

Northern Studies

College of Liberal Arts
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B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 130 credits

The northern studies program offers an interdisciplinary study of northern problems and policy issues. The purpose of the northern studies program is to give interested students a broader study of the northern region — its environment, peoples and problems.

The geographic location of UAF is outstanding for the study of northern issues. 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 northern studies curriculum is centered around an interdisciplinary course (NORS F484W—Seminar in Northern Studies) which is taken in the senior year.

For information on studying at McGill University, Montreal, Canada; the University of Copenhagen, Denmark; or opportunities for study in the former U.S.S.R., see Exchange Programs and Study Abroad Programs, page 71.

Major — B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 124).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 128).
3. Complete the following northern studies core requirements:
 - ANL F315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut.....3
 - ANTH F242—Native Cultures of Alaska.....3
 - BIOL F104—Natural History of Alaska.....3
 - GEOG F427—Cold Lands.....3
 - HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History.....3
 - NORS F484W—Seminar in Northern Studies.....3
 - PS F263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS F462—Alaska Government and Politics (3).....3
4. Complete 15 credits* from 2 of the following groups:**
 - a. Anthropology
 - ANTH F302—Ethnography of Siberia (s).....3
 - ANTH F309—Circumpolar Archaeology.....3
 - ANTH F313—Ethnography of Alaska (s).....3
 - ANS/ANTH F320W—Language and Culture:
Applications to Alaska.....3
 - ANTH F383—Athabascan Peoples of Alaska and
Adjacent Canada.....3
 - ANTH F472—Culture and History of the North Atlantic.....3

- b. Geography
 - GEOG F302—Geography of Alaska.....3
 - GEOG F303—Geography of United States and Canada.....3
 - GEOG F306—Geography of Russia.....3
- c. History
 - HIST F404—Modern Scandinavia.....3
 - HIST F461W—History of Alaska.....3
 - HIST F463—Foundations of Russian History.....3
 - HIST F464—History of Russia.....3
 - HIST F481—Polar Exploration and Its Literature.....3
- d. Political Science
 - PS/ANS F325—Native Self-Government.....3
 - PS/ANS F450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies.....3
 - PS F452—International Relations of the North.....3
 - PS F454—International Law and the Environment.....3
 - PS F460W—Government and Politics of Canada.....3
 - PS F468W—Government and Politics of Russia.....3
- e. Humanities
 - ART F365—Native Art of Alaska.....3
 - ART F367—Eskimo Art.....3
 - ENGL F349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples
(in English Translation).....3
 - ENGL F350—Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory.....3
 - Northern language***.....10

5. Minimum credits required.....130

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** Students are encouraged to use the major in conjunction with a discipline-based major. Double majors linking northern studies with, for example, Alaska Native studies, anthropology, geography, history or political science majors may double count a maximum of 9 credits from the above groupings toward the second major. Other majors may double count a maximum of 9 credits toward their university distribution requirements.

*** Two semesters of a northern language, such as Eskimo or Russian.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
 - ANL F315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut.....3
 - ANTH F242—Native Cultures of Alaska.....3
 - BIOL F104—Natural History of Alaska.....3
 - GEOG F427—Cold Lands.....3
 - HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History.....3
 - PS F263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS F462—Alaska Government and Politics.....3
2. Minimum credits required.....18

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL F111X (3) _____
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X (3) _____
ECON F100X OR PS F100X (3) _____
HIST F100X (3) _____
ENGL/FL F200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X,
PS F300X OR PHIL F322X (3) _____

OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS

- two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language OR
- three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

MATHEMATICS (3)

Complete one of the following:

MATH F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR
STAT F200X (3 – 4) _____
* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

OR complete one of the following:

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
MATH F262X OR MATH F272X (4) _____

*Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X (4) _____
BIOL F100X (4) _____
BIOL F103X (4) _____
BIOL F104X (4) _____
BIOL F111X (4) _____
BIOL F112X (4) _____
BIOL F115X (4) _____
BIOL F116X (4) _____
CHEM F100X (4) _____
CHEM F103X (4) _____
CHEM F104X (4) _____
CHEM F105X (4) _____
CHEM F106X (4) _____
GEOG F205X (4) _____
GEOS F100X (4) _____
GEOS F101X (4) _____
GEOS F112X (4) _____
GEOS F120X (4) _____
GEOS F125X (4) _____
MSL F111X (4) _____
PHYS F102X (4) _____
PHYS F103X (4) _____
PHYS F104X (4) _____
PHYS F115X (4) _____
PHYS F116X (4) _____
PHYS F175X (4) _____
PHYS F211X (4) _____
PHYS F212X (4) _____
PHYS F213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
LS F100X or F101X prior to junior standing (0 – 1) _____

UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)

Complete the following:

Two writing intensive courses designated (W) (0) _____
One oral communication intensive course designated (O) (0) _____

OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) (0) _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED 38 – 39