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Business major Shelby Carlson paddles across Ballaine Lake.
Services and Resources

Academic Advising and Learning Assistance

Academic advising is a vital part of your experience as a student at UAF. In fact, academic advising is so important UAF requires you to meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester before you can schedule your courses. Your academic advisor will assist you with the development of an educational plan encompassing your academic and career goals, requirements of your major and your semester-by-semester plan of study in order to make the best use of your credits. Students can also view their degree and major requirements through DegreeWorks, UAF’s graduation positioning system, which is available at UAOnline at http://uaonline.alaska.edu. UAF students who are admitted into a major will be advised by a faculty or staff advisor from their department. Visit www.uaf.edu/advising/ for academic advisor contact information.

The Academic Advising Center, in cooperation with other academic departments, provides academic advising services to support students as they transition from a declared major to another degree program. The center also serves as a clearinghouse for general university and degree information. Academic advisors also help students with information about non-traditional credit options like credit for prior learning and pre-professional academic programs like veterinary science, law, dentistry or pharmacy.

The Academic Advising Center, in cooperation with other departments, sponsors student success workshops on a wide variety of special topics including study skills, deciding on a major and overcoming math anxiety. Staff at the Academic Advising Center can provide academic support with reference materials, referrals, and study assistance to build and refresh knowledge in English, math, reading, science and writing. Staff can also help students discover their interests, abilities and aptitudes using software programs, inventories and other tools and assessments that provide guidance about careers and academic majors. These programs are available to students at no charge.

Contact the Academic Advising Center at 509 Gruening Building, 907-474-6396, toll free at 888-823-8780 or via email at uaf.advising@alaska.edu. Specific information for students, including degree program worksheets, can be found on the web at www.uaf.edu/advising/.

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENT ADVISING AND REGISTRATION CENTER

The Community and Technical College Student Advising and Registration Center provides advising and support for students in AA and AAS degree, certificate and specialized training programs to contribute to a successful learning experience and transition to a career. Staff at the center recognize the unique concerns of adult and returning students as well as traditional students entering college. Advisors can help with pre-admission advising, academic assessment and placement, financial aid information and applications, and assistance with choosing a major.

The center offers academic support through developmental courses, workshops, classroom presentations and one-on-one assistance to help conquer academic hurdles. In addition, the CTC Advising and Registration Center staff provide personalized career advice based on job market information and a student’s personal goals. Staff at the center ensure that students have a broad base of support as they plan the move from college to career.

For more information, contact the Student Advising and Registration Center, Community and Technical College, 604 Barnette Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, call 907-455-2800, or visit www.ctc.uaf.edu/student/.

RURAL STUDENT SERVICES

Rural Student Services is the vital link between the Fairbanks campus and rural Alaska communities. RSS provides comprehensive academic advising services with a focus on the freshman and sophomore years. Advisors at RSS recognize and are sensitive to the unique cultural components of Native and rural students at UAF. RSS advisors provide comprehensive advising and referrals to various support services on the Fairbanks campus. RSS advisors register students for classes, explain academic requirements and explore degree options. Other RSS services include assistance with admissions and financial aid, career advising and student advocacy.

RSS functions as a student center in the Brooks Building to provide an atmosphere where students can share Native cultural traditions on campus and attend a variety of Native student club activities. Students who are enrolled at UAF and are Alaska Native or come from a rural area are encouraged to use RSS as their home base.
For more information contact Rural Student Services, Brooks Building main floor, call 907-474-7871 or 888-478-1452, email uaf-rss@alaska.edu, or visit www.uaf.edu/ruralss/.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING
UAF students from other countries face many situations that American students do not encounter. International students must comply with immigration regulations, adapt to a new and often strange culture and adjust to the American system of higher education. International student advisors serve as a liaison between the student and various U.S. immigration agencies. Advisors issue documents enabling students to apply for visas, help students adjust to UAF and provide immigration and personal assistance. For more information, contact the Office of International Programs and Initiatives by calling 907-474-7677 or 907-474-7583, via email at uaf-international-programs@alaska.edu, or online at www.uaf.edu/oip/.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
The Student Support Services program provides students with opportunities for academic development, assists with college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their degree program. The program is funded by a TRiO grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Services include a drop-in tutoring center, instruction in mathematics skills, tutorial services, academic advising and mentoring, cultural and social engagement, a loan program for laptop computers and other media, and direct financial assistance to qualified participants.

All services are provided free of charge to eligible students. Our program is staffed with both professional and certified student tutors.

In order to receive SSS program services, a student must have academic need and meet one of the following criteria:

• be financially limited according to federal criteria,
• be a first-generation college student (meaning neither parent has earned a bachelor's degree), or
• have a documented physical or learning disability.

Participants must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, enrolled in at least 6 credit hours and intend to obtain a bachelor's degree.

For information, contact Student Support Services in 512 Gruening Building, at 907-474-6844, trio.sss@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/sss/ for an application.

TUTORING SERVICES
Information about lab hours for all Fairbanks campus academic support resources as well as tutoring options is located on the Academic Advising Center website at www.uaf.edu/advising/student/. Many of these resources are free of charge or cost a nominal fee.

• Accounting Lab
The Accounting Lab provides tutoring services to students enrolled in accounting courses. Located in 2251 Bunnell Building, the lab is staffed by accounting graduate students and outstanding undergraduate students. Lab hours are assigned (but flexible) Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at 907-474-1945.

• Chemical Society Tutoring Lab
Located in 170 Natural Sciences Facility, students must reserve a time to receive tutoring assistance using the sign up sheet on the door. For more information contact the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at 907-474-5510.

