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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Northern Studies
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A.

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

Change the name of Northern Studies to Arctic and Northern Studies

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Northern Studies

College of Liberal Arts
[907-474-7126](tel:907-474-7126)
www.uaf.edu/northern/

B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 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 F484](#)), 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 Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, see [Exchange Programs and Study Abroad Programs](#).

- C. **PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:**
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

Arctic and Northern Studies

College of Liberal Arts

[907-474-7126](tel:907-474-7126)

www.uaf.edu/northern-arctic/

B.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

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D. **ESTIMATED IMPACT**

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

None, except that we expect it will enable us to attract more students because prospective students will find us when they are looking for Arctic Studies.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

No other programs will be directly impacted, except that as we attract more students, they will take more UAF courses, but the vast majority of these will be NORS courses.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

We have a student learnings outcomes assessment plan in place. Our direct measures of student learning are evaluations (using rubrics) of the senior thesis. We also have a student exit survey in place.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

We changed the name of our MA Program to Arctic and Northern Studies two years ago.* We inadvertently neglected to change the name of the BA program. We changed the name of the program to more accurately reflect what our program offers -- both Arctic and (subarctic) Northern Studies. We have always addressed the Arctic, but with our new Arctic Policy concentration at the graduate level, there is greater emphasis on the Arctic. We want to label our program as accurately and specifically as possible. This new title serves that purpose.

*see attached approval by Provost Henrichs

APPROVALS:

Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: *Mary F. Ehlers* Date: *9-13-16*
Arctic & Northern Studies

DocuSigned by: *Rob Duke* Date: September 23, 2016
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:

DocuSigned by: *[Signature]* Date: September 23, 2016
Signature, Dean, College/School of:

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee Date: