

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES

STRENGTHS:

- Graduated 29 MAs (since 2004 ~2/year) and 23 PhDs (since 2009 2.3/year), many of them Indigenous students.
- Program supports professional development for non-traditional students.
- Partners with Alaska Native Studies Council, Alaska Native Studies Conference.
- Grant funding exists for many of the program's graduate students.
- Program works closely with community organizations. One faculty serves on National Advisory Council on Indian Education.
- Only PhD program of its kind in the US.

WEAKNESSES:

- They receive more applications that can be admitted with the current faculty capacity.
- Graduate student enrollment is larger than can be effectively advised with the current number of FTEs.
- Loss of revenue due to inability to accept qualified graduate students.
- Low funding for expenses like travel, although they also say their needs are low.
- There is no undergraduate program, which leads to a low student to faculty ratio.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Interest in the MA and PhD continues to grow.
- High opportunity for growth, but the program needs financial support to make that happen.

THREATS:

- Budget cuts and uncertainty leading to losing faculty and students.
- Other institutions are developing Indigenous Studies programs that will compete with UAF's.

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- Unique program in the State and Nation.
- Program directly addresses Strategic Planning Goals 2019-2025: Solidify our global leadership in Alaska Native and Indigenous programs.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- Number of student applicants shows demonstrated interest.
- Strong placement of students post-graduation.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:

- 2.8 FTEs for 36 students (6 MA and 30 PhD) averaged over five years.
- Research expenditures in FY19 \$26,133.51.

	Majors	Degrees
Indigenous Studies MA	FY15: 9/ FY19: 5	FY15: 0/ FY19: 0
Indigenous Studies PhD	FY15: 33/ FY19: 26	FY15: 2/ FY19: 3

- Indigenous Studies MA was previously Cross-Cultural Studies MA.

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