Alaska Dive Semester
A field-based program at UAS Sitka Campus

WHEN
Spring semester
January 14-May 3, 2019

WHO
Students interested in fisheries, diving, and marine biology!

WHY SITKA?
Sitka serves as the perfect backdrop for a semester of experiential study focusing on diving techniques. A town of 9,000, Sitka lies on the outer edge of Baranof Island in Southeast Alaska, and offers unique opportunities for hands-on marine studies along rocky shores and within dense kelp forests. As well as being a marine hot-spot, Sitka boasts a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community. Students will have the opportunity to get to know Sitka in a number of ways—through natural history seminars, community concerts and activities, and its bustling downtown.

PROGRAM
Students will work with UAS faculty to become accomplished research divers. Over the semester, students will learn about topics ranging from basic dive skills, to underwater rescue procedures, to marine data collection. Participants will become familiar with local fish and invertebrate species and collaborate on research projects. Additionally, students will learn basic skiff handling and engine maintenance techniques, critical to underwater field work. Over the semester, students can expect to log between 25 and 50 dry suit dives.

COURSEWORK (12 CREDITS)
Fisheries Technology 188 - Basic SCUBA Diving (3cr)
Fisheries Technology 189 - Advanced SCUBA Diving (1cr)
Fisheries Technology 193 - Cold Water Survival (1cr)
Fisheries Technology 288 - Scientific Diving (2cr)
Fisheries Technology 291 - Internship (Diving) (3cr)
Marine Transportation 119 - Small Vessel Operator (1cr)
Marine Transportation 120 - Outboard Motor Maintenance (1cr)

OTHER COURSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS!
Fisheries of Alaska, Alaska Salmon Culture I & II, Fisheries Biology, Natural History of Alaska, Flora of Southeast Alaska, Tlingit Language, Ceramics, Northwest Coast Art, Welding, Yoga, Fitness Classes

ASK US ABOUT OPTIONS FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS!
Living in Sitka
This small, yet vibrant, coastal town is well known for its rich Tlingit and Russian history, as well as tremendous fishing, hiking, and whale watching. There is a local public radio station, fitness center, climbing wall, aquarium, aerial arts studio, and state of the art Performing Arts Center. Several restaurants feature local seafood, locally roasted coffee, fresh baked goods, and locally brewed beer. For a small town, Sitka has a lot to offer visiting students! Sitka has reliable public transportation, enjoys bike-friendly community status, and all amenities are within walking distance of the university.

Lodging
Sitka has many housing options, including co-occupancy rooms from the Sitka Fine Arts Camp on the historic Sheldon Jackson Campus, long term off-season occupancies at local fishing lodges, hostels, hotels, and B&Bs, and other short-term rentals.

Gear
The Alaska Dive Semester course fees include use of dive equipment, scientific sampling gear, air fills, and everything needed to complete required dives.

Facilities
All classes will be at UAS or local field sites. UAS classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards and wireless internet. Small class sizes ensure students receive personal attention from top-notch faculty. Transportation for fieldwork will be provided by the university.

Approximate Cost
Tuition and Fees = $4,000.

Certifications
- PADI Open Water Diver
- PADI Dry Suit Diver
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver
- PADI Research Diver
- Divers Alert Network (DAN) First Aid, CPR and AED, and O₂ Provider
- Alaska Boaters Certificate
- American Academy of Underwater Sciences Scientific Diver

Application Deadline:
October 15, 2018 for priority consideration, followed by an open enrollment until filled, 15 participants maximum.

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