution that are in need of improvement.

Activity 4: Prepare Amendments to be presented to the tribal members for vote.

5:00 pm Done for the day

Homework: Prepare draft Constitutional amendments for presentation.

## Day 3 – TBA

Review of draft language for Constitutional amendments

Activity 5: Creation of Constitutional strategic plan