



EMPOWER YOURSELF

Master of Arts (MA)

The MA in cross-cultural studies with an emphasis on indigenous knowledge systems is designed to provide graduate students from various fields of interest an opportunity to pursue in-depth study of the role and contributions of indigenous knowledge in the contemporary world.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)*

The PhD in indigenous studies draws and builds upon long-standing academic and research capabilities at UAF to offer an integrated, cross-disciplinary course of advanced graduate study consisting of a common core curriculum coupled with five thematic areas of emphasis from which students choose a concentration:

- Indigenous studies/research
- Indigenous knowledge systems
- Indigenous education/pedagogy
- Indigenous languages
- Indigenous leadership

** Pending approval by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.*

Why Choose Cross-Cultural Studies?

A graduate program in cross-cultural/indigenous studies may be for you if you are interested in issues associated with indigenous knowledge systems, cultural interchange and cross-cultural education. Students will participate in research and development activities across a variety of academic disciplines and applied fields at UAF. Candidates are encouraged to engage in comparative studies with other indigenous peoples around the world and to focus their dissertation research on issues of relevance to Alaska and the Arctic.

Career/Professional Opportunities

The center seeks to expand the pool of knowledgeable and highly skilled Alaskans who can assume leadership and technical positions with public and private sector organizations, including universities, school districts, social service agencies, Native corporations, tribal governments, and state and federal agencies in Alaska and beyond.

UAF Center for Cross-Cultural Studies

Approximately 15 MA students.

Knowledgeable faculty with practical experience.

Cultural immersion.

Field study.

Available statewide via Distance Education.

Program Highlights

- *Cultural resources available through the Alaska Native Knowledge Network (www.ankn.uaf.edu)*
- *Our students are able to participate by distance education from all over Alaska*
- *Our PhD program is a collaborative interdisciplinary program with other colleges and schools within UAF*



Sample Classes

- *Documenting Indigenous Knowledge*
- *Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights*
- *Field Study Research Methods*
- *Indigenous Knowledge Systems*
- *Education and Cultural Processes*
- *Culture, Cognition and Knowledge Acquisition*
- *Traditional Ecological Knowledge*
- *Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools*
- *Critiquing Indigenous Literature for Alaska's Children*
- *Seminar in Cross-Cultural Studies*

ABOUT US

The Center for Cross-Cultural Studies was established in 1971 by action of the UA Board of Regents and with initial funding from the Ford Foundation. The research and development agenda for the center is established in cooperation with Native organizations, school districts, and state and federal agencies, with a focus on applied research and academic programs that will benefit the people of Alaska.

The cross-cultural studies programs prepare graduates capable of conducting basic and applied research on social, political, educational, economic and cultural issues of concern to people and communities in the circumpolar North, with a particular emphasis on Alaska. Our program is structured to provide technical support and information to school districts, social service agencies, Native corporations, tribal governments, community colleges, and state and federal agencies in rural Alaska to provide direction for the improvement of educational and professional development opportunities for rural Alaskans and to provide a forum for the examination of cross-cultural and indigenous education and community development issues.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants should have at least two years of experience related to the area of academic study.
2. Applicants for the MA should have a bachelor's degree in an approved area of study as determined by the admissions committee. The committee may recommend provisional admittance subject to completion of specified requirements.
3. Admission will be contingent upon:
 - a. A minimum GPA of 3.00 in previous graduate work.
 - b. Submission of graduate application, transcripts of previous work, three letters of reference and 3-5 page statement of intent.
 - c. A satisfactory review conducted by the admissions committee (may include a personal interview by the committee).
4. Selection of PhD applicants will be based on undergraduate and post-baccalaureate GPA, statement of academic interest and research intent, relevant community or professional experience, and three letters of reference. In addition to these criteria, applicants will be evaluated on their prior publications, professional presentations, and previous teaching and research experience. Most students applying for admission to the PhD program should already have an advanced degree in a relevant field, though exceptional students with a bachelor's degree and extensive relevant experience may be considered for admission directly into the PhD program. The indigenous studies PhD admission process will be administered by an interdisciplinary admissions committee established through the UAF Graduate School.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For further information about the graduate programs in cross-cultural/indigenous studies, please contact any of the following, or visit our web site at www.uaf.edu/cxcs/.

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