

# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION: BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

## When to Apply

First-year and transfer students apply for admission to bachelor's degree programs by June 15 for fall semester, Nov. 1 for spring semester and May 1 for summer semester. Applications are available for admission one year prior to the deadline: June 16 for fall semester, Nov. 2 for spring semester and May 2 for summer semester.

Applications are processed in the order they are received. Applications received after the published deadlines may not be processed by the beginning of the semester.

High school seniors are encouraged to apply for admission as early as the first semester of their senior year and should provide a high school transcript including a list of courses in progress, and are encouraged to submit ACT and/or SAT scores. Transfer students should apply at least three to four months before the beginning of the semester in which they plan to enroll to allow for additional time for processing of transfer credit, and should submit transcripts for all colleges attended.

## How to Apply

To be admitted to UAF, a student must:

1. **Submit an application for admission**  
Apply online at the Office of Admissions website (<https://www.uaf.edu/admissions/>). Applications must be received before the published deadlines, along with a \$50 nonrefundable application fee. Applications submitted after the published deadlines have a \$75 nonrefundable application fee and are processed in the order they are received. They may not be processed by the beginning of the semester.
2. **Submit transcripts**  
To be considered official, transcripts must arrive in sealed envelopes from each institution attended.

**High school transcripts** — Applicants with no college course work or fewer than 30 semester credit hours of college credit must submit official high school transcripts. Students currently enrolled in high school may submit unofficial, in-progress transcripts for admissions review. Acceptance becomes final when official transcripts with degree earned are received.

**College transcripts** — Applicants who have college-level course work may submit unofficial, in-progress college or university transcripts to UAF for admissions review, but will need to submit official transcripts for applying transfer credit.

**International** — See Applying for Admission: International Students (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/getting-started/admission-international-students/>) page for additional information.

### 3. Submit official test results

First-year and transfer applicants with fewer than 30 semester credit hours are encouraged to submit the results of either the ACT or the SAT examination. Please note that the ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, ALEKS or other placement tests do not satisfy this requirement. Applicants are also encouraged to send in official results of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or CLEP scores.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

See Applying for Admission: International Students (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/getting-started/admission-international-students/>) page for additional information.

## Admission Requirements

For admission to baccalaureate-level programs, applicants must:

- a. have a high school diploma, and
- b. pass the 16-credit high school core curriculum (see High School Entrance Requirements (p. 1)) with a GPA of at least 2.5 and
- c. have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Admission to a specific bachelor's degree program is based on a combination of your high school GPA and completion of specific high school courses. See High School Entrance Requirements (p. 1) to specific colleges and schools within the university.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

### High School Core Curriculum

Required for all first year students; 2.50 GPA in core; 16 credits total, which must include:

English	Math	Social Sciences	Natural/Physical Sciences	Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>
4 cr	3-4 cr in college preparatory mathematics (selected from Algebra I, II, geometry, trigonometry, elementary functions, precalculus or calculus)	3-4 cr	3-4 cr (includes 1-cr lab science course in biology, chemistry or physics)	2 cr

4 cr	Algebra-2 cr; Geometry-1 cr; Trigonometry-1/2 cr; At least an additional 1/2 cr of advanced math is recommended for computer science, mathematics, physics, statistics and engineering.	3-4 cr	Physics or Chemistry-1 cr; Natural Sciences-1 cr; Elective-1cr. Both physics and chemistry are strongly recommended for engineering.	Same as high school core
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**College of Liberal Arts • School of Management • College of Rural and Community Development • General Studies (undecided or exploratory)**

4 cr	Same as high school core; School of Management students should be well-prepared in mathematics with at least Algebra II, but precalculus or higher is preferred.	3-4 cr	Same as high school core	Same as high school core
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<sup>1</sup> Recommended but not required.

**PRE-MAJOR**

Students who have not met the minimum requirements for admission to a baccalaureate degree program will be admitted to pre-major in general studies.

Students will be changed to major status when they are in good standing and have completed 14 credits at the 100 level or above with a C (2.0) average or higher; 9 of the 14 credits must satisfy the general education requirements.

**GENERAL STUDIES**

Incoming students are not required to choose a degree program and have the option of choosing general studies - undeclared. These students are advised by the Academic Advising Center and will work with them on transitioning into a declared major. Students receiving GI assistance or veterans' benefits may be required to change to a declared major to keep their benefits award.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS**

A transfer student is defined as someone coming into the university who has been a degree student at any other institution prior to the semester applied for. Students with more than 30 university semester credit hours must only submit prior college transcript(s). Students with less than 30 semester credits must submit high school transcripts and are encouraged to submit test scores (ACT or SAT) in addition to their college transcripts, and will be evaluated based on all transcripts. Transfer students are eligible for admission to a bachelor's program if they have a 2.0 GPA in their previous course work and left their previous institution(s) in good standing. If applying to a technical or scientific program, students may need to present a higher grade average and proof that they have completed appropriate background courses before they will be admitted. Admission status for students who have attended an unaccredited postsecondary institution will be determined on an individual basis. See Transferring Credits (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/getting-started/transferring-credits/>) for more information.

