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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. (Minor)

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

Change BIOL F104 (3) to BIOL 104x (4) as a minor requirement. Add the option to take ART F425, ENG F349 or ENG F350. Add asterisk and just below minor requirement insert the following: *Students may take this course as one of the two lab science courses they must complete as part of the core curriculum.

Provide two alternatives for the major requirement of ANL F315

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Minor

- Complete the following:
 - 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
 - PS F263--Alaska Native Politics (3)
 - or PS F462--Alaska Government and Politics--3 credits
- Minimum credits required--18 credits

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)

Minor

1. Complete the following:
~~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
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
~~BIOL F104--Natural History of Alaska--3 credits~~
BIOL F104x--Natural History of Alaska--4 credits*
GEOG F427--Polar Geography--3 credits
HIST F483W--20th Century Circumpolar History--3 credits
PS F263--Alaska Native Politics (3)
or PS F462--Alaska Government and Politics--3 credits
2. Minimum credits required--18 credits

*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.

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 still will be taking this valuable class on Alaska ecosystems, but they will take it 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.

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.

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:

<i>Mary J. Ehrlander</i>	Date	10-26-11
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:		

<i>S. G. ...</i>	Date	10/26-2011
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:	CLA	

<i>Donna K. ...</i>	Date	9/27/2011
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		