

# Visiting Student Factsheet

## Academic Year 2023-2024



### About Us

Name of University	University of Alaska Fairbanks ( <a href="https://www.uaf.edu">https://www.uaf.edu</a> )
General Introduction	<p>The University of Alaska Fairbanks, located in Fairbanks, Alaska, USA, is the flagship campus of the University of Alaska System. UAF is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant institution. It is also the site where the Alaska Constitution was drafted and signed in 1955 and 1956. UAF was established in 1917 as the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, first opening for classes in 1922.</p> <p>Located just 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle, the Fairbanks campus's unique location is situated favorably for Arctic and northern research, as well as ample opportunity for views of the northern lights. The 2,205-acre campus has two lakes and more than 40 kilometers of trails. The downtown district is easily accessible via the local bus system and a network of bike trails. The city is steeped in a history of riverboat captains and gold seekers.</p>
Mailing address	<p>UAF Study Away Programs PO Box 756400 1747 South Chandalar Drive, Gruening Suite 510 Fairbanks, AK 99775, USA</p>
Contact Details	<p><b>Study Away Academic Advisor</b> (incoming/outgoing students) Anne Triest, <a href="mailto:aetriest@alaska.edu">aetriest@alaska.edu</a> +1-907-474-6516</p> <p>Prospective students are welcome to contact the email above directly.</p>
24-Hour Emergency	<b>+1-907-474-7721</b>
Helpful Links	<a href="https://studyabroad.uaf.edu/?go=prospect">https://studyabroad.uaf.edu/?go=prospect</a>
About Fairbanks	<a href="https://uaf.edu/uaf/about/campuses/fairbanks.php">https://uaf.edu/uaf/about/campuses/fairbanks.php</a>

### Application Process

<p><b>Required Application Materials</b></p> <p><u>Do not send physical copies</u>; those should be kept for your visa appointment.</p>	<p>Visit our website (<a href="https://studyabroad.uaf.edu/?go=incoming">https://studyabroad.uaf.edu/?go=incoming</a>) to find required forms. All items must be in English. Send via email to: <a href="mailto:aetriest@alaska.edu">aetriest@alaska.edu</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nomination Form signed by Home University</li> <li>2. Online application</li> <li>3. Financial Statement Form and proof of funding for duration of program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Exchange students must document up to \$12,000 USD per semester depending on program objective and graduate/undergraduate status</li> <li>b. Fee-paying students must document up to \$22,000 USD per semester</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Home University Transcript</li> <li>5. Copy of Passport</li> <li>6. English Proficiency Documentation</li> <li>7. <b>Students from non-partner universities must send additional documents.</b></li> </ol>
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## Dates and Fees

Important Dates	<p>UAF has a semester-based calendar. We have a fall and spring term, with an optional summer term. The Academic Calendar and important dates can be found in our Catalog: <a href="https://catalog.uaf.edu/calendar">https://catalog.uaf.edu/calendar</a>. Important deadlines for applications are below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Fall 2023 Dates:</b></td><td><b>Spring 2024 Dates:</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Nomination Deadline: 15 March</td><td>Exchange* Nomination Deadline: <b>15 March 2023</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Application Deadline: 3 April</td><td>Application Deadline: 2 October 2023</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suggested arrival: 22 August</td><td>Suggested arrival: 11 January</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mandatory Orientation: 23-25 August</td><td>Mandatory Orientation: 12 January</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fee Payment: 8 September</td><td>Fee Payment: 26 January</td></tr> <tr> <td>Classes: 28 August – 9 December</td><td>Classes: 16 January – 29 April</td></tr> <tr> <td>Final Exams: 11 – 16 December</td><td>Final Exams: 30 April – 4 May</td></tr> </table> <p>*We can accept fee-paying student nominations through 15 September for Spring.</p>	<b>Fall 2023 Dates:</b>	<b>Spring 2024 Dates:</b>	Nomination Deadline: 15 March	Exchange* Nomination Deadline: <b>15 March 2023</b>	Application Deadline: 3 April	Application Deadline: 2 October 2023	Suggested arrival: 22 August	Suggested arrival: 11 January	Mandatory Orientation: 23-25 August	Mandatory Orientation: 12 January	Fee Payment: 8 September	Fee Payment: 26 January	Classes: 28 August – 9 December	Classes: 16 January – 29 April	Final Exams: 11 – 16 December	Final Exams: 30 April – 4 May
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Mandatory Fees for Students	<p>There are several mandatory student fees which are not included in a tuition waiver for exchange students. Students should be prepared to pay approximately \$2,500 in mandatory fees each semester. Details regarding mandatory fees may be found here: <a href="https://uaf.edu/handbook/register/expenses/#basic">https://uaf.edu/handbook/register/expenses/#basic</a></p> <p>Fee-paying students (those not receiving an exchange tuition waiver) will be responsible for paying tuition at the <b>non-resident rate</b>. If a student is from a UA sister city (<a href="https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission-international-students/">https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission-international-students/</a>), they qualify for resident tuition.</p> <p>Tuition and fees are based on the types of courses and number of credits. An estimation calculator may be found on the Registrar's website: <a href="https://uaf.edu/handbook/register/tuition.php">https://uaf.edu/handbook/register/tuition.php</a>. This calculator will not calculate every possible fee, such as specific course or department fees.</p> <p>Students living on-campus at UAF will also owe housing and meal plan charges.</p>																

