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College of Liberal Arts

PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Anthropology
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.S.

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

We are seeking to reduce the total credits required for the B.S. in Anthropology from 130 credits to 120 credits. This does not require changing the major requirements, it simply reflects a reduction in the number of general electives the student is required to take. As it stands, after meeting the Core, B.S., and major requirements, B.S. students in anthropology must take an additional 44-45 elective credits. Reducing the total credits required for the degree to 120 will simply reduce that number of elective credits to 34-35. This should allow B.S. students to complete their degrees in a timely manner.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

Major -- BS Degree

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements complete ANTH F100X*.)

2. Complete the [BS degree requirements](#).

3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*

a. Complete the following:

ANTH F211--Fundamentals of Archaeology--3 credits

ANTH F221--Introduction to Biological Anthropology--3 credits

ANTH F215--Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology (3)

or ANTH F320W--Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska (3)

or ANTH/LING F223--Sociolinguistics: Language and Inequality (3)--3 credits

ANTH F4110--Senior Seminar--3 credits

b. Complete the following:

ANTH F214--World Prehistory--3 credits

ANTH F405W--Archaeological Methods and Theory--3 credits

ANTH F423--Human Origins--3 credits

ANTH F424--Analytical Techniques--3 credits

c. Complete one of the following:

ANTH F309--Circumpolar Archaeology--3 credits

ANTH F315--Human Variation--3 credits

d. Complete one of the following:

ANTH F415--Zooarchaeology and Taphonomy--3 credits

ANTH F422--Human Osteology--3 credits

e. Complete at least two of the following electives:**

ANTH F426--Bioarchaeology--3 credits

ANTH F428--Ecological Anthropology--3 credits

ANTH F492--Seminar: Physical Anthropology--3 credits

ANTH F492--Seminar: Archaeology--3 credits

4. Minimum credits required--130 credits

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

** Courses not selected under "c" or "d" areas may be used to meet this area.

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)

Major -- BS Degree

5. Complete the general university requirements. (As part of the core curriculum requirements complete ANTH F100X*.)
 6. Complete the BS degree requirements.
 7. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
- a. Complete the following:
 ANTH F211--Fundamentals of Archaeology--3 credits
 ANTH F221--Introduction to Biological Anthropology--3 credits
 ANTH F215--Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology (3)
 or ANTH F320W--Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska (3)
 or ANTH/LING F223--Sociolinguistics: Language and Inequality (3)--3 credits
 ANTH F411O--Senior Seminar--3 credits
 - b. Complete the following:
 ANTH F214--World Prehistory--3 credits
 ANTH F405W--Archaeological Methods and Theory--3 credits
 ANTH F423--Human Origins--3 credits
 ANTH F424--Analytical Techniques--3 credits
 - c. Complete one of the following:
 ANTH F309--Circumpolar Archaeology--3 credits
 ANTH F315--Human Variation--3 credits
 - d. Complete one of the following:
 ANTH F415--Zooarchaeology and Taphonomy--3 credits
 ANTH F422--Human Osteology--3 credits
 - e. Complete at least two of the following electives:**
 ANTH F426--Bioarchaeology--3 credits
 ANTH F428--Ecological Anthropology--3 credits
 ANTH F492--Seminar: Physical Anthropology--3 credits
 ANTH F492--Seminar: Archaeology--3 credits
8. Minimum credits required--~~130 credits~~ 120 credits

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

** Courses not selected under "c" or "d" areas may be used to meet this area.

D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

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

As the major requirements themselves are not changing, there will be no impact on budget/facilities/faculty within the Anthropology Department. However, a reduction in the overall number of credits for the degree (from 130 to 120) will reduce the total number of credit hours being taken by B.S. students in anthropology.

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)

The reduction in overall credits required for the degree comes from a reduction in general electives required for the degree; as such, there is not one specific program/department that will be affected.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)


As the major requirements themselves are not changing, this will not impact our student learning outcomes.


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.

As discussed above, we are not changing the major requirements (which currently stand at 36 credits), but rather are requesting to reduce the number of credits required for the B.S. degree from 130 to 120. The only impact this will have on the students is that they will now take 34-35 general elective credits instead of needing 44-45. This should allow students to finish in a timely manner and could help draw more students to the program. In fact, the current requirement of 130 credits appears to reflect a mistake on the part of the department; when the major requirements were increased from 30 to 36 credits several years ago, the department simply increased the overall credit requirement to 130, not realizing that the number of general elective requirements should have been reduced so as to avoid increasing the overall credits required for the degree.

APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	4-25-16 4-25-16
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Anthropology		

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Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:		

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CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate		
___Curriculum Review Committee		
___Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee		

