

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 <?>.

Major — B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 131).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 135).
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—Polar Geography3
HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History3
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 Archaeology3
ANTH F313—Ethnography of Alaska (s)3
ANS/ANTH F320W—Language and Culture:
Applications to Alaska3
ANTH F383—Athabascan Peoples of Alaska and
Adjacent Canada3
ANTH F472—Culture and History of the North Atlantic.....3

- b. Geography
GEOG F302—Geography of Alaska3
GEOG F303—Geography of United States and Canada3
GEOG F306—Geography of Russia3
 - c. History
HIST F404—Modern Scandinavia3
HIST F461W—History of Alaska3
HIST F463—Foundations of Russian History3
HIST F464—History of Russia3
HIST F481—Polar Exploration and Its Literature.....3
 - d. Political Science
PS/ANS F325—Native Self-Government3
PS/ANS F450—Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies....3
PS F452—International Relations of the North3
PS F454—International Law and the Environment3
PS F460W—Government and Politics of Canada3
PS F468W—Government and Politics of Russia3
 - 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 Territory3
Northern language***10
5. Minimum credits required130

* 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—Polar Geography3
HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History3
PS F263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS F462—Alaska Government and Politics3
2. Minimum credits required18

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

Baccalaureate Core 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 F111X(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) _____
 and 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) _____

CORE CREDITS REQUIRED 38 - 39

Minimum credits required for degree 120



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