• Developmental Education Math, English and Reading Labs
The Department of Developmental Education provides academic support labs in math, English and reading. These labs are located at each of the rural campuses, Community and Technical College, and on the Fairbanks campus. Labs provide tutoring and small group instruction for students taking developmental, academic or vocational math, reading and writing courses. Academic support labs supplement and support student learning as well as improve and expand student skills in these areas. For further information contact your local campus or the Department of Developmental Education at 907-474-1112.

• Foreign Language Laboratory
The language lab, located in 609 Gruening, provides assistance in French, Spanish, Japanese, German, Russian and Chinese. Computer programs, CDs, cassettes and spell-checkers are available for student use. Call the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at 907-474-7396 for lab hours.

• Math and Statistics Laboratory
This lab provides flexible-hour assistance to students enrolled in mathematics and statistics courses. The lab is coordinated by faculty, and services are provided by students. For more information, contact the math department at 907-474-7332.

• Speaking Center
The Speaking Center in 507 Gruening provides coaching on refining presentation topics and presentation organization. Students receive immediate, constructive suggestions from a Speaking Center coach. The center is usually open weekdays and some evenings. Visit www.uaf.edu/speak/ for center hours. For more information, contact the Speaking Center at 907-474-5470 or fyspeak@uaf.edu.

• Supplemental Instruction
Supplemental instruction sessions are regularly scheduled, informal review sessions in which students compare notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and predict test items. Students learn how to integrate course content and study skills while working together. SI is designed to reduce rates of attrition within historically difficult courses, improve student grades and increase graduation rates of students. Contact the Academic Advising Center at 907-474-6396 or advising@uaf.edu for more information.
• Writing Center
  The Writing Center is open Sunday through Friday for tutoring all enrolled students. The staff, composed of Graduate English teaching assistants and outstanding undergraduate students, reviews student writing projects at any stage from planning to drafting and revising. Tutors are available to help students improve grammar and usage. For information, contact the Writing Center, 907-474-5314.

Academic Computing

The Office of Information Technology provides technology, expertise and resources to support the university’s academic mission for students, faculty and staff. There are several student computing labs located across the Fairbanks campus, including 319 Bunnell, 404 Rasmuson and 110 Moore-Bartlett-Skarland. In addition, instructional tools such as lecture capture services and smart classroom solutions are available through OIT’s Campus Technology Services. Residence halls have wired as well as wireless Internet access in dorm rooms and wireless is available in most public areas in all buildings on the Fairbanks campus.

Staff in the Student Computer Support Center, located in the OIT Desktop Support Office in 230 Bunnell, provide free help for student’s personal computers. Students are invited to drop by with your computer for help or call the OIT Support Center. Residence halls have wired Internet access in dorm rooms and wireless Internet is available in most public areas in all buildings on the UAF campus.

Video Conferencing Services provides consultation, planning, installation, training and scheduling services for video conference classrooms and other video-enabled rooms on campus and across the University of Alaska system. Additionally, VCS can assist with desktop or laptop video conferencing solutions. Contact VCS at www.alaska.edu/oit/services/video-conferencing/ or by calling the OIT Support Center.

The OIT Support Center is your computing help desk and gateway to many of the services OIT offers. All of the services above may be requested through the Support Center. When you need help or technology information, the Support Center is a great place to start.

Contact Support Center staff at two walk-up locations, 401 Rasmuson and 102 Butrovich, or at 907-450-8300, toll free at 800-478-8226, at helpdesk@alaska.edu or visit www.alaska.edu/oit/get-help/.

Academic Records, Registration and Graduation

The Office of Admissions and the Registrar provides guidance for all students in registration, academic records support, academic policy interpretation, classroom scheduling, degree audits, graduation certification and transcript processing. The Office of Admissions and the Registrar offers various training workshops for students and staff on a wide variety of topics including DegreeWorks, UAOnline, faculty grading and registration. All services (i.e., registration, grades, degree audits and unofficial transcripts) are available through UAOnline at http://uaonline.alaska.edu. Information about how to register is available at www.uaf.edu/register/.

For more information, contact staff in the Office of Admissions and the Registrar on the first floor of Signers’ Hall, call 907-474-7500, email at registrar@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/reg/.

Alumni Association

The UAF Alumni Association is an active network of graduates and former students who support the university and broadly advocate on its behalf. The association offers scholarships and sponsors various campus events and projects. The association’s Alumni Mentor program assists students with degree program and career planning. Through the Alumni Association, students have the opportunity for lifelong involvement with UAF and their former classmates. For more information contact the Alumni Association at 907-474-7081, uaf-alumni@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/alumni/ for more information.

Army ROTC

UAF is home to the only Army Reserve Officers Training Corps in Alaska. The military science program is staffed with regular Army and Alaska National Guard officers and non-commissioned officers. The curriculum challenges students to develop interpersonal, mental and physical skills, cultivating leaders of character, capable of bearing the responsibilities of tomorrow’s civil and military leadership positions.

The focus of ROTC is academic excellence and preparing leaders. All students enrolled in at least one course are assigned a faculty member to provide leadership and academic counseling.

ROTC offers a variety of resources including scholarships, athletic teams and academic assistance. Neighboring Fort Wainwright offers students numerous opportunities to participate in military activities such as the arctic biathlon competition, mentorships and recreational activities in an arctic environment. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/rotc/ or call 907-474-6852.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Army ROTC provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships and stipends. The current stipend ranges between $300 and $500 monthly depending on military science class level, and is tax-free for all committed cadets. ROTC scholarships also pay 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees and provide $900 annually for books and supplies. In accordance with NCAA regulations for this university, Army ROTC scholarships may be awarded in conjunction with athletic scholarships. Scholarships are available for two to four years and may be used for graduate studies.