## Arrival and Departure Information

When to Arrive	<p>Students can arrive in the U.S. 30-days prior to the start date listed on their DS-2019 (usually listed as the first day of orientation).</p> <p>Students should plan to arrive in Fairbanks to attend the first day of orientation.</p> <p>Residence halls open on the first day of orientation. If students arrive before the residence halls open, they can request an early move-in date with Residence Life.</p>
How to get to campus	<p>Nearest airport is Fairbanks International Airport (FAI). UAF does not offer airport pickup service. Students can either take a cab, an Uber/Lyft, or take a city bus to campus. Cab fare is approximately \$20 from the airport to campus. A single ride on the bus is \$1.50.</p>
End of program	<p>Students should plan to stay until the last day of finals listed on the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Students have 30-days in which they can stay in the U.S. after their program end date listed on their DS-2019 before they will be required to leave. The end date listed on your DS-2019 is the last day of finals for your final semester.</p>
Can I extend?	<p>Yes, for you may extend your visa for study or practical experience with approval from our office. See the visa section below.</p>

## Course Information

Language of Instruction	All courses are conducted in English, unless it is a foreign language course.
Minimum Language Requirements	<p>Students must have a certain level of proficiency in English to be able to take content courses.</p> <p>To take regular UAF classes, students must have a minimum 70 on the TOEFL iBT.</p> <p>Students who have TOEFL iBT of 65-69 will be required to take one English intensive course.</p> <p>Students with TOEFL-iBT of 46-64 will be required to take 12 credits in the English intensive program.</p> <p>We do not recommend students attend UAF with a score lower than 46.</p> <p>If your university uses a different proficiency scale, let us know and we can convert requirements.</p>
Minimum Credits	<p>Undergraduate: 12 <u>in-person</u> credits per semester</p> <p>Graduate: 9 <u>in-person</u> credits at the 400- and 600-level per semester</p>
Restricted Courses	<p>All of the following courses for credit <u>do not count</u> towards the in-person requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance Courses; Courses that meet at a specific time but are held over Audio or Video Conference are considered distance.</li> <li>• Research/Thesis</li> <li>• Directed/Independent Study</li> <li>• Private Lessons</li> <li>• Internship</li> </ul> <p>There may be additional courses that do not count towards the in-person requirement that are not listed above.</p> <p>Internship, Research, and Thesis courses must be arranged in advance of registration. These are not pre-arranged opportunities; the student and faculty must design the course requirements together. This is extremely difficult to do before arrival to Fairbanks. We suggest students interested in these types of opportunities stay for a full year and make arrangements for these activities for their second semester.</p>
Course Information	<p><b>Course Descriptions:</b> <a href="https://catalog.uaf.edu/courses/">https://catalog.uaf.edu/courses/</a></p> <p>*Courses listed in the Catalog may not always be offered during the semester as predicted. Some courses listed might not be offered in Fairbanks.</p> <p><b>Semester offerings:</b></p> <p><a href="https://uaonline.alaska.edu/banprod/owa/bwck2sch.p_disp_dyn_sched">https://uaonline.alaska.edu/banprod/owa/bwck2sch.p_disp_dyn_sched</a></p> <p>*The Course Descriptions link lists courses offered by every UA campus all over the state of Alaska. <b>Students must take in-person UAF courses within the city of Fairbanks; students cannot take classes at one of UAF's other campuses around the state.</b> When searching for courses, students must be sure to narrow to the following campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UAF – Fairbanks Campus</li> </ul> <p>Once students have fulfilled their 12 in-person credit requirement they can search additional UAF campuses for distance courses. <b>Students cannot take classes at the other University of Alaska schools (UAA and UAS), not even by distance.</b></p>

