

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR
College of Liberal Arts
History Department**

STRENGTHS:

- Department reports that it will earn an estimated 87% of 2020 operating costs from tuition revenue.
- Arthur T. Fathauer endowed chair pays for 1 faculty FTE.
- History faculty contribute to the Arctic and Northern Studies (ACNS) graduate program, and play a significant role in training Alaska's K-12 teachers.
- BA degree program completely online as of 2019 (generated nearly half of SCH before pandemic).
- Collaboration with ACNS graduate program generates a large percentage of credit hours for that program; many ACNS students have history-focused MA and PhD projects.
- History faculty are productive in teaching, research and service.
- Graduates go on to careers in teaching, the public and private sectors, or enter graduate programs.
- Department maintains a rich archive of history of Alaska at Rasmussen Library.

WEAKNESSES:

- Reduction of Lower Division SCH of 55% since 2016, largely due to change in GER requirements at UAF
- Faculty turnover (dept. has lost 5 faculty over the last 10 years and replaced only 1 tenured faculty member and 1 term assistant prof.)

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Build on online BA degree program as means to increase enrollment
- Develop new interdisciplinary offerings
- Develop ties to UArctic to increase enrollment
- The department is well positioned to be competitive for Arctic Fulbright Fellowships and other research opportunities

THREATS:

- Budget cuts that lead to reductions in faculty and threaten department's ability to offer a BA program and fully contribute to the ACNS graduate program.
- Reliance on term positions – the only Alaska focused historian in UA system is a term appointment.
- Competition from other established and larger online programs post-pandemic

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- The program is central to UAF's mission to prepare Alaskans to historical attributes of Alaska, the circumpolar North and their diverse peoples.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- Faculty are highly collaborative, working with Arctic and Northern Studies, among other programs.
- The program has an endowed chair and important archives and is known for its expertise in Arctic and Alaskan history.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:**SCH**

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
SCH	HIST - Lower	1983	1662	1212	960	885
SCH	HIST - Upper	510	426	423	450	510
SCH	HIST - Grad	9	0	6	6	3
SCH	HIST - External	1008	888	642	561	354

Majors

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Majors	BA History	54	56	52	48	52
Majors	BI Premajor - History	6	4	0	1	0

Degrees

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Degrees	BA History	9	6	4	5	7

FTEs

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
FTEs	Adjunct FTEs	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.7
FTEs	Faculty FTEs	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.3
FTEs	Staff FTEs	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
FTEs	Student FTEs	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

Expenditures

Metric	Program	Detail	FY20
Instructional Expenditures	CLA Fathauer Chair of History	Restricted	27120.1
Instructional Expenditures	CLA History	Restricted	141625.3
Instructional Expenditures	CLA History	Unrestricted	246969.4
Salaries and Benefits	CLA Fathauer Chair of History	Restricted	27120.1
Salaries and Benefits	CLA History	Restricted	133562.3
Salaries and Benefits	CLA History	Unrestricted	242001.7

History BA

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation: 1 vote		
Continuation w/ improvement plan: 7 votes	Explore the length of time to degree. Increase collaboration with UAA and/or other departments at UAF	Report in one year.