**MISSION STATEMENT:** The *Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies with an emphasis on Indigenous Knowledge Systems* 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.

**GOAL STATEMENTS:**

1. Prepare students to contribute to research and development activities across a variety of academic disciplines and applied fields impacting Indigenous peoples and communities.
2. Prepare students to engage in comparative studies with Indigenous peoples around the world and focus their academic skills on issues of relevance to the Arctic.

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| Ability to apply knowledge and skills gained in implementing practical solutions to real-world problems | Research proposal  
IRB proposal  
Thesis or project | Research proposal approval by graduate committee; committee chair signs as PI on student research  
Sent to program chair and dean for approval after thesis or project defense |
| Compare and analyze the epistemological properties, worldviews and modes of transmission associated with various indigenous knowledge systems (Alaska emphasis) | Successful completion of coursework, including  
CCS608-Indigenous Knowledge Systems  
Written comprehensive exams  
Oral comprehensive exam | Instructor(s)  
Grade of “B” or better  
Graduate chair and committee evaluate and approve written exams prior to scheduling oral defense. |
| Apply cross cultural understandings and communication skills | Successful completion of coursework  
Successful completion of thesis research or project  
Successful dissemination of thesis or project | Instructor(s)  
Grade of “B” or better  
Graduate committee chair  
Program chair and dean |
| Effective collaboration with Indigenous peoples | Development of collaborative research agenda; successful completion and dissemination of research | Graduate committee chair  
Graduate committee  
Program chair collects data on student conference presentations and publications related to master's research |
| Apply principles of cross-cultural research methodologies and methods | Successful completion of coursework including CCS604: Documenting Indigenous Knowledge, or RD650: Community-Based Research  
Comprehensive exam 3 | Instructor(s)  
Grade of “B” or better  
Graduate committee chair  
Graduate committee |
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| Conduct research relevant to Alaska and the Arctic that contributes to cultural practices, community well being, and quality of life | Comprehensive exam 1  
Research proposal  
IRB application  
Oral comprehensive exam  
Completed thesis or project | Graduate committee chair  
Graduate committee  
Program chair and dean approve completed thesis or project; Thesis/project titles and abstracts compiled yearly |
| Graduate level discussion, synthesis and analysis of cross cultural studies literature | Successful completion of coursework | Instructor(s)  
Grade “B” or better  
Graduate committee chair  
Graduate committee |
| Relevant employment opportunities for program graduates | Survey | Surveys sent to graduates by committee chair or program chair |