PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

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See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/ for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

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A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

Complete one foreign language or a research tool. To make it consistent with the rest of the program requirements.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Complete the admissions process including the following:

1. Submit GRE scores.

2. Complete the general university requirements (page 202).

3. Complete the master’s degree requirements (page 206).

4. Complete the following:
   - ANTH F629—Structures of Anthropological Argument..............3
   - ANTH F652—Research Design and Professional Development Seminar....3

5. Complete 18 credits established by the advisory committee, or complete the following requirements for a linguistic anthropology master’s degree:
   a. Complete at least four semesters of an appropriate language (requirement may be met by previous language study of demonstrated competence).
   b. Complete the following courses as part of the 18 credits required by the advisory committee (noted in part 5): ANTH F631—Language and Culture Seminar............................3 ANTH/LING F632—Field Methods in Descriptive Linguistics..............3

6. Complete one of the following:
   - ANTH F698—Non-Thesis Research/Project (6)
   - Or ANTH F699—Thesis (6).................................................6

7. Minimum credits required..................................................30 - 36

Note: At least 24 credits must be regular course work (not research or thesis) with 21 of these credits at the F600-level.
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5. Complete a foreign language (4 semesters or demonstrated competence), or proficiency in a research tool (e.g., statistics, GIS or field methods).

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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

No Impact

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

Only impact will be enrollment in appropriate language courses for the rare student who matriculates into the graduate program without the necessary linguistic background and who opts not to satisfy the language/research tool requirement with a research tool.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

Assessment of student learning outcomes with be accomplished with either demonstrated competency in the appropriate language through successful completion of the necessary courses, or through successful completion of the necessary courses or field experiences for the appropriate research tool.
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

Graduate-level competency in anthropology requires that students have either the appropriate linguistic skills or research tools to carry out graduate-level research. We have had this language/research tool requirement for many years for the master’s degree in anthropology and thought it had been codified in the UAF Academic Catalog, only to discover that it is not, in fact, actually present in the catalog for the M.A. program. We wish to ensure what we have always maintained through advising and construction of the Graduate Study Plan, that all students seeking to complete a master's degree in anthropology at UAF must demonstrate competency in either a language appropriate to their research interests, or to demonstrate competency in a research tool appropriate to their research interests.

APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Anthropology
Date 1/26/2016

Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: CLA
Date 1/27/16

Signature, Dean, College/School of:
Date 1/30/16

CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE

Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate
Date

__Curriculum Review Committee

__Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee