Arctic and Northern Studies M.A.

Program Requirements
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Minimum Requirements for Arctic and Northern Studies M.A.: 30 credits

Concentrations: Arctic Politics and Policy (p. 1), Northern History (p. 1), Individualized Study (p. 1)

Code Title Credits
General University Requirements
Complete the graduate general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/gradmastersdegreestext)

Master's Degree Requirements
Complete the master's degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#typesofmastersdegrees)

Arctic and Northern Studies Program Requirements
Complete the following:
ACNS F600 Perspectives on the North 3
ACNS F601 Research Methods and Sources in the North 3
ACNS F689 Thesis Writing Workshop 3
ACNS F698 Non-thesis Research/Project or ACNS F699 Thesis 6
Complete 3 program-approved elective credits at the F400 or F600 level 3

Concentration
Complete one of the following: 12
Arctic Politics and Policy
Northern History
Individualized Study

Total Credits 30

Concentrations

Arctic Politics and Policy
Code Title Credits
Arctic Politics and Policy Concentration Requirements
Complete 3 credits from the following courses: 3
ACNS/PS F652 International Relations of the North
ACNS/PS F669 Arctic Politics and Governance
Complete 9 credits from the following courses: 9
ACNS/PS F603 Public Policy
ACNS F629 Geography of the Arctic and Circumpolar North
ACNS/PS F647 U.S. Environmental Politics
ACNS/PS F652 International Relations of the North

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited university.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in undergraduate studies (exceptions are made for students with outstanding qualifications).
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the undergraduate major (exceptions are made for students with outstanding qualifications).
Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are measurable statements that describe knowledge or skills achieved by students upon completion of the program.

Students graduating from this program will be able to:

- Learn interdisciplinary ways to conceptualize and think about the Arctic region and circumpolar North
- Learn about the region's peoples, communities, political systems, policies, histories, geographies, economies, ecosystems, literatures, and art forms
- Improve their research, theoretical, methodological, and writing skills
- Master two fields of literature related to their focus in the program
- Produce and successfully defend an MA thesis or project that requires: a comprehensive review of the scholarly literature related to the student's selected topic; incorporates original data collection; demonstrates understanding and application of an appropriate research method(s); contains written analysis and/or interpretation; and integrates the work within the field to make a valuable contribution to the scholarly understanding of the Arctic and circumpolar North
- Have opportunities for experiential, applied, and other out-of-classroom learning; this includes participation in the Model Arctic Council, research and scholarship, field trips, lectures and presentations by visiting scholars, and participation in ACNS social and academic events
- Find employment in or about the Arctic region and circumpolar North in which they can apply knowledge and expertise developed in the ACNS program