

Indigenous Studies M.A.

Program Requirements

Catalog Department Overview # (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/cross-cultural-studies/>)

Minimum Requirements for Indigenous Studies M.A.: 36 credits

Credits

General University Requirements

Complete the graduate general university requirements. (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#gurmastersdegreertext>)

Master's Degree Requirements

Complete the master's degree requirements. (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#masterofarts>)

As part of the master's degree requirements, complete the following:

CCS F698	Non-thesis Research/Project ¹	6
or CCS F699	Thesis	

Indigenous Studies Program Requirements

Complete at least 36 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree level.

Students may transfer a maximum of 9 hours from another university into their program.

Complete at least 30 of the 36 semester hours at the F600 level.

Satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination.

Core Courses

Complete the following:

CCS F602	Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights	3
CCS F604	Documenting Indigenous Knowledge	3
CCS F608	Indigenous Knowledge Systems	3
CCS F612	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	3
CCS F690	Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies	3

Approved Electives

Complete a minimum of 15 credits of approved electives to provide specialization depth: 15

Examples of approved electives:

ANS F475	Alaska Native Social Change	
CCS/ED F603	Field Study Research Methods	
CCS F605	Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty	
CCS F606	Indigenous Ways of Healing	
CCS F610	Education and Cultural Processes	
CCS F616	Education and Socioeconomic Change	
CCS F619	Cultural Atlases as a Pedagogical Strategy	
CCS/ED F611	Culture, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition	
CCS F621	Indigenous Ways of Knowing	
CCS F631	Culture, Community and the Curriculum	
CCS F656	Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Well-being	
CCS F681	Place-based Education	

CCS F682	Rethinking Multicultural Education	
CCS/ED F613	Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools	
Total Credits		36

¹ Complete at least 6 credits in a field setting, recommending one week camp with Elders.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following general university admission requirements for graduate programs (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#graduatedegreetext>).

1. Submit an application for admission
2. Submit official transcripts
3. Official test results: GRE scores are not required for this program, but may be considered if submitted
4. Submit resume/curriculum vitae
5. Submit statement of academic goals
6. Submit 3 letters of recommendation

International Students: Please consult UAF's most recent application requirements regarding English language proficiency (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#english>).

Additional program admission requirements and information:

- In general, applicants may be admitted to a graduate program if they have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA and a 3.0 GPA in their major. The undergraduate major should provide suitable preparation for the continuation of studies in the field of choice. Some programs require the Graduate Record Exam or Graduate Management Admission Test and other special criteria for admission.
- For the purposes of admission to graduate study, all grades, including those generated from retaking a course, are included in calculating GPA.
- If an applicant meets the minimum requirements for the university, the Office of Graduate Admissions sends the completed application to the academic department. Program heads and/or committees in fields of interest will determine the adequacy of the student's preparation and whether or not departmental facilities are sufficient for their aims.
- Information on specific degree programs is available from academic departments or by contacting the Graduate School at 907-474-7464 or uaf-grad-school@alaska.edu.

Roadmaps

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Roadmaps provide suggested semester-by-semester study plans for programs and are based on full-time enrollment, unless otherwise specified.

- This roadmap should be used in conjunction with regular academic advising sessions. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor or mentor each semester.
- Certain courses and milestones must be completed in the specified semester to ensure on-time graduation.
- Transfer credits may affect the roadmap.

- Requirements, course availability, and sequencing may change.
- Courses marked with (*) are recommended.

Thesis Option

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CCS F604 ²⁰	3 CCS F602 ²⁰	3
CCS F608 ²⁰	3 CCS F612 ²⁰	3
Program Elective	3 Program Elective	3
9		9

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CCS F690 ²⁰	3 CCS F699 ¹⁸	6
Program Elective	3 Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3 Oral Defense	
Comprehensive Examination		
9		9

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Footnote Definitions

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2—Arts	9—Communication	21—Capstone Requirement
3—Humanities	10—Computation	22—Concentration Course
4—Social Sciences	11—Ethics	23—General Elective
5—Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	12—Humanities	24—Minor Course
6—Mathematics	13—Human Relations	25—Upper Division
7—Natural Sciences	14—Humanities or Social Sciences	26—Program Elective
	15—Library & Information Research	
	16—Mathematics	
	17—Natural Sciences	
	18—Other	
	19—Social Sciences	

Non-thesis Option

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CCS F604 ²⁰	3 CCS F602 ²⁰	3
CCS F608 ²⁰	3 CCS F612 ²⁰	3
Program Elective	3 Program Elective	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CCS F690 ²⁰	3 CCS F698 ¹⁸	6
Program Elective	3 Program Elective	3

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Comprehensive Examination	
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Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are specific, measurable statements that define the knowledge and skills students will gain by the end of the program.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Apply knowledge and skills gained in implementing practical solutions to real-world problems
- Compare and analyze the epistemological properties, worldviews and modes of transmission associated with various Indigenous knowledge systems (Alaska emphasis)
- Apply cross-cultural understandings and communication skills
- Collaborate effectively with Indigenous peoples
- Apply principles of cross-cultural research methodologies and methods
- Conduct research relevant to Alaska and the Arctic that contributes to cultural practices, community well-being, and quality of life
- Demonstrate graduate-level discussion, synthesis and analysis of crosscultural studies literature