



Alaska Native Studies

College of Rural and Community Development
Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development
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B.A. DEGREE; MINOR

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Alaska Native Studies seeks to provide students with an awareness of the scope, richness and variety of Alaska Native cultures. It offers a series of critical perspectives on the contemporary Native experience in North American society. The B.A. degree can be earned either on the Fairbanks campus or through distance delivery.

Students develop a concentration in one of four areas: Alaska Native Forms of Cultural Expression, Alaska Native Education, Alaska Native Law, Government and Politics, or Alaska Native Language.

The Alaska Native studies B.A. prepares students to appreciate historical and contemporary cultural dynamics. The department also welcomes students pursuing a second major or a minor. It encourages students who expect to be involved professionally in Alaska Native communities or other multicultural settings to pursue this degree.

Special application requirements and deadlines apply for distance B.A. programs. For more information contact the department toll-free at 1-800-770-9531 or visit our website.

Major

Complete the following ANS core courses (24 credits) with C grade or better:

- ANS F101--Introduction to Alaska Native Studies (3)--3 credits
- ANS/ANTH F242--Native Cultures of Alaska--3 credits
- ANS F310-- Indigenous Land Settlements--3 credits
- ANS F350W, O--Cross Cultural Communication: Alaskan Perspectives--3 credits
- RD 350--Community Research in Indigenous Contexts--3 credits
- ANS F375--Native American Religion and Philosophy--3 credits
- ANS F401--Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders--3 credits
- RD 475--Rural Development Senior Project--3 credits

Complete 9 elective ANS/RD credits at 300 level or above

Complete 21 credits in one of the following concentration areas with a C grade or better. At least nine credits at the 300 level or above:
(Recommended courses. Course substitutions may be made with approval of the faculty advisor).

(1)Alaska Native Forms of Cultural Expression

- ANS F111-- History of Alaska Natives--3 credits
- ANS F202X--Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance**--3 credits
- ANS F250--Current Alaska Native Leadership Perspectives--3 credits
- ANS F251--Practicum in Native Cultural Expression--3 credits
- ANS F160--Alaska Native Dance--1 credit
- ANS/THR F161--Introduction to Alaska Native Performance--3 credits
- RD 265--Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska--3 credits
- ANS F300W--Alaska Native Writers Workshop--3 credits
- ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut (3)-- 3 credits
- ANL F316--Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages (3)--3 credits
- ANS/ENGL F340--Contemporary Native American Literature--3 credits
- ANS/ENGL F349--Narrative Art of Alaska Native Peoples (in English Translation) (3)--3 credits
- ANS F320W/ANTH F320--Language and Culture: Application to Alaska--3 credits

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ANS F347-- Voices of Native American Peoples--3 credits
ANS F348W--Native North American Women--3 credits
ANS F351--Practicum in Native Cultural Expression--1 to 3 credits
ANS F360--Advanced Native Dance--1 credit
ANS F361--Advanced Alaska Native Performance--3 credits
ANS/ART F365--Native Art of Alaska--3 credits
ANS F381-- W Alaska Natives in Film--3 credits
ANS F461-- Native Ways of Knowing-- 3 credits
RD 470/670--ANCSA pre 1971 to present--3 credits

Note: Designed for students whose interests lie in the areas of Alaska Native arts and culture. Students learn about the different forms of Alaska Native cultural expression, both traditional and contemporary, through observation, participation and creation. Graduates may find employment in the arts and entertainment industries, museums and galleries, teaching, tourism, and in the human resource departments of organizations that seek to provide culturally sensitive information to their workforce and to external constituencies.

(2)Alaska Native Education

ANS F102-- Orientation to Alaska Native Education--2 credits
RD 110--Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land Claims in the 21st Century--1 credit
ANS F111-- History of Alaska Natives--3 credits
ANS F202X--Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance**--3 credits
ANS F250--Current Alaska Native Leadership Perspectives--3 credits
ANS F251--Practicum in Native Cultural Expression--3 credits
RD 265--Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska--3 credits
ANS F300W--Alaska Native Writers Workshop--3 credits
ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut-- 3 credits
ANL F316--Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages--3 credits
ANS F320W/ANTHF320--Language and Culture: Application to Alaska--3 credits
ANS/ENGL F340--Contemporary Native American Literature--3 credits
ANS F348W--Native North American Women--3 credits
ANS F351--Practicum in Native Cultural Expression--1 TO 3 credits
ANS 370 Issues in Alaska Bilingual and Multicultural Education--1 credit
ANS/ED F420--Alaska Native Education--3 credits
ANS F475--Alaska Native Social Change--3 credits
ANS F461-- Native Ways of Knowing--3 credits
RD 470/670--ANCSA pre 1971 to present--3 credits

