

# NORTHERN STUDIES

College of Liberal Arts  
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## BA 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 Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, see Exchange Programs and Study Abroad Programs.

### Major — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 129).
2. Complete the BA degree requirements (page 133).
3. Complete the following:
  - NORS F201—The Circumpolar North: An Introductory Overview .....3
  - ANS/ANTH F242—Native Cultures of Alaska (3)
    - or SOC F301—Rural Sociology (3).....3
  - BIOL F104X—Natural History of Alaska\*\* .....4
  - NORS/ART F425W—Visual Images of the North (3)
    - or ENGL/ANS F349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation) (3)
    - or ENGL F350—Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory (3).....3
  - GEOG F427—Polar Geography.....3
  - HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History.....3
  - NORS F484W/O—Seminar in Northern Studies.....3
  - PS F263—Alaska Native Politics (3)
    - or PS F462—Alaska Government and Politics (3)
    - or PS F460—Government and Politics of Canada (3)
    - or PS F468—Government and Politics of Russia (3).....3

4. Complete 15 credits\* from two of the following groups:\*\*\*
  - a. Anthropology
    - ANTH F302—Ethnography of Siberia (s).....3
    - ANTH F309—Circumpolar Archaeology.....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 F450—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\*\*\*\*
    - ANS/ART F365—Native Art of Alaska .....3
    - ANS/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 .....120
  - \* Students must earn at least a C- grade in each course.
  - \*\* Students may take this course as one of the two required lab science courses within the university's general requirements.
  - \*\*\* Students may not double count these major requirements to fulfill a minor.
  - \*\*\*\* Two semesters of a northern language, such as Eskimo or Russian. By choosing the northern language option you may have to take additional upper division credits to meet the minimum general university requirement of 39 upper division credits.
  - \*\*\*\*\* Students may not double count the fulfillment of the humanities of government requirements in #3 above with government or humanities courses in sections d or e of #4.

### Minor

1. Complete the following:
  - NORS F201—The Circumpolar North: An Introductory Overview.3
  - ANS/ANTH F242—Native Cultures of Alaska (3)
    - or SOC F301—Rural Sociology (3).....3
  - NORS/ART F425W—Visual Images of the North (3)
    - or ENGL F349—Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation) (3)
    - or ENGL/ANS F350—Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory (3).....3
  - BIOL F104X—Natural History of Alaska\* .....4
  - GEOG F427—Polar Geography.....3
  - HIST F483W—20th Century Circumpolar History.....3
2. Minimum credits required .....19
  - \* Students may take this course as one of the two required lab science courses within the university's general requirements.

# Baccalaureate Core Requirements

## Communication . . . . . 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)  
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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## Perspectives on the Human Condition . . . . . 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

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## Mathematics . . . . . 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
- MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus\*.....(4)
- MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics\*\*.....(3)
- STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)

\* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following:\*

- MATH F200X—Calculus I\*\*.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

\* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

\*\* No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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## Natural Sciences . . . . . 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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## Library and Information Research . . . . . 0–1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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## Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38–39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.