

Northern Studies

College of Liberal Arts
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 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 Exchange Programs and Study Abroad Programs, page 65.

Major—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 116).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 120).
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 302—Ethnography of Siberia (s) 3
 - ANTH 309—Circumpolar Archaeology 3
 - ANTH 313—Ethnography of Alaska (s) 3
 - ANS/ANTH 320W—Language and Culture: Applications
to Alaska 3
 - ANTH 383—Athabaskan Peoples of Alaska and Adjacent Canada. 3
 - ANTH 472—Culture and History of the North Atlantic..... 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 404—Modern Scandinavia..... 3
 - HIST 461W—History of Alaska 3
 - HIST 463—Foundations of Russian History 3
 - HIST 464—History of Russia 3
 - HIST 481—Polar Exploration and Its Literature..... 3

- d. Political Science
 - PS/ANS 325—Native Self-Government..... 3
 - PS 448—Environmental Politics of the Circumpolar North 3
 - PS/ANS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies..... 3
 - PS 452—International Relations of the North 3
 - PS 454—International Law and the Environment 3
 - PS 460W—Government and Politics of Canada 3
 - PS 468W—Government and Politics of Russia..... 3
- e. Humanities
 - ART 365—Native Art of Alaska..... 3
 - ART 367—Eskimo Art..... 3
 - ENGL 349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English
Translation)..... 3
 - ENGL 350—Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory 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

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

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

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM 131X OR COMM 141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH 100X/SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON 100X OR PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X,
PS 300X OR PHIL 322X (3) _____

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language **OR**
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:

MATH 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X (3-4) _____
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.*

OR complete one of the following:*

MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X,
MATH 262X OR MATH 272X (4) _____

**Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite*

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 100X (4) _____
BIOL 103X (4) _____
BIOL 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X (4) _____
BIOL 106X (4) _____
BIOL 111X (4) _____
BIOL 112X (4) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X (4) _____
CHEM 104X (4) _____
CHEM 105X (4) _____
CHEM 106X (4) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X (4) _____
GEOS 101X (4) _____
GEOS 112X (4) _____
GEOS 120X (4) _____
GEOS 125X (4) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X (4) _____
PHYS 103X (4) _____
PHYS 104X (4) _____
PHYS 115X (4) _____
PHYS 116X (4) _____
PHYS 175X (4) _____
PHYS 211X (4) _____
PHYS 212X (4) _____
PHYS 213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0-1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test **OR**

LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing (0-1) _____

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) (0) _____
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) (0) _____
OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) (0) _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED **38-39**