

## FAQ

*We encourage you to set up an appointment with our office to get one-on-one guidance. We can help you determine which options are the best for you and help you explore those options more in-depth. You can always call (907-786-1720) or e-mail ([uaa\\_edabroad@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_edabroad@alaska.edu)).*

- **How does studying abroad fit into my academic plan?**

Students can choose from a variety of programs abroad that are for-credit, including traditional study abroad and internships abroad and go for either a summer, semester or the year.

- **How do I get started with education abroad?**

That's great you're wanting to go abroad. First, check out the education abroad website to verify your eligibility to go abroad. After you've explored options and have chosen a program, submit the UAA Education Abroad Application for eligibility approval, and then complete the application through the provider that you have chosen.

- **What is the difference between Study Abroad Programs hosted by a Third Party Provider (like Academic Program International (API), Worldstrides, etc.) and International Exchange Programs?**

The main difference between programs hosted by a third party provider and international exchange is the amount of work a student puts into the preparation process. Programs hosted by a third party provider provide more support for students with the application process, course registration, and securing housing. With international exchange programs (including north2north), students do not have as much administrative support, so these programs are not recommended for first-time travelers abroad.

- **What is north2north?**

The north2north UArctic program is a type of international exchange program. All majors are welcome but students who choose to participate in the north2north UArctic exchange have the opportunity to focus on issues relevant to the North and to northern populations. Students who participate in the north2north exchange are responsible for their own course registration, securing housing, applying for a student visa, etc.

- **Can I use Financial Aid to pay for program fees?**

Most financial aid can be used to pay for study abroad program fees. Students should consult with the UAA Office of Financial Aid ([financial.aid@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:financial.aid@uaa.alaska.edu)) for personalized details.

- **Can I use my Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and/or my UAScholars award for program fees?**

Yes, but students must communicate with the UAA Office of Financial Aid in order to use these awards. These awards will not automatically apply to program fees.

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- **Which option is cheaper?**

It depends on a variety of factors. International exchange is not always the cheaper option, although from the first look it might seem so. We suggest setting up an appointment with our office to talk about things to consider when planning your time away.

- **How will my grades transfer?**

All classes taken on a program through UAA Education Abroad will come back to your UAA transcript. Students complete a Preliminary Course Evaluation prior to departure to determine the UAA equivalencies. Students must work with their academic advisor about how UAA academic requirements will be fulfilled.

Credit earned through study abroad programs hosted by a third-party provider or an international exchange program will be posted as resident credit. This means that the grades you earn will directly impact your UAA GPA and ability to graduate with university honors and maintain financial aid eligibility.

Credit earned on a study-away program through UAF will be posted as transfer credit. While grades for transfer credit do not affect your UAA GPA as it appears on your academic transcript, they can affect your financial aid eligibility, as well as your ability to graduate with university honors.

- **I have been on a study abroad program before. Do I have to redo my whole application?**

We are glad to see you again! If you want to participate in another program, please start a new application in the online UAA application system.

- **Will I still be eligible for the PFD?**

The Permanent Fund Division may ask for proof that you were absent from Alaska for educational purposes when you apply for your PFD. Students must submit an Education Verification Form (AK PFD form #04304) directly to the Registrar's Office for processing. The form will be processed and sent directly to the AK Department of Revenue PFD Division within 3 business days. For additional questions, please email [uaa.records@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa.records@alaska.edu).

- **I am an international student at UAA (F-1). Can I study abroad?**

Yes! Although, there are some additional things students need to consider. Please set up an appointment with the International Student Services office to discuss your options: David Racki, International Student Advisor, (907)786-1573, [dracki@alaska.edu](mailto:dracki@alaska.edu)

- **Can I participate in a study abroad program through UAF?**

Yes, but it depends on availability. UAA students who want to study abroad through a UAF program must do the following:

- 1) Complete the UAA study abroad application
- 2) After approval from UAA, students complete a UAF study away application
- 3) After UAF has approved the application, students then apply to their desired program

*For more information, please connect with the Education Abroad Coordinator.*

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