ABOUT UAA

Surrounded by an environment that is both urban and wild, the University of Alaska Anchorage offers a gateway to innovative thinking, learning and exploration. UAA is the state’s largest university, situated in the heart of Alaska’s biggest city, with community campuses in Homer, Kodiak, Soldotna, Valdez and Mat-Su. UAA students experience a hands-on education, in and out of the classroom, with unique opportunities in academics, research and leadership, both locally and globally. UAA’s students and faculty come from diverse backgrounds, yet the university community is firmly rooted in Alaska. Together, we celebrate the cultural richness of our Southcentral Alaska location, the ancestral homelands of the Dena’ina Athabascan, Ahtna Athabascan, Alutiiq/Sugpiaq and Eyak peoples.

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Research

Research is central to UAA’s mission. University researchers work closely with federal and state scientists to advance knowledge in critical areas like fisheries management, economics, public policy, climate change and resource extraction, creating pioneering field internships and research opportunities for students. Students may participate in undergraduate research, offering active learning that takes them beyond the classroom to engage in personalized projects and introduce them to partnerships with faculty.

UAA founded the Innovate Awards in 2011 to foster cutting-edge research, then launched Seawolf Holdings LLC to establish a pathway toward the commercialization of UAA research. To date, UAA’s portfolio includes 16 patents. Four startup companies have been formed in Alaska based on the research of UAA faculty. In 2018, UAA launched Alaska’s first chapter of the National Academy of Inventors, an organization which aims to enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation.

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Workforce Development and Education

UAA is a leader in workforce development with strong ties to business, state and community leaders. Anchorage is the state’s hub for transportation, communications, health care, engineering, trade, service and finance. UAA collaborates with community partners to create efficient programs to meet the needs of these high-demand career fields in Alaska. Located in the heart of the U-Med District, UAA is the health campus for the statewide University of Alaska system and is at the forefront of educating students to become doctors, nurses and other health care and public health professionals and researchers.

Student Life

Find your people through UAA’s campus organizations and events. Students can choose from about 100 groups, including cultural, pre-professional, leadership and service groups and just about any special interest you can think of. Alaska’s beautiful multiuse trails connect campus to the entire city, from the Chugach Mountains to Cook Inlet. On campus, UAA has more than doubled its capacity as an athletic and community venue. The Alaska Airlines Center, home to Seawolf Athletics, also hosts community events and concerts. A recent redesign of the Seawolf Sports Complex has expanded opportunities for recreational student use. These, along with campus performance venues, provide a full ecosystem of opportunity for concerts and lectures, athletic events and art exhibitions. Students at UAA have endless opportunities to socialize and learn from each other.

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Centers and Institutes

UAA is home to several centers and institutes in a number of specialized fields, including environmental and natural resources, alcohol and addiction studies, economic education, circumpolar health studies, rural health, human development, social and economic research, justice, biomedicine, community engagement and learning, faculty excellence, economic and small business development, logistics and supply chain integration, psychological services, education policy, and Chinese and Japanese cultures.

Degree Programs

UAA offers students many career programs leading to associate, baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degrees, as well as vocational and professional certificates in study areas ranging from arts and humanities, science, education and engineering. Nurse practitioners can earn a Doctorate of Nursing Practice at UAA, enabling them to access the highest level of education in their profession and gain critical expertise necessary to fully participate in policy decisions regarding health care. UAA also offers a Ph.D. in clinical-community psychology and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in collaboration with Idaho State University.

In fall 2017, UAA launched a new Surgical Technology program, responding to a state workforce need identified by Alaska health care providers.

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Enrollment

Total UAA Student Headcount 16,530

Student Profile

Race and Ethnicity

- Multiracial, Other & Unspecified 2,635 (16.0%)
- African American 469 (2.8%)
- Alaska Native / American Indian (+ multirace) 1,703 (10.3%)
- Asian 1,011 (6.1%)
- Hispanic (+ multirace) 1,239 (7.5%)
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander 265 (1.6%)
- White 9,208 (55.7%)

Gender

- Female 9,783 (59.2%)
- Male 6,562 (39.7%)
- not reported 185 (1.1%)

Age

- Under 20: 3,757 (22.8%)
- 20-24: 4,609 (27.9%)
- 25-29: 2,482 (15.0%)
- 30-39: 2,819 (17.1%)
- 40-49: 1,493 (9.0%)
- 50-59: 943 (5.7%)
- 60+: 427 (2.6%)

Faculty Profile

Gender

- Female 631 (54%)
- Male 536 (46%)

Student/Faculty Ratio

(Total Full-time Equivalent Student Headcount / Total Full-time Equivalent Faculty) 13:1


Accreditation

UAA earns its accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). In January 2019, the NWCCU Board of Commissioners reaffirmed UAA’s institutional accreditation. UAA’s five core themes are aligned with the university’s mission to discover and disseminate knowledge and serve the higher education needs of the state and its diverse communities in an open-access environment.

Core Accreditation Themes

- Teaching and Learning
- Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity
- Student Success
- UAA Community
- Public Square

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Intercollegiate Athletics

Mascot: Seawolf

Division I Sports

Gymnastics (W), Ice Hockey (M)

Division II Sports

Basketball (M & W), Skiing (M & W), Track & Field/Cross Country (M & W), Volleyball (W)

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Important Numbers

- Campus Main Switchboard .. 907-786-1800
- Disability Support Services .. 907-786-4530
- Enrollment Services ........ 907-786-1480
- Equity and Compliance/Title IX .. 907-786-0818
- Parking Services ............. 907-786-1119
- Student Information Desk ... 907-786-1204
- University Police ............ 907-786-1120

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