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 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—Athabascan 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 F401—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

* 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 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**

**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 F117X ............................................................(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