**PROBATIONAL ACCEPTANCE**

Applicants with previous college course work may be admitted with probationary status or an academic warning if their cumulative or most recent term grade point average is less than C (2.0).

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

High school students (<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/highschool.php>) may take classes at UAF. The Alaska Higher Education Admission Decision (AHEAD) program requires formal admittance to UAF. Other enrollment options are Secondary Student Enrollment, Advantage Program and TECH PREP, have specific registration requirements but do not require admission to UAF.

**AHEAD PROGRAM**

The Alaska Higher Education Admission Decision (AHEAD) program allows qualified high school students to be formally admitted to UAF as general studies students. AHEAD students are assigned an academic advisor and follow the registration timeline for degree students. To qualify, students must have completed three-fourths of their high school core curriculum and have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher. Students who wish to apply to the AHEAD program may get a program application from the Office of Admissions (<https://uaf.edu/admissions/apply/highschool.php>).

**ADVANTAGE PROGRAM**

The Advantage program (<https://ecampus.uaf.edu/highschool/>) provides dual-enrollment students access to a unique virtual middle college opportunity featuring UAF's high-quality online courses for all Alaskans. The program offers comprehensive student support for all high school students and competitive package pricing to students from our partner districts. Students interested in the Advantage program can contact UAF eCampus for help getting started.

**HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS**

Home-schooled students who have gone through a state-recognized program and have a valid high school diploma may be admitted to a bachelor's program according to UAF admission standards. See How to Apply section (p. 1) for more information.

For home-schooled students who have not gone through a state-recognized program, admission to a bachelor's degree is through an individual review by the director of admissions (or a designee). Applicants are encouraged to submit scores from either the SAT or ACT. Additional supporting documentation, such as letters of recommendation, may be requested for review by the director of admissions. In some cases, files will be shared with deans, department chairs or faculty for further review.

Students who have not met the minimum requirements for admission to a bachelor's degree program may be admitted to pre-major status. Students will be changed to major status when their admissions file is complete, they are in good standing, and they have completed 14 credits at the 100 level or above with a C (2.0) average or higher, 9 credits of which must satisfy baccalaureate general education requirements (GER).

## After Acceptance

### INCOMPLETE AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Qualified applicants will receive a letter of acceptance once all required items are received and evaluated. Qualified applicants who are in their last year of high school or are attending another college will receive incomplete acceptance. Acceptance becomes final when the Office of Admissions receives official transcripts showing the student has satisfactorily completed all work in progress and that a high school diploma or GED has been earned. Acceptance to UAF is final only when the Office of Admissions has reviewed all necessary credentials.

### REQUEST TO POSTPONE

An offer of admission to UAF is valid for the semester for which the applicant applied. Requests to postpone admission until a later semester must be made in writing to the Office of Admissions. Admission may be postponed for up to one calendar year. Students are required to notify the Office of Admissions if they are attending another school outside the University of Alaska statewide system.

### APPLYING FOR A SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Upon official acceptance to a UAF undergraduate degree program, a student who earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have completed the equivalent of the baccalaureate general education requirements (GER).

### READMISSION OF FORMER DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Undergraduate degree students who choose not to enroll for a semester or more may be eligible to re-enroll in their original degree program without reapplying for admission. Students remain eligible to register for classes if:

- they have not been academically disqualified,
- they have not attended a non-UA institution since they were last enrolled at UAF,
- their lapse in enrollment is less than two years, and
- they are continuing with the same degree program.

Students should be aware that poor academic performance at other campuses in the UA system may affect academic standing upon their return to UAF. Students who meet all of the above requirements should consult with their academic advisor and register for classes. Students who do not meet all of these requirements should submit an undergraduate application for admission along with the application fee and transcripts of any non-UA course work taken. Students who are unsure about their status should contact the Office of Admissions.

#### Fresh Start for Returning Students

Fresh Start can offer a new beginning for students who performed poorly at UAF when they last attended and who have taken at least a two-year break from classes. Those who withdrew from school or were dismissed for academic reasons may apply for readmission and request that their entire prior academic record be disregarded. Students who qualify for Fresh Start begin their college study anew with no credits attempted or

earned, and no quality points reflected in future GPA calculations. Fresh Start can be used only once.

All prior course work will remain part of the student's overall academic record and appear on transcripts, but none of the previously earned credits can be used in a new program. These credits will be included only in GPA computations for graduation with honors (see Graduation with Honors (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/bachelors/#graduation>)). A student admitted under Fresh Start may be allowed advanced standing or a waiver of requirements just as any other student, but will not be allowed credit by exam for courses lost in Fresh Start.

#### Readmission of Service Members

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires that students who left school to serve in the uniformed services be readmitted into the same program with the same standing they had when they left. UAF allows for special readmission of these students. More information is available at the Military and Veteran Services website (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/>).

## Where to Get More Information

#### Office of Admissions

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