

Admission Requirements

The Tribal Governance program admits students every other year. The next group will begin the program in Fall 2006.

Admissions requirements for the Master of Public Administration program are:

- ← A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education. (A student may be admitted provisionally pending completion of the bachelor’s degree. The applicant must submit an official transcript showing the conferring of the bachelor’s degree before obtaining regular admission status needed to enroll in the core programs.)
- ← A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the last 90 quarter credits (or equivalent) of work toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. (The college is able to make a few exceptions to this rule. Prospective students who do not meet this requirement, but who are otherwise well-qualified, are still encouraged to apply.)
- ← Evidence of writing, analytical and general communication skills of high quality and at a level appropriate for graduate study.
- ← Completion within the past five years of the MPA program prerequisites:
Statistics (4 quarter credits)
Micro- and macro-economics (4 to 8 quarter credits)

A student may be conditionally admitted pending completion of the prerequisites before beginning the second year of the MPA Core program.

Financial Aid

Many students in the MPA program are eligible for some form of financial aid. The college offers a number of scholarships, fellowships and tuition waivers. Most students will also qualify for student loans. In addition, many students in the Tribal Governance track have been able to obtain tuition assistance through educational benefits offered by their tribes. For more information about financial aid options, contact the Associate MPA Coordinator.

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Master of Public Administration in Tribal Governance



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Preparing Native Leaders to Change Lives

The Evergreen State College Master of Public Administration track in Tribal Governance is not your traditional MPA program. Created for present and future leaders who wish to actively engage in shaping public policy regarding tribal governance, the program offers many opportunities for learning, research, professional development and public engagement. No other college or university in the United States offers such an advanced degree or professional credentials that reflect in-depth specialization in contemporary tribal governance subject areas. The Tribal Governance track

- ← Focuses on structures, processes and issues specific to tribal governments.
- ← Provides current and future tribal leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to work successfully in Indian Country.
- ← Informs those working with governmental or other organizations in a liaison role with tribal governments.
- ← Reflects the diversity of issues addressed by the tribes, including health, housing, education, youth, welfare, land use, law enforcement, human resources, transportation, fiscal policy and economic development.

A Collaboration with Local Tribes

A survey of tribal government leaders and staff in the Northwest revealed a high level of interest in graduate studies that would equip tribal members for the increasingly complex work in administration of tribal governments. Tribal leaders approached Evergreen's MPA program with their vision for a new kind of MPA program — one that that would combine broad principles of public administration with the specialized knowledge needed by professionals who work in tribal governance, and in public and nonprofit agencies that work closely with them.

MPA faculty and the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute, an Evergreen public service center, played key roles in creating the Tribal Governance track. Their contributions included curriculum, faculty development, and drawing together expertise on tribal government issues from around the United States.



Designed for Your Schedule

The MPA track in Tribal Governance program is organized so that students who live a significant distance away from the Evergreen campus can attend. Courses are taught in an intensive format, meeting four weekend sessions each quarter. Sessions fall approximately every third weekend during the regular school year (September – June), with optional summer classes. Students taking a full load of coursework (eight credits per quarter fall-spring, plus some summer work) can finish the program in two years. Part-time students are welcome, and students can also take Tribal Concentration courses without enrolling for the entire degree program.

Earning a degree through the Tribal Governance track requires completion of 60 quarter credits, organized as follows:

- ← Core courses (24 credits)
- ← Tribal Concentration courses (20 credits)
- ← Electives (12 credits)
- ← Capstone Project (4 credits)

In keeping with Evergreen's interdisciplinary tradition, student work is evaluated through written narrative evaluations rather than traditional letter grades. Learning experiences are highly participatory; significant in-class work occurs in small seminars. Students and faculty also use online course software tools to connect and collaborate between class sessions. Students go through the entire program as a group, which creates a supportive learning community that contributes to their educational experience.



The Tribal Governance track faculty team is led by Linda Moon Stumpff, Ph.D. and Alan Parker, J.D. Students also study with rotating faculty from Evergreen's traditional MPA program and visiting lecturers, including tribal leaders from around the Northwest.

"No right is more sacred to a nation,

to a people, than the right to freely

determine its social, economic, political and

cultural future without external interference.

The fullest expression of this right occurs when

a nation freely governs itself. We call the

exercise of this right Self-determination.

The practice of this right is Self-government."

—Joseph Burton DeLaCruz (1937-2000)
President, Quinault Indian Nation (1970-1994)

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Learn More

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