Alaska Native Studies

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Alaska Native Studies
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Degree: B.A.

Minimum Requirements for Degree: B.A.: 130 Credits

The Alaska Native studies program seeks to provide the student with a keen awareness of the scope, richness and variety of Alaska Native cultural heritages, and a series of critical perspectives on the contemporary Native experience in the plural society of North America. The student’s academic program will be interdisciplinary as it is built upon a combination of appropriate courses currently offered in other specialized disciplines and of an integrated set of core courses offered by the Alaska Native studies program.

The Alaska Native Studies B.A. degree program is designed to offer a second major or a minor for many bachelor’s degree candidates. It seeks students from many fields of specialization who anticipate either direct or indirect professional involvement in Alaskan Native communities specifically and in multicultural settings generally.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJOR
Alaska Native Studies—B.A. Degree
Concentrations: General, Language

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*:
   a. Complete the following:
      ANL 315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut** (3) 
      or ANL 316—Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages** (3) .................................................. 3
      ANS/PS 325—Native Self-Government .......................................................... 3
      ANS 347—Voices of Native American Peoples ............................................ 3
      ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders ......................................... 3
      ANS/ANTH 242—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance*** 3
      HIST 110—History of Alaska Natives (3) ...................................................... 3
   b. Complete 1 of the following concentrations*:

General
1. Complete the following:
   ANS/ENGL 340—Contemporary Native American Literature (3)
   or ANS/ENGL 349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples
   (in English Translation) (3) .................................................................................. 3
   ANS/PS 425—Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives (3)
   or ANS/PS 450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies (3) ..................... 3
2. Complete 9 credits from the following (you may include courses not selected from courses above in general part 1):
   ANS 160—Alaska Native Dance ........................................................................... 1
   ANS/THR 161—Introduction to Alaska Native Performance ......................... 3
   ANS 202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance*** 3

3. Minimum credits required .............................................................................. 130

Language
1. Complete the following:
   ANL 251—Introduction to Athabaskan Linguistics (3)
   or LING 101—Nature of Language (3) ............................................................. 3
   ANL 287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages ........................... 3
   ANL 288—Curriculum and Materials Development for Alaska Native Languages .............................................. 3
   ANS/ANTH 320W—Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska ......... 3
   LING 450—Language Policy and Planning ................................................... 3
2. Complete the following Language concentration requirement:
   Three years of 1 Alaska Native language or equivalent** .......................... 22
3. Minimum credits required .............................................................................. 130

   * Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.
   ** These courses may be used to fulfill the bachelor of arts requirements for a Minor Complex, or Foreign/Alaska Native language option (page 33).
   *** ANS 202X may not be counted toward an Alaska Native Studies major if used to fulfill core requirements.

Note: ANL 255 may be substituted for ANL 315.

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MINOR*
1. Complete the following:
   ANS 300— or 400-level course ........................................................................... 3
   ANS 401—Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders ........................................... 3
   Alaska Native Studies electives ........................................................................... 9
2. Minimum credits required .................................................................................. 15

   * All minor programs must be approved by the department head of Alaska Native Studies.