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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd> 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 BIOL 104 (3) to BIOL 104x (4) and add asterix in major requirement section where we list specific courses required of NORS majors. Just below major requirements insert the following:
****Students may take this course as one of the two lab science courses that they are required to take within the university's general requirements.**

Add requirement to take ART F425, ENG F349 or ENG F350.

Provide two alternatives for the major requirement of ANL F315

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Major -- B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
3. Complete the following northern studies core requirements:*
 ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut--3 credits
 ANTH F242--Native Cultures of Alaska--3 credits
 BIOL F104--Natural History of Alaska--3 credits
 GEOG F427--Polar Geography--3 credits
 HIST F483W--20th Century Circumpolar History--3 credits
 NORS F484W--Seminar in Northern Studies--3 credits
 PS F263--Alaska Native Politics (3)
 or PS F462--Alaska Government and Politics (3)--3 credits
4. Complete 15 credits* from 2 of the following groups:**
 1. Anthropology
 ANTH F302--Ethnography of Siberia (s)--3 credits
 ANTH F309--Circumpolar Archaeology--3 credits
 ANTH F313--Ethnography of Alaska (s)--3 credits

ANS/ANTH F320W--Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska--3 credits
ANTH F383--Athabaskan Peoples of Alaska and
Adjacent Canada--3 credits
ANTH F472--Culture and History of the North Atlantic--3 credits

2. Geography

GEOG F302--Geography of Alaska--3 credits
GEOG F303--Geography of United States and Canada--3 credits
GEOG F306--Geography of Russia--3 credits

3. History

HIST F404--Modern Scandinavia--3 credits
HIST F461W--History of Alaska--3 credits
HIST F463--Foundations of Russian History--3 credits
HIST F464--History of Russia--3 credits
HIST F481--Polar Exploration and Its Literature--3 credits

4. Political Science

PS/ANS F325--Native Self-Government--3 credits
PS/ANS F450--Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies--3 credits
PS F452--International Relations of the North--3 credits
PS F454--International Law and the Environment--3 credits
PS F460W--Government and Politics of Canada--3 credits
PS F468W--Government and Politics of Russia--3 credits

5. Humanities

ART F365--Native Art of Alaska--3 credits
ART F367--Eskimo Art--3 credits
ENGL F349--Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation)-
-3 credits
ENGL F350--Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory--3 credits
Northern language*** 10

5. Minimum credits required--130 credits

* Students must earn a C grade (2.0) or better in each course.

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*** Two semesters of a northern language, such as Eskimo or Russian.

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)

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1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.

3. Complete the following northern studies core requirements:*
 - ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo Aleut--3 credits
 - ANL F256--Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: History, Status and Maintenance(3)
 - or ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo Aleut(3)
 - or ANL F316--Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages(3)--3 credits
 - ANTH F242--Native Cultures of Alaska--3 credits
 - BIOL F104--Natural History of Alaska--3 credits
 - BIOL F104x--Natural History of Alaska--4 credits**
 - ART F425W--Visual Images of the North(3)
 - or ENGL F349--Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation)(3)
 - or ENGL F350--Literature of Alaska and the Yukon Territory(3)--3 credits
 - GEOG F427--Polar Geography--3 credits
 - HIST F483W--20th Century Circumpolar History--3 credits
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

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

none

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)

None

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

Students will have the option to take this class as one of their two lab classes, rather than taking it in addition to two other lab classes. We are adding a requirement to take a northern humanities class.

Students will now have more choices in their introduction to Alaska Native languages; currently they're all required to take the Eskimo-Aleut course, which is limiting. Furthermore, there is a strong emphasis on linguistics in ANL 315, for which NORS students generally are not prepared. Most of our students are more suited for taking ANL256 Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: History, Status and Maintenance.

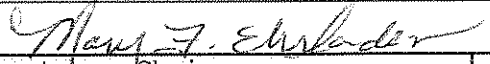
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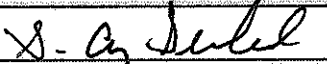
The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If 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.


The biology department quit teaching this class without the lab. This change ensures that NORS students still benefit from this valuable class without having to take a third lab science class.

This allows students appropriate flexibility and allows them to take an Alaska Native languages course that is more aligned with their interests and preparation.

APPROVALS:

	Date	10-26-11
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:		

	Date	10-26-2011
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:	CLA	

	Date	10-28-11
Signature, Dean, College/School of:	CLA	

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

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		