



**Board of Regents Program Action Request**  
**Proposal to Discontinue a Program of Study**  
 University of Alaska

<b>1a. UA University</b> UAS	<b>1b. School or College</b> Arts and Sciences	<b>1c. Department or Program</b> Humanities
<b>2. Complete Program Title:</b> Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts		
<b>3. Type of Program:</b>		
Undergraduate Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>	Associate <input type="checkbox"/>	Baccalaureate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Master's <input type="checkbox"/>	Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/>	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Type of Action:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discontinue		
Implementation Semester: Fall Year: 2022		
<b>5. Other programs affected by the proposed action, including those at other campuses (please list):</b>		
Program Affected	Anticipated Effect	
None	N/A	
Page number of attached summary where effects on other programs are discussed: ___n/a___		
<b>6. Specialized accreditation or other external program certification needed or anticipated. List all that apply or</b>	<b>7. Aligns with University or campus mission, goals, core themes, and objectives (list):</b>	
None		
	Page in attached summary where alignment is discussed:	
<b>8. Teachout Plan (attached)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/a No students enrolled		
Submitted by: <small>6E20980D97DC4C9...</small> Provost Date: 15-Apr-22		
Consensus support of AC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not supported by AC <input type="checkbox"/>		
Recommend approval by VPASR		Date: April 15, 2022
Recommend disapproval by VPASR		Date:



## UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

To: Chancellor Karen Carey  
CC: Executive Council; Deans and Directors

From: Co-Chair Jeremy Kane, Associate Professor of Art  
Co-Chair Forest Wagner, Assistant Professor of Outdoor Studies, Humanities Dept. Chair  
Brian Blitz, Professor of Mathematics  
Michael Boyer, Associate Professor of Law Science  
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Date: January 24, 2022

Re: Interdisciplinary Bachelors of Arts Program Termination

The concept of the Interdisciplinary Bachelors of Arts degree began as a two-year collaborative effort between the University of Alaska Southeast's upper-administration and the School of Arts and Sciences. The goal was to create an interdisciplinary degree served by all departments. Following extensive degree planning by the Humanities and Social Science faculty, the IBA degree was sent to the University of Alaska Board of Regents and approved in June of 2020.

In September 2020, the IBA had no declared majors and none of the core courses required for the degree had been offered in the fall course schedule. Based on this data and Alaska's continuing fiscal challenges, UAS administration suspended admissions to the IBA program. Since no students were admitted to the IBA program, we have no institutional data by which to assess the popularity or efficiency of the degree. As a follow up to admissions suspension, the IBA Expedited Review Committee was charged by Chancellor Karen Carey with the analysis and feasibility of implementing the degree, including managing its staffing, advising, and curriculum.

In response to the charge and after careful review, the IBA Expedited Review Committee concluded in November of 2020 that recent reductions in faculty across the School of Arts and Sciences, whether from retirement or relocation, rendered the IBA degree deficient in all categories listed for review and unfeasible for delivery. The committee recommended suspending admissions to the IBA for one year and in that time, prioritize hiring new faculty to administer the degree. Or if IBA delivery proved unrealistic, prioritize supporting existing multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary degrees such as the BLA, the BA and BS awarding Program on the Environment, and prioritize the retention of faculty who serve those degrees. Similarly, the committee unequivocally supports the recently proposed BA in Indigenous Studies.

As of January 2022, no new faculty were hired or assigned to administer the Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts. Thus, this committee is recommending the degree be terminated.