

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan
MA in Cross-Cultural Studies
Center for Cross Cultural Studies/College of Liberal Arts
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MISSION STATEMENT: The **Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies with an emphasis on Indigenous Knowledge Systems** 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.

GOAL STATEMENTS:

1. Prepare students to contribute to research and development activities across a variety of academic disciplines and applied fields impacting Indigenous peoples and communities.
2. Prepare students to engage in comparative studies with Indigenous peoples around the world and focus their academic skills on issues of relevance to the Arctic.

Intended Objectives/Outcomes	Assessment Criteria and Procedures	Implementation (what, when, who)
Ability to apply knowledge and skills gained in implementing practical solutions to real-world problems	Research proposal IRB proposal Thesis or project	Research proposal approval by graduate committee; committee chair signs as PI on student research Sent to program chair and dean for approval after thesis or project defense
Compare and analyze the epistemological properties, worldviews and modes of transmission associated with various indigenous knowledge systems (Alaska emphasis)	Successful completion of coursework, including CCS608: Indigenous Knowledge Systems Written comprehensive exams Oral comprehensive exam	Instructor(s) Grade of "B" or better Graduate chair and committee evaluate and approve written exams prior to scheduling oral defense.
Apply cross cultural understandings and communication skills	Successful completion of coursework Successful completion of thesis research or project Successful dissemination of thesis or project	Instructor(s) Grade of "B" or better Graduate committee chair Graduate committee Program chair and dean
Effective collaboration with Indigenous peoples	Development of collaborative research agenda; successful completion and dissemination of research	Graduate committee chair Graduate committee Program chair collects data on student conference presentations and publications related to master's research
Apply principles of cross-cultural research methodologies and methods	Successful completion of coursework including CCS604: Documenting Indigenous Knowledge, or RD650: Community-Based Research Comprehensive exam 3	Instructor(s) Grade of "B" or better Graduate committee chair Graduate committee

Conduct research relevant to Alaska and the Arctic that contributes to cultural practices, community well being, and quality of life	Comprehensive exam 1 Research proposal IRB application Oral comprehensive exam Completed thesis or project	Graduate committee chair, graduate committee, program chair and dean approve completed thesis or project; Thesis/project titles and abstracts compiled yearly
Graduate level discussion, synthesis and analysis of cross cultural studies literature	Successful completion of coursework Comprehensive exam 2	Instructor(s) Grade "B" or better Graduate committee chair Graduate committee