International Student Profile

Definition

This profile defines international students as non-U.S. citizens enrolled in a fall semester who require F1 or J1 visas to attend UAA.

Individuals seeking F1 student visas must be admitted to degree programs and must meet certain other requirements before the U.S. Customs and Immigration Services documents are issued. Once here, they must attend full-time.

Students holding J1 exchange visitor visas are typically not admitted to degree programs. Most of the international students included in this profile are holding visas obtained through UAA, but a few may be holding visas obtained through another university or organization.

Degree Level

- Bachelor: 76%
- Associate: 7%
- Graduate: 7%
- Non-Degree: 8%
- Certificate: 1%

Enrollment up from Fall 2010

UAA welcomed 290 international students in Fall 2011, a 9% increase over Fall 2010 and 44% more than Fall 2006.

The number of international students enrolled as freshmen nearly doubled from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011, from 49 to 96 students. This dramatic increase drove the total number of freshmen past that of seniors for the first time in the last five years. Freshmen now represent 36% of the total international undergraduate students.

For the first time, UAA welcomed students from Saudi Arabia (19), Afghanistan (1) and Brazil (2), reflecting successful outreach by International Student Services targeting countries that were under- or not represented at UAA. College-level ESL courses that count as elective credit toward degrees have also helped attract new international students to UAA.

Seventy-six percent of the 290 international students on F1 and J1 visas come from six countries: Russia, South Korea, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Mongolia. South Korea, third on the list of countries of origin nationwide, saw its enrollment at UAA jump from 37 to 56 (a 51% increase from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011) putting it second on the list for UAA. The 19 students from Saudi Arabia put that country fourth on UAA’s list of places of origin. It is in sixth place nationally.

Note: International Student Services reports a total of 843 non-U.S. citizens enrolled at UAA in Fall 2011. These include the 290 profiled in this report (students on F1 and J1 visas) plus immigrants and students on other non-immigrant visas.

General Characteristics

- 97% Nearly all international students are enrolled on the Anchorage campus.
- 90% Nine out of ten are under the age of 30.
- 73% The majority have been admitted to baccalaureate programs.
- 51% Males outnumber females for the first time in five years.
- 48% Almost half paid non-resident tuition.
- 40% Business continues to enroll the largest number of students, with nearly all in baccalaureate programs.
- 39% Asian/Pacific Islands are the largest minority group.
- 20% One out of five (57 individuals) is an athlete—nearly half are from Canada and one-third are here to play hockey.
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Top Countries of Origin

- Russia 64
- South Korea 56
- People's Republic of China 6
- Canada 39
- Norway 15
- Denmark 3
- Germany 6
- Mongolia 15
- Kenya 8
- Saudi Arabia 19
- Taiwan 7
- Japan 18
- Australia 4

Total Countries Represented: 42

Ethnicity

- Pacific Islander/Asian 39%
- White 48%
- Multi/Other 1%
- Hispanic 2%
- Black 4%
- Unspecified 6%
- Other 5%

Tuition Type

- Resident 52%
- Non-Resident 48%
- Other Non-Resident 6
- Pending 2
- Canadian Territories Agreements 8
- Sister City Agreements 140
- Other Non-Resident Tuition Types 2

Top Degree Programs

- BBA Management 24
- BBA Marketing 22
- BBA Accounting 19
- BS Pre-Major Nursing Science 13
- BBA Management Information Systems 11
- BA Undeclared 10
- MBA General Management 9
- BS Physical Education 8
- BA Finance 8
- BA Psychology 7
- BBA Global Logistics Supply Chain Mgt 6
- BBA Economics 6
- BA Computer Science 6
- BA International Studies 5
- BA Elementary Education 5
- BA Economics 5

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Sources: UAA Institutional Research; "UAA International Students on F1 and J1 Visas"; International Student Services; The Institute of International Education, OpenDoors® 2010-2011 Fast Facts.