

ANTH 393 A02

INDIGENOUS VISIONS ON SUSTAINABILITY

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course is aimed to help students develop a broader understanding of the diverse Indigenous views on sustainability and issues arising with current environmental and socio-political changes. Community materials, legal documents, guest speakers and various research assignments during the course are offered for gaining a deeper understanding of the notions of sustainable livelihoods in the Indigenous communities. We will look into case studies from various regions and Indigenous nations to understand epistemologies that inform Indigenous understandings of sustainability. We will also explore how these holistic systems of knowledge face environmental change and foster community well-being. By the end of this course students will expand their knowledge about Indigenous cultures, unique technologies and knowledge systems, as well as the challenges these cultures face within the current environmental change and new political agendas. Course assignments are directed towards the final original case-study paper.

Skills Development:

- Develop deeper understanding of Indigenous visions on sustainability;
- Understand the gaps and achievements of community well-being;
- Develop critical, analytical and creative thinking around the sustainability discussions locally and globally
- Understand the current trends in sustainability;
- Practice written and oral communication