

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, A.A.

## Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, e-Learning\*

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree administered by the School of Arts and Sciences, provides a solid foundation in mathematics, written and oral communication, the natural and social sciences, the humanities and fine arts. The A.A. degree prepares students for career advancements, for transfer to baccalaureate programs and for a better understanding of their world.

The A.A. degree with an emphasis in Northwest Coast Indigenous Arts provides a solid foundation in the art of the Northwest Coast and prepares students for work as a professional artist or scholar. Students with this degree may work towards a B.L.A. or B.A. degree in Alaska Native or Indigenous Studies, transfer to the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) based on a partnership between UAS and IAIA, or may work towards a degree in Education in order to teach Northwest Coast arts.

\*The A.A. degree with an emphasis in Northwest Coast Arts is not available via e-learning at this time.

- Admissions to the A.A. degree program
- Completion of 60 credits at 100-level or above, including:
  1. At least 20 credits at the 200-level or higher
  2. At least 15 credits completed in residence at UAS
  3. All General Education Requirements (minimum 34 credits)<sup>1</sup>
  4. 26-27 elective credits, with at least 18 credits from the School of Arts & Sciences (no more than 6 credits from ODS/PE)<sup>2</sup>
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 at UAS

<sup>1</sup> Students in the Northwest Coast Indigenous Arts emphasis are required to take specific GERs.

<sup>2</sup> Does not apply to students in the Northwest Coast Indigenous Arts emphasis.

## Northwest Coast Indigenous Arts Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Complete all General Education Requirements, which must include the following:</i>		
ANS S101	*Introduction to Alaska Native Studies	3
ART S260	*Indigenous Performing Arts	3
One of the following courses:		4
AKL S105	*Beginning Tlingit I	
AKL S107	*Beginning Haida I	
AKL S109	*Beginning Tsimshian I	

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<b>Program Requirements</b>		
ART S181	*Beginning Northwest Coast Indigenous Design I	3
ART S263	*Northwest Coast Native Art History & Culture	3
ART S295	Career Development for the Artist	3
ART S350	Northwest Coast Art Theory and Practice	3
<i>Choose 14 credits from the following courses</i> <sup>1</sup>		14
ART S116	Fiber Arts-Spinning	
ART S138	Natural Dye	
ART S180	Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics	
ART S183	Harvest and Preparation of Basket Materials	
ART S189	Northwest Coast Tool Making	
ART S230	Artists Studio, Beginning	
ART S280	Northwest Coast Art: Selected Topics	
ART S281	Intermediate Northwest Coast Indigenous Design	
ART S282	Beginning Northwest Coast Basketry	
ART S284	Northwest Coast Basket Design	
ART S285	Beginning Northwest Coast Carving	
ART S286	Beginning Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving	
ART S330	Artists Studio, Intermediate	
ART S381	Advanced Northwest Coast Indigenous Design	
ART S382	Intermediate Northwest Coast Basketry	
ART S385	Intermediate Northwest Coast Carving	
ART S386	Intermediate Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving	
ART S430	Artists Studio, Advanced	
ART S482	Advanced Northwest Coast Basketry	
ART S485	Advanced Northwest Coast Carving	
ART S486	Advanced Northwest Coast Woolen Weaving	
Advisor-approved ART internships, practica, or independent studies		

<sup>1</sup> 400-level courses may be repeated for credit.

The Associate of Arts degree provides students with a broad general education. It is also designed to be a transfer degree to bachelor degree programs.

a. This is accomplished by providing students with learning opportunities in the core academic areas of mathematics, natural and social sciences, humanities, fine arts and communication. It is worth observing that this description is almost identical to that of the AS degree.