Note: Designed for students interested in improving the quality and delivery of Alaska Native education. Students learn the history of Alaska Native education including shaping forces such as federal Indian policy and education programs. Cross-cultural methods of delivery, learning styles and innovative ways of improving education success especially within Native communities are explored. Graduates may find employment in tribal governments, rural schools and school districts, colleges and universities, and other state and local entities involved in education

(3)Alaska Native Law, Government and Politics

RD 110--Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Land Claims in the 21st Century--1 credit
ANS F111-- History of Alaska Natives--3 credits
ANS F250--Current Alaska Native Leadership Perspectives--3 credits
PS F263-- Alaska Native Politics--3 credits
PLS F280-- Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals--3credits
TM F201-- Advanced Tribal Government--3 credits
RD 265--Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska--3 credits
RD F 300 W--Rural Development in a Global Perspective--3 credits
ANS/RD F315--Tribal People and Development--3 credits
ANS F320W/ANTH F320--Language and Culture: Application to Alaska--3 credits
ANS/PS F325--Native Self-Government--3 credits
ANS F348W--Native North American Women--3 credits
ENGLF414 W-- Research Writing--3 credits
ANS/PS F425--Federal Indian Law and Alaska Natives--3 credits

ANS/PS F450--Comparative Aboriginal Rights and Policies (3)--3 credits
ANS F461-- Native Ways of Knowing--3 credits
ANS F475--Alaska Native Social Change--3 credits
RD 470/670--ANCSA pre 1971 to present--3 credits

Note: Designed for students with an interest in politics, justice, law and other government related careers. Students learn the basics of federal Indian law and policy, tribal governance in the U.S. and the working relationships between tribal and non-tribal governments. Students compare indigenous governments in other countries and examine international laws that affect indigenous peoples. Graduates may find employment with tribal governments, ANCSA corporations, law firms, and state and local government.

(4)Alaska Native Language (not available at all campus locations)

Complete two years study of an Alaska Native language (16 credits) **and** choose six credits from the following:

ANS F202X--Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance**--3 credits
ANL F255-- Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut-- 3 credits
ANL F256--Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: History, Status and Maintenance-- 3 credits
ANL F287--Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages--3 credits
ANL F288--Curriculum and Materials Development for Alaska Native Languages--3 credits
ANL F315--Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut (3) 3 credits
ANL F316--Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages (3)--3 credits
ANS F300W--Alaska Native Writers Workshop--3 credits
ANS 370--Issues in Alaska Bilingual and Multicultural Education--1 credit
ANS F320W/ANTH F320--Language and Culture: Application to Alaska--3 credits
ANS F461-- Native Ways of Knowing--3 credits

Note: Designed for students who want to speak or strengthen the use of an Alaska Native language. Students who choose this concentration may live in a community where one of the Alaska Native languages is still in regular use, or where the community has a strong interest in reviving the use of their language. In addition to learning a language, students study teaching methods, curriculum development, and techniques of bi-lingual education. Graduates may find employment as language tutors, teachers, writers of Native language materials, oral translators, and with tribal and other organizations engaged in language preservation projects.

Minimum credits required for degree--120 credits

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

** ANS F202X may not be counted toward an Alaska Native studies major if used to fulfill core requirements.

Minor***

1. Complete the following:
ANS F300- or F400-level course--3 credits
ANS F401--Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders--3 credits
Alaska Native Studies electives--9 credits
2. Minimum credits required--15 credits

*** All minor programs must be approved by the department head of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development.

Department of Alaska Native Studies & Rural Development Mission Statement

“Our mission is to strengthen leadership capacity for rural and indigenous communities in Alaska and the circumpolar North through degree programs that promote academic excellence, personal development, professional skills, global awareness, respect for indigenous cultures and commitment to community. We seek to include a keen awareness of the scope, richness, and variety of Alaska Native cultural heritages, and a series of critical perspectives on the historical and the contemporary indigenous experience for all our students.”