

Northern Studies

College of Liberal Arts
Interdisciplinary Program
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 130 credits

The northern studies program offers an interdisciplinary study of northern problems and policy issues. The purpose of the northern studies program is to give interested students a broader study of the northern region—its environment, peoples and problems.

The geographic location of UAF is outstanding for the study of northern issues. Students examine the countries and regions throughout the circumpolar North, and their distinctive problems, such as the survival of indigenous populations, environmental and wilderness issues, high rates of alcoholism and suicide, fragile environments, adaptation to extreme cold and cycles of light and darkness and adult development in small frontier societies.

The northern studies curriculum is centered around an interdisciplinary course (NORS 484W—Seminar in Northern Studies) which is taken in the senior year.

For information on studying at McGill University, Montreal, Canada; the University of Copenhagen, Denmark; or opportunities for study in the former U.S.S.R., see International Study Abroad and Exchange Programs, page 60.

Major—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 106).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 109).
3. Complete the following northern studies core requirements:*
 - ANL 315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut 3
 - ANTH 242—Native Cultures of Alaska 3
 - BIOL 104—Natural History of Alaska..... 3
 - GEOG 427—Cold Lands..... 3
 - HIST 483W—20th Century Circumpolar History 3
 - NORS 484W—Seminar in Northern Studies 3
 - PS 263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics (3) 3
4. Complete 15 credits* from 2 of the following groups:**
 - a. Anthropology
 - ANTH 309—Circumpolar Archaeology 3
 - ANS/ANTH 320W—Language and Culture: Applications
to Alaska 3
 - ANTH 380—The People of Alaskan Southwest: Aleuts, Kodiak
Islanders and the Chugach 3
 - ANTH 381—The Inupiaq and Yup'ik Peoples..... 3
 - ANTH 382—The People of Alaskan Southeast..... 3
 - ANTH 383—Athabaskan Peoples of Alaska and Adjacent Canada. 3
 - b. Geography
 - GEOG 302—Geography of Alaska..... 3
 - GEOG 303—Geography of United States and Canada 3
 - GEOG 306—Geography of Russia 3
 - c. History
 - HIST 320—Modern Scandinavia..... 3
 - HIST 354—Canadian History to 1867 3
 - HIST 355—Canadian History: 1867 to Present 3
 - HIST 375W—History of the Northern Pacific 3
 - HIST 460—Russian America 3

- HIST 461W—History of Alaska 3
- HIST 464—History of Russia 3
- HIST 481—Polar Exploration and Its Literature 3
- d. Political Science
 - PS 321—International Politics 3
 - PS 322—International Law and Organization..... 3
 - PS/ANS 325—Native Self-Government 3
 - PS/ANS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies..... 3
 - PS 468W—Government and Politics of Russia..... 3
- e. Humanities
 - ART 365—Native Art of Alaska..... 3
 - ENGL 349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English
Translation)..... 3
 - ENGL 350—Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory 3
 - MUS 441—Alaska Native Music and Social Change..... 3
 - Northern language*** 10

5. Minimum credits required 130

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** Students are encouraged to use the major in conjunction with a discipline-based major. Double majors linking Northern Studies with, for example, Alaska Native studies, anthropology, geography, history or political science majors may double count a maximum of 9 credits from the above groupings toward the second major. Other majors may double count a maximum of 9 credits toward their university distribution requirements.

*** Two semesters of a northern language, such as Eskimo or Russian.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
 - ANL 315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut 3
 - ANTH 242—Native Cultures of Alaska 3
 - BIOL 104—Natural History of Alaska..... 3
 - GEOG 427—Cold Lands..... 3
 - HIST 483W—20th Century Circumpolar History 3
 - PS 263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS 462—Alaska Government and Politics 3
2. Minimum credits required 18

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004-2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

General University Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 211X OR 213X (3) _____
COMM 131X OR 141X (3) _____

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SKILLS (0-1)

Complete the following:

LS 100X OR 101X (0-1) _____
OR Successful completion of library skills competency test.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete either the following six courses:

ANTH 100X OR SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON/PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____
PHIL 322X, NRM 303X, COMM 300X,
PS 300X OR JUST 300X (3) _____

OR Complete 12 cr from the above list PLUS two semester-length courses in a single non-English or Alaska Native language at the university level OR three semester-length courses (9 cr) in American Sign Language.

MATHEMATICS (3-4)

Complete 3-4 credits from the following:

MATH 107X (3) _____
OR MATH 131X (except for BBA) (3) _____
OR MATH 161X (3) _____
MATH 200X (4) _____
MATH 201X (4) _____
MATH 202X (4) _____
MATH 262X (4) _____
MATH 272X (3) _____

NOTE: Additional 3 cr of math needed for degree requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete 8 credits from the following:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 103X OR 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X-106X (8) _____
BIOL 111X-112X (8) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X-104X (8) _____
CHEM 105X-106X (8) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X OR 120X OR 125X (4) _____
GEOS 101X-112X (8) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X OR 175X (4) _____
PHYS 103X-104X (8) _____
PHYS 211X-212X (8) _____
PHYS 211X-213X (8) _____
PHYS 212X-213X (8) _____