

CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES

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MA Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 36 credits

The cross-cultural studies MA degree program emphasizes indigenous knowledge systems. The program is designed to provide graduate students from various fields of interest an opportunity to pursue in-depth study of the role and contributions of indigenous knowledge in the contemporary world. Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to work effectively with indigenous people in their studies.

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- 1. Complete the general university requirements (page 202).
- 2. Complete the master’s degree requirements (page 206).
- 3. Complete at least 6 credits in a field setting, including minimum of one week camp with elders.
- 4. Complete at least 36 semester hours beyond the bachelor’s degree level. (Students may transfer a maximum of 9 hours from another university into their program.)

- 5. Complete at least 30 of the 36 semester hours at the F600-level.
- 6. Satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination.
- 7. Complete the following core courses:  
CCS F601—Documenting Indigenous Knowledge .....3  
CCS F608—Indigenous Knowledge Systems .....3  
CCS F612—Traditional Ecological Knowledge.....3  
CCS/ED F690—Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies.....3
- 8. Complete at least one of the following cross-cultural studies specialization courses:  
ANS/ED F461—Native Ways of Knowing .....3  
CCS/ED F610—Education and Cultural Processes.....3  
RD F425—Cultural Impact Analysis .....3
- 9. Complete a minimum of 15 credits of approved electives to provide specialization depth. Examples of approved electives:  
ANS F475—Alaska Native Social Change .....3  
CCS F602—Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights .....3  
CCS/ED F603—Field Study Research Methods.....3  
CCS/ED F611—Cultural, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition ...3  
CCS/ED F613—Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools .....3
- 10. Complete CCS F698—Non-thesis Research/Project.....6
- 11. Minimum credits required .....36

