

# Associate of Arts in Alaska Native Studies

The Associate of Arts (AA) in Alaska Native Studies provides students with a critical and dynamic perspective on Alaska Native cultures, histories, politics and organizations. This AA provides a valuable opportunity for students interested in exploring their options in higher education and/or employment with an Alaska Native organization.

## Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Associate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Associate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/>).
- Complete the following:
  - Complete 3 credits from the GER Oral Communication Skills list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier1text>).
  - Complete 6 credits from the GER Written Communication list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier1text>).
  - Complete 3 credits from the GER Quantitative Skills list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier1text>).
  - Complete 3 credits from the GER Fine Arts list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier2text>).
  - Complete 6 credits from the GER Humanities list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier2text>).
  - Complete 6 credits from the GER Social Sciences list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier2text>).
  - Complete 7 credits including one laboratory course (either combined or separate) from the GER Natural Sciences list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#tier2text>).
  - Complete 3 credits from the GER Alaska Native-Themed list. (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#alaskanativethemedgertext>) (This requirement will be fulfilled with the below.)
  - Complete 3 credits from the GER Diversity & Inclusion list (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/#diversityinclusiongertext>). (This requirement will be fulfilled with the below.)
- Complete the following major requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
AKNS A201	Alaska Native Perspectives	3
AKNS A492	Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders	3
<b>Complete 8 credits of any Alaska Native language:</b>		<b>8</b>
AKNS A101A	Elementary Central Yup'ik Language I	
AKNS A101B	Elementary Tlingit Language I	
AKNS A101C	Elementary Alaska Native Language I	
AKNS A101D	Elementary Inupiaq Language I	
AKNS A101E	Elementary Alutiiq Language I	
AKNS A101F	Elementary Dena'ina Language I	
AKNS A101H	Elementary Ahtna Language I	
AKNS A102A	Elementary Central Yup'ik Language II	
AKNS A102B	Elementary Tlingit Language II	
AKNS A102C	Elementary Alaska Native Language II	
AKNS A102D	Elementary Inupiaq Language II	
AKNS A102E	Elementary Alutiiq Language II	
AKNS A102F	Elementary Dena'ina Language II	
AKNS A102H	Elementary Ahtna Language II	
<b>Complete one of the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
AKNS A230	Oral Traditions of Alaska Native People	
AKNS A240	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation - Alutiiq/Sugpiaq	
AKNS A261	Alaska Native Art History	
AKNS A290	Topics in Alaska Native Studies <sup>1</sup>	
AKNS/PS A346	Alaska Native Politics	
ANTH A390A	Arctic and Subarctic Cultures	
ART A270	Beginning Alaska Native Art	
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>

<sup>1</sup> AKNS A290 must be completed as either Alaska Native Tribes or Climate Change & Environmental Policy.

**A minimum of 60 credits is required for the degree.**

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Gain elementary-level proficiency in one Alaska Native language.
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of Alaska Native cultures, histories, and contemporary politics.
- Identify and analyze contemporary Alaska Native challenges within global Indigenous contexts.

## Sample Plan

The academic plan below is one pathway through the degree/certificate. It includes all requirements, taking into account recommendations from program faculty. Each student's plan may vary according

to their initial course placement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/courseplacement/>), intended course load, additional majors and/or minors, and their placement into required prerequisite courses. Any change in the plan below can have an unforeseen impact on the rest of the plan. **Therefore, it is very important to meet with your academic advisor to verify your personal academic plan.**

**Please review the following terms, definitions, and resources associated with the sample academic plan below.**

- Each course in the far left column links to a pop-up bubble with a course description, prerequisite requirements, and associations with university requirements. For example, if a course fulfills a general education requirement, you will see that in the pop-up bubble.
- **GER:** indicates a General Education Requirement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>). GERs that also count toward degree/certificate requirements appear as a specific course in the plan. For these courses, "GER" is not indicated explicitly in the table, but if you click on the course, you will see the course's GER status in the pop-up bubble.
- **Program Elective:** indicates a specific course selection determined by program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Elective:** indicates an open selection of 100-400 level university courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate.
- **Upper Division Program Elective:** indicates a specific 300-400 level course selection determined by the program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Upper Division Elective:** indicates an open selection of 300-400 level courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate. These courses must be upper division in order to meet General University Requirements for the particular degree/certificate type.

### First Year

#### Fall

		Credits
AKNS A101A	Elementary Central Yup'ik Language I	4
or	or Elementary Tlingit Language I	
AKNS A101B	or Elementary Alaska Native Language I	
or	or Elementary Inupiaq Language I	
AKNS A101C	or Elementary Alutiiq Language I	
or	or Elementary Dena'ina Language I	
AKNS A101D	or Elementary Ahtna Language I	
or		
AKNS A101E		
or		
AKNS A101F		
or		
AKNS A101H		
AKNS A201	Alaska Native Perspectives	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3
GER Oral Communication Skills		3
GER Quantitative Skills		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Spring

AKNS A102A	Elementary Central Yup'ik Language II	4
or	or Elementary Tlingit Language II	
AKNS A102B	or Elementary Alaska Native Language II	
or	or Elementary Inupiaq Language II	
AKNS A102C	or Elementary Alutiiq Language II	
or	or Elementary Dena'ina Language II	
AKNS A102D	or Elementary Ahtna Language II	
or		
AKNS A102E		
or		
AKNS A102F		
or		
AKNS A102H		

AKNS A230	Oral Traditions of Alaska Native People	3
or	or Alaska Native Cultural Orientation -	
AKNS A240	Alutiiq/Sugpiaq	
or	or Alaska Native Art History	
AKNS A261	or Topics in Alaska Native Studies	
or	or Alaska Native Politics	
AKNS A290	or Arctic and Subarctic Cultures	
or AKNS/PS	or Beginning Alaska Native Art	
A346		
or		
ANTH A390A		
or ART A270		
GER Natural Sciences Lab		1
GER Natural Sciences Lecture		3
GER Written Communication Skills (200-level)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
AKNS A492	Cultural Knowledge of Native Elders	3
GER Fine Arts		3
GER Social Sciences		3
GER Natural Sciences Lecture		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
GER Social Sciences		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>