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Using an Associate of Arts in Alaska Native Studies (AA in AKNS). The Alaska Native Studies AA program prepares students for entry-level positions with Alaska organizations.

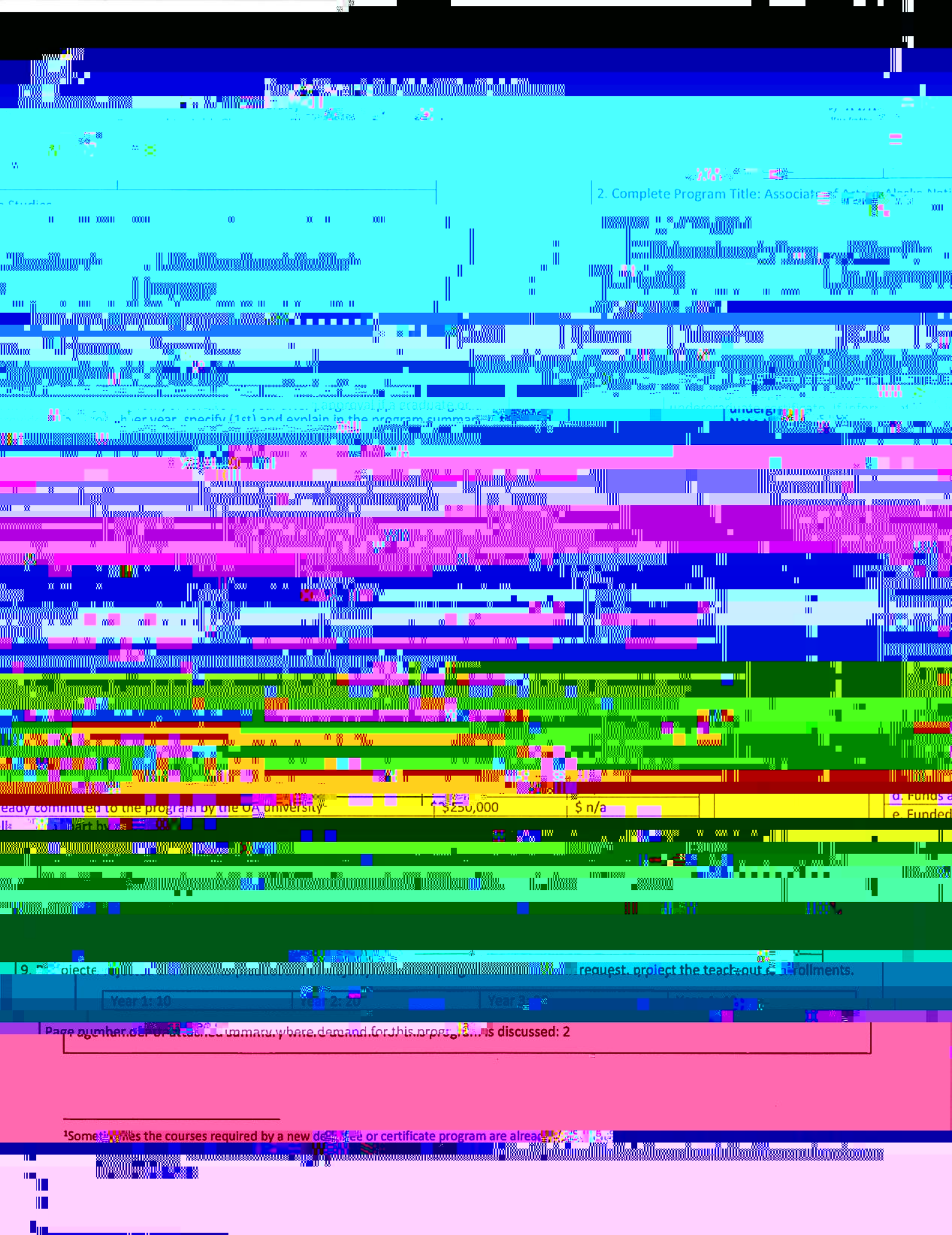
The AA in AKNS provides a critical and dynamic perspective on Alaska Native cultures, histories, politics, and languages. It provides a hands-on opportunity for students interested in exploring their options in higher education.

In addition to its preparation for employment, the AA in AKNS also provides a foundation for a baccalaureate degree in the

field. The program is supported by current faculty and coursework already in place for the Alaska Native Studies program.