Army ROTC also offers partnership, or simultaneous membership programs, with the Reserves and National
Guard. These partnerships provide a suite of financial assistance programs for ROTC cadets, including tuition assistance, GI Bill benefits and bonuses, stipends and pay. In addition, Army ROTC at UAF is granted a limited number of room waivers and chancellor’s tuition waivers for qualified students. For more information call 907-474-7501 or visit www.uaf.edu/rotc/.

CURRICULUM
The military science curriculum is an approved minor which includes credit for one written and one oral intensive course towards a BS or BA. Military science courses satisfy electives to a maximum of 23 credits toward degree requirements. Classes, including outdoor skills labs, are offered every semester. Labs are designed to give students hands-on instruction in areas such as rappelling, skiing and survival.

Army ROTC comprises two levels: the basic course followed by the advanced course. Credit for the basic course can be earned in three ways: by completing freshman and sophomore military science classes, by completing a four-week summer camp or by having prior military basic training. Students incur no obligation to Army ROTC or the Armed Forces during the basic course.

Students who complete the basic course may enter the advanced course, which is normally reserved for juniors and seniors pursuing a commission in the regular Army, Army Reserves or Army National Guard. For more information contact the Department of Military Science at 907-474-6852/7501, rotc@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/rotc/.

ASUAF
The Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks is located in the Wood Center, and all students enrolled in 3 or more credits are ASUAF members. ASUAF runs service departments and programs dedicated to the interests and welfare of UAF students. ASUAF represents UAF students to the university administration, the board of regents and the Alaska Legislature. Officers of ASUAF are selected by the student body in elections held every fall and spring semester. For information, visit ASUAF online at www.uaf.edu/asuaf/, or by phone at 907-474-7355.

Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletics Association is the primary association which governs and controls intercollegiate athletics on the national level. UAF is a multidivisional member of the NCAA with 10 teams competing at the Division I and Division II levels, including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country running, men's and women's Nordic skiing, men's and women's rifle, women's volleyball, women's swimming and men's ice hockey. For intercollegiate athletics information, call 907-474-7205 or visit www.alaskananooks.com.

UAF has conference affiliations with the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Western Collegiate Hockey Association, Central Collegiate Ski Association and Pacific Collegiate Swim Conference. The 10-time NCAA Champion Alaska Nanooks rifle team competes as an independent.

The Ernest N. Patty Center, completed in 1963, houses a 1,792-seat gymnasium, a 25-yard swimming pool, courts for handball, squash and racquetball, a varsity weight room, a rifle range, a classroom, offices and locker rooms with saunas. The Patty Center is home to the university’s Alaska Nanooks teams as well as the university’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program. In 1979, the 1,300-seat Patty Ice Arena was built to the west of the Patty Center. The Alaska Nanooks men’s hockey team practices at the Patty Ice Arena and also practices and competes off campus at the 4,595-seat Carlson Center.

Campus Recreation
Recreational opportunities at UAF are organized by the Department of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness. Activities are housed primarily in the Student Recreation Center, the Patty Ice Arena and the Patty Center. For information on hours, recreational activities or intramurals, call 907-474-5886 or visit www.uaf.edu/draw/.

The SRC offers a wide variety of structured and unstructured recreational activities. The SRC provides a weight room and a large gym floor that can be divided into courts for volleyball, tennis, badminton, soccer and basketball. A two-story indoor climbing wall, an eight-lap-per-mile running track, aerobics/dance floor and cardiovascular machines provide many options for a well-rounded workout. Eligible students have access to SRC facilities when your fees are paid — just remember to bring your workout shoes as street shoes are not allowed on the courts or floors.

Intramural leagues and competitions, aerobic workouts and fitness and recreation instruction give students many opportunities to stay fit, learn lifetime skills and use the skills they already have. DRAW staff members develop and support sports clubs in response to student interests and the resources available.

Outdoor fields for soccer and Ultimate Frisbee, an outdoor climbing wall — which in winter is converted into an ice climbing wall — and a disc golf course are next to the SRC, and the campus has many miles of cross-country trails for running, walking and skiing, including a lighted ski trail. In addition, recreational skating, recreational hockey, intramural broomball and intramural hockey take place at the Patty Ice Arena, also next to the SRC.

Explore Alaska’s wild frontier by joining an Outdoor Adventures excursion. OA organizes a variety of outings such as hikes, white-water raft trips and rock climbing excursions. OA also offers courses such as ice climbing, sea kayaking and wilderness leadership, and rents equipment including backpacks, canoes, cross-country skis and much more. Visit the Outdoor Adventures office in the Wood Center or online at www.uaf.edu/draw/ for more information.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in campus recreation programs. Anyone confronted with any barrier to participation is urged to contact the SRC office.
Career Services

Career Services provides career counseling and job search assistance. We will also review statements for graduate school applications. The staff will review resumes, cover letters and conduct practice interviews during office visits or through UAFCareerConnect, an online resource located on the Career Services website for students, alumni and employers. The department also will administer interest and personality assessments such as the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Information about employment, internships and on-campus jobs is available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday year-round.

Through UAF Career Services, students and alumni can network with employers and explore careers by participation in on-campus recruitment events, career weeks focused on specific fields, and job fairs where students can apply for full-time employment and internships with local, statewide and national employers. Career Services is located on the first floor of the Eielson Building. For more information call 907-474-7596, email careerservices@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/career/.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

UAF’s Community and Technical College offers training and continuing education programs designed to meet employment needs in the trades and professions. In response to individual and community demands, CTC provides academic short courses, non-credit workshops, supervisory skill seminars for local businesses and agencies, and general programs for cultural enrichment. Continuing education units are not considered when calculating enrollment status for the semester. Contact the CTC center for professional development at 907-455-2858 for more information.

