

APEC 3480/5990

Economic Institutions and Issues in Indigenous Communities

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COURSE FEEDBACK

"Professor Todd went above and beyond in how to make our writing better, rather than just focusing on the course content in the homework assignments."

"I greatly appreciate him being so active and engaged in our learning. It was clear he cared about both the subject matter, and us learning about it."

"Great at answering questions and was transparent about course expectations."



**M/W 3:00-4:15 P.M.
(IN ST. PAUL)**



3 CREDITS



NO PREREQUISITES

Indigenous peoples—original or early settled populations living in nations now politically and socially dominated by later-arriving populations—can be found in significant numbers in many countries. They often live in socially and culturally distinct, not-fully-assimilated communities, sometimes with special legal, political, spatial, cultural, and other status or rights. In those cases, these communities are likely also to face special economic constraints and opportunities. This course will focus on understanding and analyzing the socio-economic characteristics and special economic circumstances and institutions of Indigenous communities and the policy issues they contend with. It will touch on Indigenous community issues worldwide but will focus on the United States and, to some extent, Minnesota. This course introduces students to related literature from history, law, and many subfields of economics, including development economics; regional and spatial economics; the economics of human capital, economic history, and more.