

Native Cultural Studies Available

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Do you want to learn native dances or songs? Do you want to learn how to sew mukluks? Are you interested in the history of the land claims? You can find out what group came from where, what they eat, how they live, their own stories and ceremonies.

Whether you're native or not the University of Alaska offers several interesting courses in ten departments. The departments include Political Science, English Eskimo, Alaska Native Languages, Home Economics, Art, Music, Physical Education, History and Anthropology.

You can brush up on your

Inupiaq or Yupik or you can learn about and begin to understand what Alaska's original and beautiful people are like they are.

The dance class puts on group demonstrations and they sew their own kuspiks for these appearances. The girls in skin sewing usually manage to sell their class assignments or give them away as presents.

Dr. Irvin, who teaches the land claims history, started out the class reading "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" and works by other authors. He brings in such people to guest lecture like Sam Kito and John Sackett, among others. Dr. Irvin teaches the class once a

week for three hours in the evening because he travels up from the U. of A. Anchorage just for this class.

If you're having trouble with your English, a class is offered entitled "English as a Second Language."

These classes are valuable for the preservation and interpretation of the cultures.

If you're interested in these and want to know the others offered second semester contact the Registrar's Office for their schedule and fees. If you do not wish to enroll, you're welcome to come and observe and listen and offer your own ideas to discussion whenever you get the chance.