

INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE: APPLYING WESTERN AND NATIVE SCIENCES TO RESTORE AND RECONNECT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

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AIS 475C

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WEDS & FRI 3:30 - 5:20 PM

This newly offered class will have an interdisciplinary focus on how tribes and tribal partners are managing human-environmental systems, and incorporating indigenous knowledge and western science into their stewardship practices. We will also explore some of the most pressing environmental issues faced by tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

This course will provide several 2-hour seminar style classes where students will examine reading assignments, and participate in discussions. The remaining class meetings will consist of fieldwork to help carry out ecological restoration projects. Students will better understand definitions of sustainability, have a greater appreciation for human connections with ecosystems, be able to identify indigenous stewardship methods, and understand how some tribes are addressing environmental and climate change concerns. **Add codes: email clarita@uw.edu.**

There are two required fieldtrips (one is overnight).

Dates for overnight: April 21-22 or May 5-6, 2016

Dates for all day field trip in Seattle: April 29, 2016 (This trip is required of all students---we will meet or travel together to a Seattle neighborhood.)

You can view a DRAFT of the syllabus here: <http://claritalb.org/ais475C/>

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