

# 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 136).
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 Geography .....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—Athabaskan 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

\* Students must earn a C grade (2.0) 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 Geography .....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

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

## Baccalaureate Core Requirements

(Note: all courses for Core must be completed with C- or higher.)

### 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**

