

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 192).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 196).
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 Knowledge3
 - CCS F608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems3
 - CCS F612—Traditional Ecological Knowledge3
 - CCS/ED F690—Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies3
8. Complete at least one of the following cross-cultural studies specialization courses:
 - ANS/ED F461—Native Ways of Knowing3
 - CCS/ED F610—Education and Cultural Processes3
 - RD F425—Cultural Impact Analysis3
9. Complete a minimum of 15 credits of approved electives to provide specialization depth. Example of approved electives include the following:
 - ANS F475—Alaska Native Social Change3
 - CCS F602—Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights.....3
 - CCS/ED F603—Field Study Research Methods3
 - CCS/ED F611—Cultural, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition
3
 - CCS/ED F613—Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive
Schools3
10. Complete CCS F698—Field Study/Elder Apprenticeship6
11. Minimum credits required36