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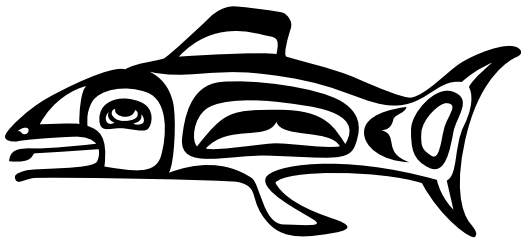
Fall 2014

CLIMATE CHANGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE UNITED STATES

Instructor: Kathy Lynn

Monday/Wednesday 12:00-1:50

CRN: 12308/12313



Indigenous peoples in the U.S. face disproportionate risks from climate change. This course will introduce students to the impacts of climate change on tribal culture and sovereignty in the United States, and will include a brief introduction to the history, culture and political status of indigenous peoples the United States. Other topics explored during the course include indigenous rights and tribal sovereignty in the U.S., the role of traditional ecological knowledge in understanding climate change impacts and solutions, and climate justice. Through this course, you will:

- Build an understanding of how climate change will affect the sovereignty, culture and traditional ways of life among indigenous communities in the United States.
- Learn how indigenous cultures are affected by climate change impacts on natural resources, fisheries and wildlife, and marine and freshwater ecosystems.
- Consider traditional knowledge and environmental justice in the context of climate change, while drawing parallels with other environmental issues.

Students in this course will come together four times during the term with students in a related Honors College course on climate culture and Americas. Students from both classes will have an opportunity to engage each other in course themes and learn from each other's research and experiences.

Students in the course will also participate in the [3rd Annual Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Conference and Student Symposium](#) on December 2-3, 2014 on the UO campus.

