

# Cross-Cultural Studies

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## M.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 36 Credits

The cross-cultural studies M.A. degree program emphasizes indigenous knowledge systems. The program is designed to provide graduate students from various fields of interest an opportunity to pursue in-depth study of the role and contributions of indigenous knowledge in the contemporary world. Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to work effectively with indigenous people in their studies.

### Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 176).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 180).
3. Complete at least 6 credits in a field setting, including minimum of one week camp with elders.
4. Complete at least 36 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree level. (Students may transfer a maximum of 9 hours from another university into their program.)
5. Complete at least 30 of the 36 semester hours at the 600-level.
6. Satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination.
7. Complete the following core courses:
  - CCS 601—Documenting Indigenous Knowledge..... 3
  - CCS 608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems ..... 3
  - CCS 612—Traditional Ecological Knowledge..... 3
  - CCS/ED 690—Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies ..... 3
8. Complete at least one of the following cross-cultural studies specialization courses:
  - ANS/ED 461—Native Ways of Knowing..... 3
  - CCS/ED 610—Education and Cultural Processes..... 3
  - RD 425—Cultural Impact Analysis..... 3
9. Complete a minimum of 15 credits of approved electives to provide specialization depth. Example of approved electives include the following:
  - ANS 475—Alaska Native Social Change ..... 3
  - CCS 602—Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights ..... 3
  - CCS/ED 603—Field Study Research Methods ..... 3
  - CCS/ED 611—Cultural, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition..... 3
  - CCS/ED 613—Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools ..... 3
10. Complete CCS 698—Field Study/Elder Apprenticeship ..... 6
11. Minimum credits required ..... 36

*Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2006-2007 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at [www.uaf.edu/catalog/](http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/).*