Ethnobotany Program Goals:
This program strives to provide students in rural Alaska an introduction to basic science with an emphasis on Alaska native plants and their uses. There is a direct relationship between the program standards and the expected skills and knowledge that the student will need to continue their science education at the bachelor’s level.

With better understanding of the natural world will come improved health and lifestyle choices, as well as educational and employment opportunities for rural Alaskans.

“I see a time when it will be of growing importance to (again) intimately know our water, know our food, and know our medicine. Ethnobotany asks these questions because in essence it is a science that explores relationship, connection."

EBOT Program Student

Other Opportunities in EBOT:
- Interdisciplinary Degree Programs at UAF
- Student Internships
- Hawaii Student Exchange
- Tuition assistance for program students

“I am originally from Little Diomede, Alaska. I took one Ethnobotany class in May of 2012 and loved it. I learned about different plants that I took for granted my entire life because I had no idea there was any use or value in various particular plants. Now, I wish I can have the opportunity to take this class and take it up as my ‘occupation’.”

EBOT Program Student

Ethnobotany Certificate Program
First All Hands Gathering
Sitka AK, 29-31 May 2014
Photo by Tracy Walsh

Proceedings from this meeting are at- www.uaf.edu/drumbeats/ethnobotany/
What will you learn?

⇒ Traditional & new uses of Alaska native plants
⇒ Basic plant biology & ecology of Alaska
⇒ Research methods for interviewing, plant identification & collection, etc.
⇒ Basic biology, chemistry, & math concepts
⇒ Appreciation for the abundance of your landscape

Who can apply?

Those who wish to apply to the program and eventually earn an Ethnobotany Certificate should have a high school diploma or GED. Previous work experience with plants is welcomed but not required. Students must be already familiar, or willing to become familiar, with computer applications prior to enrollment in Ethnobotany courses.

Where to take classes?

All but our summer field class are taught via distance delivery. You can take them from your home!

SUMMER FIELD CLASS—FOR YOU?

Our Introduction to Ethnobotany course, offered as a two week field intensive class, features hands-on training with local Elders, UAF instructors and rural AK community members. Through this class, students have the opportunity to experience summer’s beauty/bounty while earning 3 college credits toward your degree.

Previous locations for EBOT summer classes: Quinhagak, Nash Harbor (Nunivak Island), Hooper Bay, Kotzebue, Bethel, Sitka and Chevak.

What’s included?

Ethnobotany Core Courses:
⇒ EBOT 100—Introduction Ethnobotany
⇒ EBOT 200—Seminar in Ethnobotany
⇒ EBOT 210—Ethical Wildcrafting
⇒ EBOT 220—Ethnobotanical Techniques
⇒ EBOT 230—Ethnobotanical Chemistry

General University Required Courses:
⇒ Computation
⇒ Human Relations
⇒ Communication

STEM Courses:
⇒ Biology
⇒ Chemistry
⇒ Math

Elective Course:
⇒ Your choice!

Total = 30-32 Credits

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Cloudberry gathering, photo by Sara Betcher