



# AMERICAN INDIAN JUSTICE & EDUCATION PROJECT



The American Indian Youth Engagement Court (AIYEC) project, is a diversion-based project that will serve our San Diego County Tribes which are challenged with incidents of juvenile delinquency. Here, Native youth peers will hear and assist in adjudication of the juvenile offender.

This includes the development of the Native Youth Peer Decision Makers (Youth Decision Makers) training program that will engage our Youth Decision Makers to guide them in their decisions within the Youth Court and provide them greater academic understanding on Tribal Governance.

The American India Recruitment Programs and UCSD will be collaborating in developing these Native Youth Law Courses. Here, Native High School students can achieve success by enrolling in these university level courses infused with academic workshops located within their community, gaining valuable knowledge on both historical and contemporary Native American legal Issues, have academic preparation through university preparatory workshops, and have a network of universities that will assist in guiding them towards higher education and Tribal Leadership. More importantly our participating students will utilize what they are learning to work with the Youth Court as peer jurist helping our community in a holistic means and reducing juvenile recidivism.

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## Earn University Level Credits studying Tribal Governance and Leadership

### Introduction to the Legal System Course - 1 Unit Starting / Sept. 30

This course provides an introduction to the American Legal System, including the sources of law and the systems by which the law is administered and enforced. This course will also review the origins of law and how it developed into the current legal system. This class will also cover the U.S. Constitutional, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Legal Research and how to brief a case.

### Introduction to the Tribal Legal Studies - 2 Unit / October 21

This course provides a broad overview of the most important issues involved in tribal legal studies, including an overview of tribal government, the history of tribal court systems, legal structure of tribal courts, tribal court criminal and civil jurisdiction, roles in tribal court systems, due process, appellate courts, the Indian Civil Rights Act, Public Law 280 and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Students receive an introduction to the basic concepts of legal studies with emphasis within contemporary tribal legal issues. The course addresses tribal common law and traditional dispute resolution methods, including the examination of the incorporation of custom and tradition into the Tribal court system.

**Requirements:** Student should be 10th - 12th grades

- ✦ Motivated to complete the course and pursue higher education
- ✦ Have a overall gpa of 2.8 / or / have a recommendation of a site coordinator
- ✦ Students will be required to meet in cohorts within their community throughout the course at least once a week for academic review
- ✦ Students are required to meet for final presentations and midway meetings