

**Tribal Court Advocacy Certificate
Scottsdale Community College
Example of TCA Courses**

The Tribal Court Advocacy Program at SCC is designed to prepare students for careers as tribal court advocates and/or to work in settings that involve Native American legal issues. The occupational program director assumes a leadership role in the administration of the program, outreach to prospective students, advisement of students and the hiring and training of adjunct faculty to teach in the program. The primary focus of the position rests with program management and the program director reports through SCC's Administration of Justice department.

The table below lists some of the courses that comprise the 32-35 credit occupational certificate. Anticipated start date for instruction is Fall 2019.

Course	Description	Credits
TCA 101	Overview of Indian Law I - Legal problems specific to American Indians and tribes, including the nature and scope of Indian law, federal Indian law and policy, the special federal-tribal relationship, Indian tribal governments, Indian tribal sovereignty, and the jurisdictional framework in Indian country.	3
TCA 102	Overview of Indian Law I - Legal problems special to American Indians and tribes. Includes criminal, civil, tax, and regulatory jurisdiction in Indian country. Rights of individual Indians, tribal economic development and Indian water, fishing, and hunting rights. Prerequisites: TCA101, or permission of department.	3
TCA 103	Tribal Court Jurisdiction - Federal judicial system; relationship of federal and tribal law; jurisdiction of federal courts and their relation to tribal courts; tribal judicial system. Prerequisites: TCA102, or permission of department.	3
TCA 203	Ethics for the Tribal Court Advocate - Rules of professional responsibility and ethical considerations pertinent to tribal court advocates. Prerequisites: TCA101.	1
TCA 211	Introduction to Tribal Cases and Codes - Introduction to the process of legal research. Reading and briefing cases using the Issue-Rule-Analysis-Conclusion (IRAC) approach, legal analysis of cases and codes, elements of a legal memorandum with emphasis on legal writing skills. Prerequisites or Corequisites: (ENG101 and TCA101) or permission of department chairperson or program director.	3
TCA 215	Evidence for the Tribal Court Advocate - Examination of the most commonly encountered evidentiary issues encountered by advocates in the tribal courts. Evidentiary foundations, exclusion of witnesses, recognition of hearsay, admissibility of character and prior acts evidence, privileged communications; authentication.	3
TCA 225	Legal Writing for the Tribal Court Advocate - Development of practical and analytical skills used in basic legal research. Culminates in writing a legal memorandum. Prerequisites: (ENG101 and TCA211) or permission of department chairperson or program director.	3
TCA 104**	Practice Court (civil/criminal AA,AB) - Conduct a mock civil case, focus on all stages of trial from commencement of the action to final judgment. Prerequisites: TCA102 or permission of department.	3-6