Spring 2015 ~ Indigenous Leadership for Sustainable Futures
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This interdisciplinary and multi-sensory course reviews and analyzes various approaches to sustainability. We will explore Indigenous leadership styles, strategies, and skills used by individuals in their communities, including governmental and tribal/indigenous organizations, non-profits and informal groups. The course looks at the effects of globalization on human populations and our environment, and offers insights into role/application of sustainability principles and indigenous values and practices to address contemporary social, environmental and economic challenges. We will seek inspiration from local, regional and global initiatives that are creating sustainable economies, natural systems, livelihoods and cultures with particular focus on leadership, visions, strategies and community participation. We will examine such innovations in food systems and policies, energy and appropriate technologies, workplaces and productions sites, markets and consumption, communication, health, and education networks. Through real life examples of how individuals/organizations/communities have developed and implemented a vision, including the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indians' 5-year business plan guided by principles of Tamanwit, students will apply leadership skills, to develop their Vision Into Action.

TUESDAYS 5:30-9:10PM  CRN#: 62681   NAS 399 Sect. 003