UAF’s 2008-09 Baccalaureate Core Curriculum

Through the baccalaureate core experience, every UAF student is expected to achieve:

Multidimensional competency in written and oral English — including comprehension of complex materials and creation of clearly organized presentations of soundly reasoned thought in both oral and written form;

A solid grasp of quantitative reasoning and mathematical application;

An intellectual comfort with the sciences — including the scientific method, frameworks that have nurtured scientific thought, traditions of human inquiry and the impact of technology on the world’s ecosystems;

An appreciation of cultural diversity and its implications for individual and group values, aesthetics and social and political institutions;

An understanding of global economic interdependence, sense of historical consciousness and a more critical comprehension of literature and the arts;

A better understanding of one’s own values, other value systems and relationships between value systems and life choices.

The AACU Essential Learning Outcomes

Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World – through study in the sciences and mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages and the arts – focused by engagement with big questions, both contemporary and enduring;

Intellectual and Practical Skills, including inquiry and analysis, critical and creative thinking, written and oral communication, quantitative literacy, information literacy, *teamwork and problem solving – practiced extensively, across the curriculum, in the context of progressively more challenging problems, projects and standards of performance;

Personal and Social Responsibility, including *civic knowledge and engagement – local and global, intercultural knowledge and competence, ethical reasoning and action, and *foundations and skills for lifelong learning – anchored though active involvement with diverse communities and real-world challenges;

*Integrative and Applied Learning, including synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general and specialized studies – demonstrated through the application of knowledge, skills and responsibilities to new settings and complex problems.

*indicates new learning outcomes compared to UAF’s current Core curriculum