Any comments

Attachments: BOR Program Action Request, Prospectus



2. Complete Program Title: Associate of Arts in Alaska Native Studies

1. Complete Program Title: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

ready committed to the program by the UA university	\$250,000	\$ n/a		0. Funds a
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9. Objectives: request, protect the track-out of 5 rollments.

Year 1: 10 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30

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¹Some times the courses required by a new degree or certificate program are already

10. Number² of new TA or faculty hires

11. Number² of TAs or faculty to be reassigned

anticipated (or number of positions eliminated if a program discontinued)

Graduate TA
Adjunct

Term
Tenure track

Term

Former assignment of

Submitted by the University of Alaska Anchorage.

John R. Stinson 12/19

☒ Consensus support of AC

☐ Not supported by AC

☐ Recommend approval by VPASR

☐ Recommend disapproval by VPASR

UA Vice President for Academics, Students & Research

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1/8/2020

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Program Overview

The Alaska Native Studies AA program prepares students for entry-level positions with Alaska organizations requiring general knowledge of Alaska Native cultures, languages, arts, histories, and politics. It provides students with a critical and dynamic perspective on Alaska Native cultures, histories,

enriching “Alaska society, such as arts, culture and language” and Objective 5 in contributing “to the preservation and perpetuation of Alaska Native cultures, languages, and values” also referenced in SAF. Finally, the AA in AKNS addresses Goal 4, Objective 1 to “support new programs of study of Alaska Native languages, cultures, and communities.” The AA degree builds upon the AKNS minor including

courses cross-listed with Music and Political Science, and we propose that students take at least one

semesters of an Alaska Native language as well as AKNS A201: Alaska Native Perspectives to complete their degree. Additionally, UAA’s Alaska Native-Themed (AKNT) GenEd initiative is likely to draw additional students to the AA degree as well as provide AA in AKNS students a more efficient path to graduation.

Student Demand and State Needs

An Alaska Native Studies AA degree provides a valuable option for students interested in exploring their

student organizations, and grant-funded projects. Expected increases in participation in this program are not expected to impact the availability or quality of those services.

Native

Native students are encouraged to participate in the minor and have received a letter of recommendation for the minor program.

Native Studies Minor Program.

Affected Parties:

A in Alaska Native

Building upon the AKNS minor, the UAF Kodiak KPC and Avila College the AKNS will be offered cooperatively across all five AKNS KPCs.

Accessible to all

students. The UAF increased demand for Alaska Native language coursework includes AKNS A101-102A (Elementary Yupik Language A101-102A) and AKNS A101-102B (Elementary Inupik Language A101-102B).

Age 1 & 15 AKNS

101/102H: Elementary Athna Language

Offers an Occupational End

AKNS A101/102H

Project Planning), AKNS A101/102H (Community Project Planning)

igenous Leadership and

SI

the instructor Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart (also Rural & Native Student

and Dena'ina language

Student Learning Outcome

Plan for Assessment

~~Research Symposium presentation and/or oral~~

interview

Demonstrate a broad understanding of Alaska Native cultures, histories, and contemporary politics.

Final papers, exams, demonstration of skills

Identify and analyze contemporary Alaska Native challenges within global Indigenous contexts.

Final papers, exams, demonstration of skills

Schedule for Implementation of the Program

Critical Milestone

Date

Admissions to program open; instruction commences

Fall 2020

First graduates

Spring 2022

E-learning Options

- GenEd courses required for the degree are offered online across all UAA campuses.
- AKNS A101E, A102E (Elementary Alutiiq Language), A101F, A102F (Elementary Dena'ina Language), A101H, and A102H (Elementary Ahtna Language), and AKNS A201 (Alaska Native Perspectives) are offered face-to-face and online.

AKNS A290: Selected Topic-Indigenous Well-Being

• **Paul Ongtooguk, Professor of Alaska Native Studies**

AKNS A290: Selected Topic-Indigenous Sciences

• **Paul Ongtooguk, Professor of Alaska Native Studies**

AKNS A290: Alaska Native Tribes, Climate Change, and Environmental Policy

• **Paul Ongtooguk, Director of Alaska Native Studies**

AKNS A261: Alaska Native Art History

• **Adjunct**

ART A270: Beginning Alaska Native Art

• **Alvin Amason, Term Associate Professor of Alaska Native Art**

AKNS/PS A313: Tribes, Nations & Peoples

• **Paul Ongtooguk, Director of Alaska Native Studies**



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December 16, 2019

TO: Jim Johnsen, UA President

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RE: Delegation of Authority for December 17, 2019- January 1, 2020

I hereby delegate to Provost John Stalvey the authority to act as chancellor in my absence while I



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