

Fall, 2017

There are so many things to get done, and we hope this list will help your move to Fairbanks a little easier. Please read all documents carefully, and make sure you complete everything on this list! Links to all of the processes are available on the IP&I website at <http://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/>

As soon as possible:

1. Immigration/Visa
 - Pay your SEVIS fee
 - Schedule your visa appointment (Canadians do NOT need a visa)
2. Make travel arrangements (flight reservations to Fairbanks, Alaska)
3. Apply for UAF campus housing
 - Residence Hall (housing) application <http://uaf.edu/reslife/apply/>
 - Graduate student and family housing application: <https://www.uaf.edu/reslife/home/>
 - Health Inventory form, available from the UAF Center for Health and Counseling at <http://www.uaf.edu/chc/forms/>
4. Course Selection: Contact the academic advisor indicated on your admission letter for course registration instructions.

After you arrive in the United States:

1. Arrive in Fairbanks!

The earliest date that you can enter the US using your student visa and the I-20 is July 29, 2017. Undergraduates (Bachelors and Associates level): You should plan to be in Fairbanks by August 25 to attend new student orientation (which is mandatory). Graduate students (Masters and PhD level): Orientation begins on August 25.
2. Move In

The Residence Halls open at 8:00am on Thursday, August 25. If you are arriving earlier, be sure to make other arrangements. You can move into UAF housing on August 24 if you let Reija Shnoro know by Jun 19, 2017. Her email is rsshnoro@alaska.edu. The cost of this additional night is \$20/night/person. If you need to check in earlier than August 24 in order to start teaching or research assistantship work or to attend a training, please let Reija know and she will work with the Residence Life to arrange housing for you. The cost is \$20/night/person. Information on other Fairbanks accommodations: <http://explorefairbanks.com/where-to-stay>.
3. Visit UAF Offices
 - Get your PolarExpress card (this is your UAF student identification card). The PolarExpress Office is located in Signer's Hall. For more information, visit: <http://www.uaf.edu/finerv/bursar/polarexpress/>. You must be registered for classes before your Polar Express card can be issued.
 - Set up your UAF electronic student account. This account will provide you access to your official UAF email account and other web-based student services. Start by visiting this page: <https://elmo.alaska.edu/> and choosing Option 2 or Option 3.
 - Sign up for a post office box at the Office of the Bursar (1st floor Signer's Hall).
4. Visit IP&I—you must do this within 10 days of your arrival in the US. Make sure you bring your:
 - Passport
 - I-94 arrival record. You may print a copy here: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>
 - I-20
5. Attend New Student Orientation: See the orientation information provided separately.
6. Attend all of your classes. Classes at UAF begin on Monday, August 28, 2017.
7. Pay your tuition and fees. The deadline for fee payment is 5:00pm, Monday, September 11, 2017.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to meeting you!