

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 the Associate of Arts Degree (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/associateofartsrequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree: (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/aa/>)
 - 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. (<https://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
Complete 8 credits of any Alaska Native language:		8
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	
Complete one of the following:		3
AKNS A261	Alaska Native Art History	
ART A270	Beginning Alaska Native Art	
AKNS A290	Topics in Alaska Native Studies ¹	
AKNS A230	Oral Traditions of Alaska Native People	
AKNS A240	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation - Alutiiq/Sugpiaq	
AKNS/PS A346	Alaska Native Politics	
ANTH A390A	Arctic and Subarctic Cultures	
Total		17

¹ 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.