

AIS 475C: INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCES AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

SPRING 2015
FRIDAY 9:30-11:20am and 3 full day field trips
SLN:10211/ 5 CR
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CLASS WEBSITE: [Claritalb.org/_____](http://Claritalb.org/)



This newly offered class will focus on how tribes are effectively guiding or managing human-environmental systems; and incorporating traditional management techniques, indigenous knowledge systems and western science into their environmental stewardship strategies. We will also explore some of the most pressing environmental issues faced by tribes today.

This course will provide 7, 2-hour seminar style class where student will examine reading assignments, and participate in discussions. The remaining class meetings will consist of 3 days of fieldwork with 3 Washington State tribes to help carry out ecological restoration projects developed by their Natural Resource Departments. At the end of the quarter, 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. Please contact clarita@uw.edu with any questions.