Treaties between settler governments and indigenous nations rest at the heart of North American history. Although these agreements provided the nations of the United States and Canada the vast majority of the land and resources they enjoy today while also recognizing the inherent nationhood of indigenous tribes, few Americans or Canadians know anything about them. This course explores the diplomacy, promises, and betrayals involved in treaties and treaty-making over two hundred years of continental history. Students will read treaty documents, engage in case studies, and examine the most up-to-date historical and legal scholarship to learn about how ideas of honor, fair dealings, good faith, the rule of law, and peaceful relations among nations have been established and challenged in historical and contemporary times.