## Available Areas of Study

<p>Selecting a Field of Study</p>	<p><b>Program Objective Requirement</b></p> <p>At the time of application, students are required to select a “Program Objective” (major/field of study) that they wish to study at UAF. The program objective can be related to their home degree, or it can be entirely different.</p> <p>Students must choose their program objective wisely, as courses taken during each semester of attendance must relate to this program objective. <b>75% of the student’s required credits must be related to the program objective to be approved.</b></p> <p>An example regarding course selection related to a program objective: A student chooses ‘Biological Sciences’; related classes could include a GIS course (GEOS), Statistics (STAT), Wildlife Conservation and Biology (WLF), or any other course that could be argued to be related to the program objective, even if it is not in the BIOL subject search.</p> <p>Once a student has at least 75% of their credits relating to their program objective, they are free to choose subjects in any other subject (though student will still need to have met prerequisites).</p>
<p><b>Undergraduate Program Objectives</b></p>	<p><b>Associate/Bachelor’s</b> (must take 12 in-person credits from 100-400 level)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accounting</li> <li>● Alaska Native Studies/Languages (limited courses)</li> <li>● Anthropology</li> <li>● Art</li> <li>● Biological Sciences</li> <li>● Business Administration</li> <li>● Chemistry</li> <li>● Communication/Journalism</li> <li>● Computer Science/Information Systems</li> <li>● Culinary Arts &amp; Hospitality</li> <li>● Economics (limited courses)</li> <li>● Engineering (<i>Civil, Electrical, Engineering Science, Mechanical, Mining, Petroleum</i>)</li> <li>● English</li> <li>● English as a Second Language (limited courses; at the intermediate level)</li> <li>● Film &amp; Performing Arts</li> <li>● Fisheries</li> <li>● Geology/Geophysics/Geoscience</li> <li>● History</li> <li>● Homeland Security &amp; Emergency Management</li> <li>● Linguistics</li> <li>● Marine Science</li> <li>● Mathematics/Statistics</li> <li>● Natural Resources &amp; Environment</li> <li>● Physics</li> <li>● Political Science (limited courses)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Graduate Program Objectives</b></p>	<p><b>Master/PhD</b> (must take 9 credits at 400- and 600-level, with at least 3 credits at 600-level)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Arctic and Northern Studies (limited courses)</li> <li>• Atmospheric Science (limited courses)</li> <li>• Biological Sciences</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Computer Science (limited courses)</li> <li>• Engineering (<i>Civil, Electrical, Engineering Science/Management, Environmental, Geological, Mechanical, Mining, Petroleum</i>)</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Fisheries</li> <li>• Geophysics/Geoscience</li> <li>• Linguistics</li> <li>• Marine Science</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Natural Resources &amp; Environment (limited courses)</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Statistics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Opportunities</b></p>	<p>UAF offers graduate and undergraduate students many ways to get hands-on experience -- 46 percent of undergraduate students who received a bachelor's degree completed 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 <a href="#">50 research centers and institutes</a>. Several lines of research are renowned worldwide, most notably in Arctic biology, Arctic engineering, geophysics, supercomputing, and aboriginal studies.</p> <p>It may be difficult to arrange research opportunities if you only stay one semester; we suggest you stay two semesters if you are interested in conducting research.</p>



## Accommodation and Student Support

On Campus Housing through Residence Life	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/reslife/">https://www.uaf.edu/reslife/</a></p> <p>Students are encouraged to live on-campus for their studies at UAF. UAF offers several Residence Halls for on-campus living. Undergraduate students living on-campus are required to purchase a meal plan: <a href="https://uaf.edu/dining/">https://uaf.edu/dining/</a></p> <p>Students will be required to pay a \$40 non-refundable application fee upon submission of their residence hall application.</p>
Disability Services	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/disabilityservices/">https://www.uaf.edu/disabilityservices/</a></p> <p>If you need accommodation of any kind while at UAF, you should reach out to Disability Services.</p>
Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/">https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/</a></p> <p>Supports student-centered programs and services designed to assist students in achieving their personal, educational, and social goals.</p>
Student Health and Counseling Center	<p>Website: <a href="https://uaf.edu/chc/">https://uaf.edu/chc/</a></p> <p>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 (though there may be charges for medical supplies or tests conducted, if needed).</p>
Campus Resources and Emergency Information	<p>Additional Links - <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/resources/campus-resources.php">https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/resources/campus-resources.php</a></p> <p>UAF has an on-campus police force and fire department: <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/police/">https://www.uaf.edu/police/</a></p> <p>UAF on Alert: <a href="http://uafalert.alaska.edu/">http://uafalert.alaska.edu/</a></p> <p>24 Emergency Line: +1-907-474-7721</p>

## Visa Requirements

Visa Type	J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, Issued by the U.S. Department of State: <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html</a>
How to apply for your visa	<p>Once your application for study has been approved by UAF, the <i>DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitors (J visa) Status</i> will be prepared. The Study Away staff will send this document, along with other information, to your home university coordinator. Once you receive the DS-2019, you can pay your SEVIS fee and arrange your visa interview. You can view details about the visa process on our website. UAF tries to send this document by mid-July, but sometimes it may take longer.</p> <p>Immigration Documents - <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/imm-documents/index.php">https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/imm-documents/index.php</a></p> <p>SEVIS Fee - <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/sevis-fee/index.php">https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/sevis-fee/index.php</a></p> <p>Visa Appointment and Interview - <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/visa-interview/index.php">https://www.uaf.edu/oip/future-intl-student/visa-interview/index.php</a></p>
Visa Extensions	Students can extend their visa for another semester of study or an Academic Training opportunity (employment, internship, research, or other practical experience related to your field of study). Extension paperwork must be submitted to our office a month prior to your DS-2019 end date.
Insurance	All international students are required to purchase UAF insurance costing approximately \$600-\$900 per semester.