### MISSION STATEMENT:
Our mission is to increase cultural awareness and strengthen leadership capacity for rural and Indigenous communities in Alaska and the Circumpolar North through degree programs that promote academic excellence, personal development, professional skills, global awareness and respect for Indigenous cultures and commitment to community.

### GOALS:

1. Provide a high quality BA degree in Alaska Native Studies that serves as a model of innovation and flexibility in delivering distance education while building on UAF’s status as America’s premier arctic university.

2. Recruit students from around the state and prepare them for the complexity of modern multi-cultural Alaska by thorough examination of the Alaska Native experience and its contemporary applications.

### Students will demonstrate understanding of historical and contemporary Alaska Native cultural practices and issues.

- Impressionistic history.
- Papers from ANS 478 Senior Thesis will be evaluated annually by a committee of no less than three ANS faculty using prepared rubric.
- 70% of students will meet or exceed expectations.

### Faculty teaching ANS core courses will fill out impressionistic history for each ANS major within one month of completion of class.

### ANS 478 faculty will convene a committee in May after grades are submitted to review projects.

### Students will apply knowledge of Alaska Native history, culture, and current issues to complete a senior thesis.

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### Students will use the information and skills learned in this degree in their employment.

- Post graduate employment survey.
- A post graduate employment survey is administered every May. This is mentioned in program review.

### Communications SLOA: Students will demonstrate culturally appropriate oral & written communications skills in a variety of contexts, including communicating with the academic community and communicating with rural Alaska Native communities.

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