

# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS AlaskaMester

## Factsheet

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is the flagship campus of the University of Alaska System. We've got our own rocket range, an ice breaking science ship and professors who've published more Arctic research than any other university worldwide. But here, you'll find far more than science – we're enriched by a full suite of art, theater, film and language programs. It's no wonder U.S. News & World Report calls UAF a top-tier national university – the only one in Alaska. UAF leads the world in climate research and is home to the most extreme outdoor laboratory in the United States.

Every spring visiting AlaskaMester students connect and engage with the unique opportunities in Alaska for a semester-long, transformative learning experience. With a curriculum centered around Alaska's one-of-a-kind bio-geographical and cultural landscapes, AlaskaMester coursework will explore Alaska's unique natural history, natural resources, and the impact of climate change in the Arctic through a wide range of mediums. Learning tracks include Climate Activist, Field Researcher, Outdoor Explorer and Passionate Creative – or students can build their own track based on their personal interests!

## Estimated Program Cost

AlaskaMester tuition varies between Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), National Student Exchange (NSE) partners and all other schools. NSE partners are offered the Alaska resident rate. Estimated semester costs:

Undergraduate Students	Alaska resident	Non-resident	WUE
Tuition and fees*	\$5,460	\$13,950	\$7,365
Housing and food	\$5,995	\$5,995	\$5,995
Semester total	\$11,445	\$19,945	\$13,630

*Tuition and fees are based on the types of courses and number of credits.*

You can estimate tuition and fees here: <https://uaf.edu/handbook/register/tuition.php>.

**Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)** – The WUE program allows students from western U.S. states to attend participating out-of-state colleges at a reduced tuition rate – at 150% of in-state tuition.

**National Student Exchange (NSE)** – The NSE program lets students study for up to a year at over 160 colleges in the U.S., Canada, and U.S. territories. Students can pay either in-state tuition at the host school or their home school's tuition. Eligibility and costs vary by institution.

## Who Can Apply

- Domestic and international students of sophomore standing or higher, of any study discipline, are welcome.
- Non-U.S. citizens are welcome to apply. There are visa requirements you must complete to be admitted to the program, and regulations to follow while attending UAF. UAF staff can counsel you through the visa process.
- Graduate students are welcome to apply.
- There is no GPA requirement.

# Accommodation and Student Support

<b>On-Campus Housing and Food</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/reslife/">www.uaf.edu/reslife/</a> Students are required to live on campus for their semester at UAF. UAF offers several Residence Halls for on campus living.</p> <p><a href="http://uaf.edu/dining/">uaf.edu/dining/</a> Undergraduate students living on-campus are required to purchase a meal plan.</p>
<b>Disability Services</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/disabilityservices/">www.uaf.edu/disabilityservices/</a> UAF Disability Services provides UAF students with access to academic classes and course materials through an interactive accommodation process.</p>
<b>Office of Rights, Compliance and Accountability</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/orca/">www.uaf.edu/orca/</a> ORCA works to provide a respectful and welcoming university environment. ORCA will serve as a single point of contact for matters involving Title IX, discrimination, student behavioral intervention, crisis management and our Student CARE Team.</p>
<b>Title IX - Sex &amp; Gender Equality</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/titleix/index.php">www.uaf.edu/titleix/index.php</a> UAF is committed to providing a safe and respectful campus environment free from gender-based violence and sexual harassment. The Title IX Office leads the effort to ensure UAF moves beyond mere compliance with civil rights laws to embodying the principles of respect and equality for all. The office works with many other groups and programs to reach these goals.</p>
<b>Student Health and Counseling Center</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/chc/">www.uaf.edu/chc/</a> Medical and mental health support is offered to all students. Students automatically pay a semester fee that gives them access to see a provider for no charge (there may be charges for medical supplies or tests, if needed).</p>
<b>Campus Resources and Emergency Information</b>	<p><a href="http://www.uaf.edu/orca/resources/campus-resources.php">www.uaf.edu/orca/resources/campus-resources.php</a> On-campus police force and fire department: <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/police/">www.uaf.edu/police/</a> 24-hour Emergency Line: +1-907-474-7721 UAF on Alert: <a href="http://uafalert.alaska.edu/">uafalert.alaska.edu/</a></p>

# Available Areas of Study

Students may study anything UAF has to offer, [our whole catalog](#) is open to students as long as they meet the course prerequisites.

Tracks below are samples of potential areas of interest.



**For the Climate Activist** — Work alongside the top climate scientists in the world as you study climate change in the Arctic. Hone your passion for actionable science and community engagement in the heart of Alaska, which is warming three times faster than the global average. The climate track offers unique opportunities for field-based, hands-on learning and research.



**For the Field Researcher** — Engage in Arctic research at the nation's farthest North university. UAF's world-class faculty use a Northern perspective to educate and advance knowledge of natural, biological and technological systems. The science in Alaska track illuminates scientific knowledge through innovative teaching, budding research and experiential learning.



**For the Outdoor Explorer** — Let's go outside! You're in Alaska, after all. Take a trip into the beautiful wilderness of Alaska, fully curated by the experienced UAF staff of Nanook Recreation and Outdoor Adventures. Whether it's a day trip to hike Ester Dome, or a weekend trip to camp in Denali National Park, the outdoor explorer track will fully equip you to take on the Alaskan outdoors.



**For the Passionate Creative** — Up in Fairbanks, you'll have space to create. UAF's College of Liberal Arts is an incubator for change makers, activating all facets of the human spirit through the arts, humanities, languages and social sciences. The humanities in the far North track offers students the opportunity to glimpse and engage with the unique perspectives of Northern cultures and histories.



**Custom Track** — The sky's the limit in Alaska! What drives you? Let's build a track that's just for you, and aligns with your personal and academic goals — plus you'll connect with like minded folks and join a community of thinkers, doers, creatives and leaders.

Visit the [AlaskaMester website](#) for course samples from each track.

A UAF degree offers the ultimate opportunity: a chance to make a living doing what you love.  
Choose the path that intrigues you — you never know where it might lead.

[Explore all UAF has to offer](#)



# Research Opportunities

UAF offers graduate and undergraduate students many ways to get hands-on experience — 46% of undergraduate students who receive a bachelor's degree complete a research, thesis or honors project.

Visiting students have the same opportunities as degree-seeking students to take part in research at one of UAF's more than [50 research centers and institutes](#). Several lines of research are renowned worldwide, most notably in Arctic biology, Arctic engineering, geophysics, supercomputing and Indigenous studies.



## Get Outdoors

It's Alaska — let's get you outside! Outdoor Adventures and Nanook Recreation provide AlaskaMester students with full package trip opportunities to get out into the beautiful wilderness of Alaska.

The AlaskaMester coordinator will assist you in finding adventure programming that suits your unique interests. Whether you're looking to dip your toes or go all in on a multi-day trip, AlaskaMester can help you realize your backcountry Alaskan dreams.

Learn more at [www.uaf.edu/recreation/outdoor-adventures/](http://www.uaf.edu/recreation/outdoor-adventures/)



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