History of the Relationship between the U.S. Government and American Indian Tribes

Course Outline Guide

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Objectives and course overview





Module 2 Formative Years

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Module 3 Allotment and Assimilation Era

Trade and Intercourse Acts, Reservation Era, Assimilation Era, and General Allotment Act Era (Dawes Act)





Module 4 Indian Reorganization Act

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Module 5 Termination Era





Module 6 Self-Determination Era

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Module 7 Federal Indian Trust Responsibility

Definitions, scope of the trust, legal fiduciary relationships, major supreme court decisions, and the 1994 American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act





Module 8 Court Decisions

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Module 9 Reform Act

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Module 10 Trust Principles

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Module 11 Working Effectively with Tribal Governments

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