

The following motion passed at Faculty Senate meeting #231 on April 2, 2018

MOTION

The Faculty Senate moves to adopt an Alaska Native Themed Requirement as a degree requirement for all baccalaureate, associate of arts, and associate of science degrees. The requirement may be met by taking a designated Alaska Native-themed course *anywhere* in the student's course of study, including the General Education Requirements, major requirements, minor requirements, and electives.

Effective: Fall 2019

RATIONALE

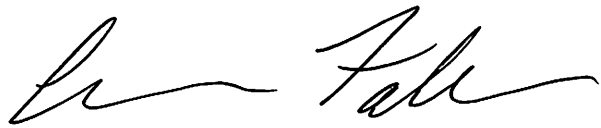
In January 2017, Faculty Alliance unanimously adopted a resolution in Support for Alaska Native Studies General Education Requirement (Resolution 2017-05) (<http://alaska.edu/files/governance/FA-Resolution-2017-05-Support-for-Alaska-Native-Studies-General-Education-Requirement.pdf>).

The Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate was charged with proposing the details of such a requirement. We felt that the requirement was best not included in the GERs per se, as doing so would restrict it to lower division courses. Considering all courses (100-400 level) at UAF that would meet the proposed requirement, as well as proposed capacity increases for some, we believe that UAF does have the classroom capacity (including face-to-face, online, and distance) to meet the enrollment demands of the requirement.

We envision the proposed Alaska Native Themed requirement--to the extent possible--to be used in conjunction with other requirements. For example, if a student successfully completes a General Education Requirement (GER) course or an elective course in the Social Sciences that also is designated as an Alaska Native Themed (ANT) Requirement course, the student will have fulfilled both a Social Science GER (or an elective course) and the ANT Requirement. The option to meet the ANT requirement within the GERs or electives will ensure that students with highly structured programs will not have additional required credits or courses added to the number of credits needed for their degree. A student in a program (major or minor) that includes among its requirements a course with the ANT designator will be able to fulfill both the requirement for the program and the ANT Requirement upon successful completion of the course.

Proposals for future courses with the Alaska Native Themed Requirement designator and petitions must meet the criteria in the attached rubric and will be approved through the GER&C committee. Petitions must go through the DANSRD Chair for approval prior to going to GER&C.

The list of courses that meet the requirement will be finalized in the Fall 2018 semester.



Chris Fallen, UAF Faculty Senate President

The Chancellor: Acknowledges Vetoes

Daniel M. White, UAF Chancellor

Date: _____

Criteria Rubric for required Alaska Native course

- 1) Is the class a course with significant (50% or more of the course content) on Alaska Native peoples, cultures, values, language, art, and/or ways of life?
- 2) Is the significance of Alaska Native peoples, cultures, values, language, art, and/or ways of life reflected in the course description?
- 3) Is the significance of Alaska Native peoples, cultures, values, language, art, and/or ways of life reflected in the syllabus?
- 4) Do the course objectives reflect the importance of Alaska Native peoples, cultures, values, language, art, and/or ways of life?

If you answered Yes to all of these questions your course [including syllabus and course description] will be considered to meet the required Alaska Native course requirement.