



AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COURT (AIYEC) PROJECT INTRODUCTION TO TRIBAL LEGAL STUDIES

STARTING: JAN 6TH, 2020

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The American Indian Youth Engagement Court (AIYEC) project, is a diversion-based project that will serve the San Diego County Tribes that are often challenged with incidents of juvenile delinquency.

The Intertribal Court of Southern California (ICSC) is in the development of a Native Youth peer diversion court where Native Youth will have the opportunity to hear and assist in the adjudication process of the Native juvenile offenders. To accomplish this, American Indian Recruitment Programs (AIR) is developing a Native Youth Peer Decision Makers (Youth Decision Makers) training project that will engage our Youth Decision Makers and guide them in their decisions within the youth peer court.

The AIR Programs, UCSD Extension and San Diego State University College of Extended Studies are working in collaboration with the ICSC to develop Native law trainings where participants may gain valuable knowledge on both historical and contemporary Native American legal Issues to help guide our Youth Decision Makers towards understanding of restorative justice models within Indian Country and more informed decisions within the youth peer court.

Additionally, our participating students will utilize what they are learning to work with the youth peer court as peer jurist helping our community in a holistic means with a goal of reducing juvenile delinquency recidivism.

University Level Credits studying Tribal Governance and Leadership Introduction to the Tribal Legal Studies - 3 Semester Unit Starting: Jan. 6th, 2020 Ending: March 9th 2020

Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies - 3 Semester Unit / Jan. 6th, 2020

This course provides a broad overview of the most important issues involved in tribal legal studies, including an overview of tribal government, the history of tribal court systems, legal structure of tribal courts, tribal court criminal and civil jurisdiction, roles in tribal court systems, due process, appellate courts, the Indian Civil Rights Act, Public Law 280 and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Students will receive an introduction to the basic concepts of legal studies with emphasis within contemporary tribal legal issues. The course addresses tribal common law and traditional dispute resolution methods, including the examination of the incorporation of custom and tradition into the Tribal court system.

Requirements: Student should be 10th - 12th grades (*waivers may be applied for*)

- Motivated to complete the course and participate in AIYEC Project
- Have a GPA of 2.5 / OR / have a recommendation of a site coordinator
- Students will be required to meet in cohorts within their community throughout the course at least once a week for academic review or have special accommodations.
- Students are required to meet for a midway meeting and a final presentation at locations TBD.

For more information please email: info@airprograms.org