Working with other UAF colleges and schools, CTC also provides academic courses during evening hours and on weekends at locations both on and off the Fairbanks campus. Alternative course meeting times and locations are designed to meet the needs of working adults and other students whose commitments to jobs, community or family do not allow them to participate in regular semester-based programs.

Some courses are delivered through video, computer programs and the Internet-based Blackboard, allowing students to progress at their own pace. Students can fulfill general university requirements for the baccalaureate degree through night, weekend and distance-delivered courses. CTC also serves the non-degree student with courses for general interest. For information, contact the Community and Technical College at 907-455-2800 or 907-455-2877 (TTY and voice).

Cooperative Extension Service

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service is part of the largest informal education system in the world, connecting Extension programs and land-grant colleges and universities in every U.S. territory and state.

Whether teaching people how to can salmon, build a house or compost with worms, Extension Service staff have provided research-based, practical education to Alaskans since 1930. Extension now offers community outreach and engagement programs in all areas of the state.

UAF’s outreach role is filled in part by Extension faculty and staff located in Anchorage, Bethel, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kodiak, Nome, Palmer, Sitka and Soldotna, and in affiliate offices with the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Eielson Air Force Base and Thorne Bay.

As the state’s gateway to the university system, Extension serves some 90,000 Alaskans annually, providing a link between Alaska’s diverse people and communities by interpreting relevant knowledge of interest to Alaska residents. Major issue areas include food safety and security; health; climate change; energy; youth, families and communities; and economic development.

Extension has produced hundreds of publications and videos on a variety of topics with practical information that Alaskans can use. These are available at district offices or online at www.uaf.edu/ces/.

For more information, call 907-474-5211, toll-free at 877-520-5211 or visit www.uaf.edu/ces/.

Developmental Education

The mission of developmental education at UAF is to make educational opportunity and success possible for all students by developing the skills and attitudes necessary to achieve academic excellence and student success, and develop lifelong learning skills.

Developmental education courses prepare students for university academic and vocational/technical programs by improving skills in math, writing and reading. Study skills classes prepare students to successfully negotiate the university experience. A student’s need for developmental education courses is determined by high school transcripts, test scores, other achievement data and discussions with counselors, advisors and instructors. Students may also take developmental education courses when they want to improve their skills or proficiency.

There are three categories of developmental education courses: developmental math, developmental English (writing skills), and developmental studies (reading and study skills). Descriptions of developmental education classes are listed in the courses section under developmental math, developmental English and developmental studies.

For more information, contact the Department of Developmental Education offices at 907-474-1112 or visit www.uaf.edu/deved/.

Disability Services

The Disability Services program, located in 208 Whitaker, provides services to students with documented disabilities
on the Fairbanks campus as well as the Bristol Bay, Chukchi, Interior Aleutians, Kuskokwim, Northwest, and Community and Technical College campuses, Distance Education, and the College of Rural and Community Development. The goal of Disability Services is to ensure equal access to educational opportunities at UAF. Academic accommodations are free of charge and available to any student who qualifies as an individual with a disability and is enrolled in at least 1 credit hour.

Disability Services operates an assistive technology lab with specialized software. UAF has an accessible shuttle bus service equipped with a wheelchair lift for transportation on campus and most campus buildings are accessible. Accessible living accommodations are available through Residence Life. There is a swimming pool with a hydraulic lift in the Patty Center.

For more information contact the director of Disability Services at 907-474-5655 or 907-474-1827 (TTY), email uaf-disability-services@alaska.edu, or online at www.uaf.edu/disability/.

**Diversity and Equal Opportunity**

Staff in the Diversity and Equal Opportunity office lead a focused effort to build inclusive systems and a welcoming environment at UAF. Staff provide conflict resolution and mediation services, ensure equality of employment and educational opportunity, and work to eradicate discriminatory practices.

DEO staff investigate complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment and work with parties to find resolution. If students or employees believe they are being treated differently because of their race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, age (over 40), genetic code, sexual orientation, or retaliation, they can lodge a complaint with DEO. Complaints can be filed online at www.uaf.edu/oeo/complaints/ or by visiting the office.

DEO is located in the Nordic House at 739 Columbia Circle. For more information call 474-7300 or visit www.uaf.edu/oeo/.

**Exchange Programs**

**NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE**

UAF is a member of the National Student Exchange. Through this program, qualified students may apply for exchange enrollment at any one of almost 200 public colleges and universities throughout the United States, its territories and Canada. NSE enables students to study at other member institutions and participating schools and take advantage of specialized courses or unique programs. Participation in the program is limited to one year.

Exchanges generally take place during the student’s sophomore or junior year. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two consecutive semesters at UAF as full-time degree-seeking students with a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Tuition is assessed by the host institution at the in-state rate, or the student may pay tuition at UAF. The application deadline is Feb. 15 before the term of exchange. For more information, visit www.nse.org and contact the NSE coordinator in the Office of International Programs and Initiatives at 907-474-7192, uaf-studyaway@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/oip/.

Note: Students attending any campus of the University of Alaska system under the National Student Exchange program are assumed to be receiving the benefit of reduced tuition because of their enrollment at an NSE partner university in another state. Therefore, time spent in NSE does not count toward the time required to establish residency in Alaska for tuition purposes. If students end their participation in NSE, they could begin establishing residency for tuition purposes as set forth in the UA Resident and Non-resident Tuition policy on page 55.

**STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

Studying abroad or participating in an international exchange or internship is an excellent opportunity for every UAF student to learn about other cultures and gain international experience while earning academic credit. Students participating in approved international exchange, study abroad or internship programs enroll at UAF and receive UAF credit.

The Alaska Student Loan and most other forms of financial aid may be used to cover costs of international academic programs; scholarships are also available for many programs. Students interested in gaining international experience should begin planning early in their UAF careers, particularly because prior study of a foreign language may be required for some programs and is highly recommended for others. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two consecutive semesters at UAF as full-time degree-seeking students with a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Other requirements may also apply, and all applications are subject to approval by the Office of International Programs and Initiatives. Application deadlines are Oct. 1 for spring semester programs and March 1 for summer, fall semester, or academic year programs.

Students approved to participate in study abroad or exchange programs pay a $300 processing fee to UAF. For study abroad programs, all tuition, housing and student fees are paid directly to the program provider or host institution. Students participating in exchange programs pay for 15 credits of undergraduate or 9 credits of graduate UAF tuition, the UAF technology fee and a 2 percent of tuition network fee in addition to the $300 processing fee. Tuition and fees are assessed on a semester basis.

North2north, one of UAF’s student exchange programs, is organized by the University of the Arctic. Programs are focused on studies in and of the North and are designed to enhance the arctic perspective of UAF academic programs. Programs are available in more than 70 countries worldwide.

Contact International Programs and Initiatives for more information at 907-474-7192, uaf-studyaway@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/oip/.

**General Studies**

Students pursuing a bachelor’s degree who haven’t declared a major or haven’t decided which major to pursue are admitted as general studies students. General studies students usually
take courses required for the university core curriculum. Many of these courses are the same for all majors and allow you to make progress toward completing degree requirements, while at the same time investigating subject areas that may help you choose a major or career. General studies students work with academic advisors in the Academic Advising Center who encourage exploring, selecting and committing to an appropriate major. All general studies students must declare a major before they have earned 75 credits. To declare a major, simply complete a change of major form available from the Office of Admissions and the Registrar or online at www.uaf.edu/reg/. Students receiving GI assistance or veteran’s benefits may be required to change to a declared major to keep their benefits award. Students must have declared a major in order to participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program.

The director of the Academic Advising Center functions as the department chair and the vice provost functions as the dean for general studies and oversees academic assistance and actions concerning general studies students. For more information about general studies, contact the Academic Advising Center, 907-474-6396 or toll-free at 888-823-8780, or contact the vice provost’s office at 907-474-6634.

PRE-MAJOR
Students admitted in pre-major standing have not met the admission requirements for bachelor’s degrees, but are intending to major in a bachelor’s degree. As a baccalaureate-intended student, you will generally work with advisors in the Academic Advising Center, Rural Student Services or a community campus, but it is helpful to also contact the department of your intended major. Because not all requirements for immediate admittance to a baccalaureate degree will have been met, pre-major students will work with an academic advisor to determine the best selection of courses to pursue. Students who are in good standing and have completed 14 credits at the 100-level or above with a C grade average (2.0) or better, of which 9 credits must satisfy baccalaureate core requirements, will be changed to major status. The vice provost will notify students of their change of status and inform the registrar. Pre-major students do not use the change of major form to move from pre-major to major status but may use the form to change from pre-major status in one program to another program. Academic assistance and actions are processed the same as for general studies students.

Greek Life at UAF
Sigma Sigma Sigma became the first national sorority in Alaska when it was installed at UAF in 1993. Founded in 1898, the sorority has more than 90,000 members nationwide who share a strong commitment to sisterhood, academics and community service as part of the college experience. Sorority membership provides Sigs with academic support and leadership opportunities.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, the first national fraternity in Alaska, was installed at UAF in 1997. The fraternity began nationally in 1901, founded on the principles of virtue, diligence and brotherly love. It is one of the oldest and most respected fraternities in the nation. Through community service, campus leadership and fraternalism, Sigma Phi Epsilon gives its members the opportunity to live a balanced life.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national, coed service fraternity that has set the standard for college campus-based volunteerism since 1925. The organization strives to help each individual member develop leadership skills, experience friendship on many levels and provide service to others.

For more information on Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Phi Omega, visit us online at www.uaf.edu/studentorgs/ or contact the LIVE Program (Leadership, Involvement, Volunteer Experience) at 907-474-1959.

Honor Societies
These honor societies are active at UAF:
- Gamma Theta Upsilon (geography)
- Golden Key International Honour Society (all disciplines)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars (all disciplines)
- Phi Alpha Theta (history)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (political science)
- Psi Chi (psychology)
- Tau Beta Pi (engineering)

For more information contact the Honors Program at 907-474-6612 or the LIVE Program at 907-474-1170.

Honors Program
The UAF Honors Program provides academic engagement, scholarly activity and social enrichment opportunities for exceptionally talented, creative and motivated students. It promotes the highest standards of academic, professional and personal achievement and encourages students to think critically and to act and contribute in ways that benefit communities and society. Honors students have access to small classes, world-class faculty, scholarships, in-depth approaches to learning and early, mentored research opportunities. They participate in an intellectual and social community of students and professional scholars, and are encouraged to pursue undergraduate intellectual, scholarly and research interests.

ELIGIBILITY
Undergraduate students from all disciplines are eligible for admission and encouraged to apply to the Honors Program. Entering freshmen should have a high school GPA of 3.6 and a composite SAT score of 1,820 or an ACT composite score of 27. Current UAF and transfer students must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.5 and be admitted to a UAF degree program. Students in the Honors Program must be regularly enrolled, full-time undergraduate students.

