



EMPOWER YOURSELF

### Degrees Offered

- Master of Arts (MA) concentrations in northern history, environmental politics and policy, individualized study
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Minor, general
- Minor, leadership and civic engagement

### Why Choose Northern Studies?

Are you interested in learning about the distinctive conditions and forces that shape our experience in the Far North? If you are, the northern studies program may be for you. Students in our undergraduate and graduate programs benefit from the extensive northern expertise and research activities of UAF faculty, the rich Alaska and circumpolar collections of the UAF library and museum, and, of course, being surrounded by the North itself.

### Career/Professional Opportunities

Career opportunities are available in northern government agencies, non-profit organizations, Native corporations, education, broadcasting and journalism, tourism and in other private enterprise operations. Graduates have gone on to PhD programs and law school, to work as professional historians and to work in a wide variety of settings in the North.

### About Us

Professors Judith Kleinfeld and Mary Ehrlander co-chair the undergraduate and master of arts programs. These professors, along with others in political science, history, anthropology, geography, Alaska Native studies, English and art teach courses in both the BA and MA programs. Northern studies faculty members have won major awards for excellence in teaching, research and public service.

### UAF Northern Studies Program

Award winning faculty and alumni.

Opportunities for internships, study abroad, and undergraduate and graduate research.

Northern Studies undergraduates are invited to guest lectures, social gatherings and road trips arranged for the Northern Studies graduate program.

Our student resource lounge, the Ting Room, is equipped with couches, computers, resource books, classmates and more.

## Program Highlights

- *Our students are allowed broad latitude in choosing coursework that suits their interests.*
- *Our students receive academic and professional mentoring from faculty who are dedicated to student success.*
- *Our faculty encourage and facilitate conference attendance and networking with other researchers.*

## Sample Undergraduate Classes

- *Native Cultures of Alaska*
- *Natural History of Alaska*
- *20<sup>th</sup> Century Circumpolar History*
- *Ethnography of Siberia*
- *Alaska Native Politics*
- *Modern Scandinavia*
- *Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies*
- *Eskimo Art*
- *Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory*
- *History of Alaska*
- *Government and Politics of Russia*

## Sample Graduate Classes

- *Perspectives on the North*
- *Northern Indigenous Peoples and Contemporary Issues*
- *Images of the North (Literature)*
- *Visual Images of the North (Art)*
- *Northern Exploration and its Literature*
- *International Law and the Environment*
- *Environmental Politics of the Circumpolar North*
- *Geography of Cold Lands*

## DEGREE OPTIONS

**BA in northern studies** — Allows students to take an interdisciplinary approach to studying various aspects of northern life and conditions. The geographic location of UAF is outstanding for the study of northern issues. Required courses draw from history, political science, anthropology, geography and biology to provide breadth of understanding about the North. Electives allow students to emphasize course work in the disciplines of greatest interest to them.

At the undergraduate level, we recommend double majoring, for instance in northern studies and history or political science, so that students develop disciplinary depth, along with the breadth that a regional studies program offers, which in this case prepares a student for applying his or her studies to the northern context. Many of the upper division classes in the northern studies BA program are stacked with graduate level classes. Thus the program allows students to experience the challenges and opportunities of graduate school while doing their undergraduate work.

**Minor in leadership and civic engagement** — Offers students a concentration of courses that will strengthen their abilities to lead and contribute effectively in both public and private spheres, the polity, the work place and other arenas. It offers students theoretical and practical insight related to Alaska and American history, politics and political culture, as well international and global perspectives. The introductory course focuses on civic participation, which is the essence of leadership in America. The capstone course, which places students in an internship, emphasizes experiential learning designed to prepare students for efficacious leadership and participation in organizations.

**Master of arts in northern studies** — Allows students to take an interdisciplinary approach in researching the distinctive challenges and opportunities in the Far North, drawing upon courses in the history, economics, politics, psychology, anthropology and arts of the northern region. Students examine the countries and regions throughout the circumpolar North and their distinctive problems, such as the survival of indigenous populations, environmental and wilderness issues, high rates of alcoholism and suicide, fragile environments, adaptation to extreme cold and cycles of light and darkness and adult development in small frontier societies. The MA program offers three concentrations: environmental politics and policy, history, and the individualized concentration, which allows the student to choose his or her own focus. Students from around the world bring a variety of academic backgrounds and life experiences to the program, along with a common interest in increasing their knowledge base and skills so that they can contribute to meeting the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the North.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at [www.uaf.edu/admissions/](http://www.uaf.edu/admissions/).
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.