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.

**M.A. Degree**

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 36 credits

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 215).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 215).
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 F600 level.
6. Satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination.
7. Complete the following core courses:
   - CCS F601—Documenting Indigenous Knowledge 3
   - CCS F608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems 3
   - CCS F612—Traditional Ecological Knowledge 3
   - CCS/ED F690—Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies 3
8. Complete at least one of the following cross-cultural studies specialization courses:
   - ANS/ED F461—Native Ways of Knowing 3
   - CCS/ED F610—Education and Cultural Processes 3
   - RD F425—Cultural Impact Analysis 3
9. Complete a minimum of 15 credits of approved electives to provide specialization depth. Examples of approved electives:
   - ANS F475—Alaska Native Social Change 3
   - CCS F602—Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights 3
   - CCS/ED F603—Field Study Research Methods 3
   - CCS/ED F611—Cultural, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition 3
   - CCS/ED F613—Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools 3
10. Complete CCS F698—Non-thesis Research/Project 6
11. Minimum credits required 36