The application process for admission to the Honors Program is free, and is separate and distinct from application for admission to the university. Honors students are
encouraged to apply no later than Feb. 15 to be eligible for fall scholarships. Honors Program application open periods follow the UAF class registration schedules for fall and spring. Applications are considered on a space-available basis. 

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

University Honors Scholar distinction is awarded at commencement to students who complete 27 or more credits of honors course work and submit a senior Honors capstone thesis project. Students who enter the program as juniors or as seniors generally qualify for the distinction of Honors Thesis Scholar if they complete 12 credits of honors course work and a senior Honors capstone thesis project.

Honors courses are offered in all disciplines, including courses specifically designed for the Honors Program and special enriched sections of standard university courses. Students in the Honors Program may also arrange individualized study in their majors or contract with an instructor to make a standard course into an honors course. Students who choose to study abroad can earn honors credits if they complete classes pertaining to their major. In order for credit to count as honors credit, students must earn a minimum grade of "B."

For more information contact the Honors Program at the Honors House, on campus at 520 Copper Lane, 907-474-6612, uaf.honors@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/honors/.

**Libraries**

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, with more than 1.1 million volumes, is the largest library in the state. The building was recently renovated and offers wireless networking and walk up ports, as well as designated quiet study spaces with natural lighting, group study rooms and a secure 24-hour study space with an open-access computer lab.

The library offers extensive reference and instructional services for students. Library faculty and staff help students conduct library research using UAF online and print databases and collections. The library information and research course, LS F101, is part of the core curriculum and provides students with an introduction to effective methods of identifying, locating and evaluating information resources.

Online catalogs and databases provide access to library resources at UAF, UA system libraries and libraries nationwide. Rasmuson Library’s website serves as a gateway to more than 170 online resources with broad coverage in the sciences, humanities and social sciences, management, and engineering. Web-based indexes and collections link to full-text articles from more than 20,000 periodical titles. Additional web-based resources include reference tools, electronic books, specialized sources for arctic and polar information and indexes to special formats such as government documents and dissertations.

Rasmuson Library is a federal documents depository, receiving 40 percent of the materials published by the U.S. Government Printing Office. Special collections in the library include the internationally recognized Alaska and Polar Regions collections, covering books, periodicals, archival documents, manuscripts, historical photographs, film, oral histories and maps. APR hosts Alaska’s Digital Archives and continues to digitize archival materials in an effort to make more specialized materials available to the public.

The BioSciences Library, in the Arctic Health Research Building on UAF’s West Ridge, is a branch of the Rasmuson Library which provides substantial resources in the life sciences and services. Both libraries provide interlibrary service for materials not owned by UAF libraries. Electronic document delivery for materials in the collections is available for students, faculty and staff.

For Rasmuson Library information, call 907-474-7481, email fyref@uaf.edu, or visit http://library.uaf.edu. For BioSciences Library information, call 907-474-7442, email fybmlib@uaf.edu, or visit http://library.uaf.edu/biosci/.

**New Student Orientation**

The goal of New Student Orientation is to help incoming students establish a foundation for success. All new students are strongly encouraged to participate in UAF New Student Orientation on the Fairbanks campus. Orientation is required for all first-year baccalaureate-degree-seeking students (regardless of the number of earned college credits) and international students (undergraduate F-1 and international exchange J-1 status). Domestic transfer students are also encouraged to attend.

New Student Orientation features a variety of workshops and activities to address the needs of incoming students, including campus tours, opportunities to meet faculty and staff, numerous campus resource presentations, and many fun social events. Fall semester includes the popular Family Orientation for parents and other family members of new students. Fees are $75 per student for fall orientation and $35 for spring. For more information, contact the New Student Orientation office at 907-474-1103, or visit www.uaf.edu/orientation/.

**Northern Military Programs**

Northern Military Programs is Interior Alaska’s point of contact for University of Alaska programs and services for military personnel, their families, contractors and civilians. Classes are offered at Fort Wainwright, Eielson Air Force Base and North Pole High School. In addition, NMP offers courses to the Delta community at Fort Greely and the Career Advancement Center in Delta Junction.

Program offerings include, but are not limited to, the associate of arts degree and bachelor of emergency management. The National Testing Center at Eielson Air Force Base offers CLEP and DANTES testing at no charge for military members.

UAF is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges degree network. This program allows for the evaluation of training and education and establishes lower residency requirements for service members.
For information contact Northern Military Programs offices at Eielson Air Force Base, 2623 Wabash Ave, Room 105, 907-377-1396; Fort Wainwright/North Pole, 2107 Montgomery Road, Room 99, 907-356-3826; or Delta/ Ft. Greely, Delta Career Advancement Center, 1696 North Clearwater Ave, 907-895-4605.

**PolarExpress Identification Card**

The PolarExpress card is the official UAF photo identification card used by students, staff and faculty for access to UAF facilities and to make purchases.

The PolarExpress card is your identification to check out library books, vote in student elections and to access health and other student services. The card’s magnetic stripe holds a unique key that provides secure access to residence halls, laboratories and the Student Recreation Center. You can deposit money into your Bear Bucks account which is linked to your PolarExpress card. Bear Bucks can be used to pay for goods at all dining services locations, vending machines, photocopiers, the Wood Center counter and the bookstore. Bear Bucks are also accepted at a variety of off campus locations. To view a complete list, visit [www.uafbearbucks.com](http://www.uafbearbucks.com).

For PolarExpress card information, call 907-474-7657 or visit [www.uaf.edu/finbservauxbus/idcardsbearbucks/](http://www.uaf.edu/finbservauxbus/idcardsbearbucks/).

