Duluth Campus

Tribal Administration and Governance M.T.A.G.

American Indian Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2014
- Length of program in credits: 38
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Tribal Admin and Governance

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Master of Tribal Administration and Governance (MTAG) is an applied professional development degree designed to develop the knowledge and skills needed to work as an administrator in a tribal government. Students in the program may already serve as tribal administrators, council members, or tribal leaders. Students who currently work or aspire to work professionally in tribal governments or management positions will benefit from this program, which emphasizes both the acquisition of academic knowledge and the application of practical skills.

The curriculum is based on the roles that tribal administrators, leaders, and professionals play in formal and informal situations that support tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Traditional language and culture is an important thread throughout the program. Program delivery is designed to accommodate working professionals and support existing commitments to families and home communities. A combination of online delivery and several weekend meetings per semester provides face-to-face interaction with experts in each area of the curriculum including faculty, staff, special guests, and students. The entire program is designed to accommodate working adults offering weekend and online classes. Weekend sessions meet four times per semester on Friday evenings and all day Saturday, or students may choose to participate entirely by remote connection.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- completely online (all program coursework can be completed online)
- partially online (between 50% to 80% of instruction is online)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

A bachelor's degree is required.

Special Application Requirements:
Applications are accepted for fall entry on a rolling basis. Unofficial transcripts or academic records, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement must be uploaded directly to the online application. The personal statement should include what the student intends to get out of the MTAG program and accomplish in tribal administration and governance. Official transcripts or academic records will be required only if the applicant is admitted to the program.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
  - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

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Key to test abbreviations(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 38 major credits and up to null credits outside the major.The is no final exam.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Semester One (Fall, Year One)
MTAG 5110 - Principles of Tribal Sovereignty I (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5210 - Administration and Governance I (Strategic) (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5310 - Foundations of Leadership and Ethics in Indigenous Community Life and Organizations (3.0 cr)

Semester Two (Spring, Year One)
MTAG 5120 - Principles of Tribal Sovereignty II (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5220 - Administration and Governance II (Operations) (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5320 - Applied Leadership and Ethics in an Indigenous Organizational Context (3.0 cr)

Semester Three (Fall, Year Two)
MTAG 5230 - Advanced Tribal Administration and Governance I (Human Resources) (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5430 - Tribal Finance, Accounting and Budgets I (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5530 - Federal Indian Law I (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5997 - Master of Tribal Administration and Governance Directed Project (2.0 cr)

Semester Four (Spring, Year Two)
MTAG 5240 - Advanced Tribal Administration and Governance II (Project) (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5440 - Tribal Finance, Accounting and Budgets II (3.0 cr)
MTAG 5540 - Federal Indian Law II (3.0 cr)

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