**Police and Fire Departments**

The UAF Police Department was founded in 1991 to meet the increasing needs of the university community. Since then it has become a progressive, proactive department striving toward active community involvement as well as the protection of persons and property on the UAF campus. In addition to patrol duties the department makes presentations on topics of importance to the community and supports a college-oriented crime prevention program.

The department hires college students as part-time community service officers who assist with campus security and patrol issues. These student officers have gone on to work in police agencies around Alaska and the nation as a result of their experience with the UAF Police Department.

The University Emergency Communications Center is a regional 24-hour 911 communications center serving the UAF community as well as a portion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. In addition to handling local calls, the center also receives 911 calls from communities along the Parks Highway from Fairbanks to Cantwell. The center employs full- and part-time career dispatchers. Dispatchers are trained in law enforcement, emergency medical service (EMS) and fire dispatching.

The University Fire Department provides fire, rescue, EMS response, public assistance and hazardous materials response to the UAF campus as well as the University Fire Service Area and EMS district. The department provides protection for a 26-square-mile area and more than 22,000 people. The department is nationally recognized and staffed full time at two stations, one on campus and one in the fire service area. The department provides plan review and inspection services to the UAF main and remote campuses. The hands-on, interactive program develops highly skilled individuals able to perform all the duties of professional career firefighters.

The fire department provides exceptional employment and career opportunities for students who are interested in a career in emergency services.

The emergency telephone for both police and fire is 911. For more information, call 907-474-7721 for the police department, 907-474-5770 for the fire department or visit [www.uaf.edu/police/](http://www.uaf.edu/police/) or [www.uaf.edu/fire/](http://www.uaf.edu/fire/).

**Post Office**

The full-service campus post office is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday. Located in 107 Constitution Hall, the post office provides postal boxes for students wishing to receive mail on campus. Rent of $45 per semester/$90 per year per box is collected by the post office. When leaving UAF permanently, students are expected to close their box, return the key and provide a forwarding address or the box will be closed and mail returned.

Post office boxes are for individual or family use, they are not to be shared with other students. Mail not addressed to the box holder will be returned. U.S. Postal Service mail is delivered to box holders only through their post office boxes; UPS and FedEx will deliver to the Residence Life Office. There is a $15 charge for replacing a lost box key. Keeping your mailing address up to date will avoid delays and errors in the delivery of your mail.

For more information or to open a post office box, email campus.postoffice@uaf.edu, call 907-474-7215, fax 907-474-7884 or write UAF Campus Post Office, P.O. Box 750100, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0100.

**Student Health and Counseling Center**

At the Student Health and Counseling Center, students may receive health care, counseling, substance abuse evaluation and referral, health education and assistance with health insurance. Students must pay the health center fee to be eligible for these services.

The medical staff provides primary health care and referrals for specialty medical services when appropriate. General office visits for illness and injury are provided at no charge. Physical examinations, medications, laboratory services and medical supplies are provided at reduced cost. Students should call for appointments. Urgent care appointments are available when necessary.

The counseling staff offers individual, group and crisis intervention counseling. Counselors, all with graduate-level training, assist with a variety of personal and interpersonal issues. Students are encouraged to schedule appointments. Students in emergency situations are usually seen the same day. The counseling staff also provides specialized evaluation and referral for alcohol and other drug problems at no charge when requested on a voluntary basis. There is a charge for mandatory evaluations.
Professional staff provide information, health education and referral for individuals and groups seeking to maintain or improve upon physical and mental health.

The Student Health Insurance program is administered through the center. An insurance coordinator is available to answer questions about policy coverage and to assist with information about how to file claims.

The Student Health and Counseling Center, located on the second floor of the Whitaker Building, is open weekdays during the regular academic year. For more information, call 907-474-7043 or 474-7045 (TTY), fax 907-474-5777, email uaf-sh-cc@alaska.edu, or visit www.uaf.edu/chc/.

**Student Services**

The Division of Student Services provides student-centered programs and services designed to assist students in achieving their personal, academic and career goals. In collaboration with the academic deans, we lead the university in recruiting a diverse student body. With the creative use of ongoing assessment, we support and develop programs and communities that contribute to the retention, success and leadership development of students.

Student Services departments include the Office of Admissions and the Registrar; Associated Students of UAF; Career Services; Department of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness; Disability Services; Financial Aid; International Programs and Initiatives; Judicial Services; Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity; Orientation; Residence Life; Student Health and Counseling Center; Student Leadership Development; Upward Bound; Women’s Center and Wood Center.

The office of the vice chancellor for university and student advancement is a resource and referral center where any student who does not know where to look for a solution to a problem within UAF will find assistance. For more information contact Student Services at fyses@uaf.edu, 907-474-7317 or visit www.uaf.edu/ses/.

**Summer Sessions and Lifelong Learning**

UAF Summer Sessions and Lifelong Learning provides a wide variety of academic opportunities. Courses are open to undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees and professionals renewing their licenses, as well as community members and qualifying high school students. Summer programs begin with MAYmester, a two-week intensive term where students can earn up to 3 credits. This is followed by a 12-week session that runs concurrently with two six-week sessions.

In the fall and spring, SSLL offers courses in the Weekend College. In the beginning of January, WINTERmester offers credit and non-credit classes in a two-week intensive session, giving students the opportunity to earn up to 3 credits before spring break. Professional and continuing education courses are offered throughout the year.

In addition to standard collegiate academic programs, weekend focus and special interest classes, credit and non-credit, are offered for community members and college students. Activities on campus for youth include culinary arts camps, the Justice Academy, business and leadership training, and the Visual Arts Academy. Summer Sessions also houses the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which offers a wide variety of opportunities for continued learning for adults 50 and older.

Each summer SSLL hosts a variety of free lectures, movies, concerts and recreational activities for students and community members. In January, a community lecture is associated with WINTERmester.

SSLL educational travel programs take groups overseas each fall and spring to study the cultural, political and natural history of the destination countries.

For more information, contact Summer Sessions and Lifelong Learning, 216 Eielson Building, at 907-474-7021, toll-free at 866-404-7021, summer@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/summer/.

**Testing Services**

As a national test center, UAF Testing Services administers paper-and-pencil and computer-based exams. The office advises UAF students, prospective students and the community on national testing matters for college admissions and placement and for career and professional certification. Testing Services also coordinates credit by examination for local tests and for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The office also does private proctoring. For more information and registration materials, visit Testing Services in 211 Grunin Building, call 907-474-5277, email uaf-testing-dept@alaska.edu, or visit www.uaf.edu/testing/.

**Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity**

As a research university, UAF offers students opportunities to participate in experimental and observational research and creative scholarship. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity supports, develops, documents and institutionalizes UAF’s diverse and robust programs of undergraduate research and scholarly activity. Building on existing efforts and capacities, URSA enables UAF students to pursue varying levels of research engagement from a single credit of first-year seminar to independent scholarly investigations, a BFA exhibit or performance, or a senior thesis.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Undergraduate students from all disciplines are eligible to engage in research or creative scholarly activity for academic credit or for pay. All UAF students are eligible to enroll in URSA courses and apply for URSA awards that support their research or creative projects with funding travel, supplies and stipends. First-year students and new transfer students are encouraged to attend the 1 credit URSA seminar to learn about research and creative opportunities across all
disciplines at UAF. Sophomores, juniors and seniors can use URSA as a resource to assist in identifying a faculty mentor with whom they might work on a research or creative project. The project may be designed by the student or the faculty mentor and will lead to creation of knowledge.

For more information contact the URSA office at 301 Bunnell Building, 907-450-8772, ursa.uaf@alaska.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/gs/ursa.

Upward Bound College Bound

The goal of the Upward Bound College Bound program is improving the graduation rates of high school students and increasing the number of UB College Bound graduates who enter colleges and universities. UB College Bound offers two strands: a school year program that works with 10 high schools in Alaska, called “target schools,” along with three distinct six-week summer residential programs held on the UAF campus: UB College Bound (freshman/sophomore), Pre-College Academy (juniors), and the Pathways-2-College bridging program (graduating seniors).

Upward Bound College Bound serves 160 low-income first-generation college students who demonstrate potential for academic success and whose parents have not earned college degrees. Services offered in target schools include tutorial sessions; educational, recreational or cultural events; group activities; exploration of postsecondary education opportunities and visits to campuses; financial aid application assistance; and participation in the six-week summer program on the UAF campus.

The residential summer program emphasizes academic development for 50 students selected for participation from the target schools. The summer experience helps UB students become familiar with the UAF campus, residence life, services provided and, most importantly, places an emphasis on academic development and growth.

Participation in this program is only available to active UB College Bound target school participants. Upward Bound College Bound is a federally funded program.

For more information, call 907-474-5685, email ub.classic@alaska.edu.

Women’s Center

The mission of the UAF Women’s Center is to advocate for, provide resources to, commemorate the achievements of, and empower women, LGBT persons, and their allies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and beyond.

The center strives to create an atmosphere in which all people are free to affirm and celebrate their differences, including but not limited to differences of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, age, religion, physical and mental ability. In accordance with UAF’s mission statement and strategic plan, the Women’s Center is charged with educating the university and the community about gender-related issues and providing space and an environment to support women in their cultural, spiritual, social and intellectual lives.

The constituents of the UAF Women’s Center include students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, retirees, job applicants, visitors, contractors, future students, parents, family members and community members of all genders and sexual orientations.

For more information contact the Women’s Center at 907-474-6360, fywoc@uaf.edu or visit www.uaf.edu/uafwomen.

Wood Center

The William Ransom Wood Center, under the Division of Student Services, is the focal point of campus activities and services available to the university and Fairbanks community.

Services available at Wood Center include event scheduling, campus information, dining facilities, a television lounge, meeting rooms, laundry and shower facilities, and a recreation area with pool tables, video games and a bowling alley. Wood Center also has the campus lost and found center, an automated teller machine, tickets to cultural and sporting events and a branch of the Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union.

Wood Center is home to the Student Activities Office and Nanook Traditions. Student Activities organizes events designed to entertain, educate and inspire the UAF community. Nanook Traditions are among UAF’s most highly anticipated annual events. These include the Starvation Gulch bonfires in September, Winter Carnival in February and Nanook SpringFest in late April. For more information visit www.uaf.edu/activity.

The UAF Leadership, Involvement and Volunteer Experience program provides opportunities for students to learn about and practice leadership skills and become involved on campus and in the community. Through the LIVE program students can complete and earn Co-Curricular Opportunities for Leadership Development certificates. The COLD certificates provide tangible ways for students to be recognized for leadership development within the UAF community and beyond. To find out more about the LIVE Program, visit the Wood Center or online at www.uaf.edu/leadership.

More than 140 student organizations are active on campus, including clubs, honor societies and Greek life organizations. Membership in a student organization can help you make social connections. It can also help in career and leadership development and enhance your resume. Each semester a student organizations fair provides an opportunity to learn more about these diverse groups. You can also contact the LIVE program office to learn more about UAF student organizations.

The Wood Center Pub offers evening entertainment for those 21 and over with live music, an open mic night, movies, trivia games and karaoke. Special events include theme nights, beer and wine tastings, comedy performances, casino night and more.

For more information call 907-474-7037 or visit www.uaf.edu/woodcenter.