YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

UAF Communication by Email

UAF uses email to communicate with students on many important matters. Email is often the only way some information is distributed, so it is important that you regularly check your university email address or forward mail from your UAF address to an address you check frequently. The university automatically assigns each student an official UAF email account when the student enrolls (except students whose primary registration is through Bristol Bay, Chukchi, Interior-Aleutians, Kuskokwim or Northwest campuses). If you have multiple UAF email accounts, you should forward them to the one you check most often. You are responsible for knowing — and, when appropriate, acting on — the contents of all university communications sent to your official UAF email account.

All notifications regarding waitlisted courses will be sent to your student preferred email address. To receive these important notifications, be sure your email is current and you have selected your preferred student email at UAO (http://uaonline.alaska.edu): select “Personal Identification” tab, then click on “Update Student Preferred Email Address.”

If you want to receive university communications at a different email address, you need to forward email from your assigned UAF account to an email address of your choice. You can easily do this online at www.alaska.edu/google/faqs/top/.

Keep Your Mailing and Email Addresses Up-To-Date

To receive information about early registration for the next semester, and to receive other important information, be sure your current addresses are updated in the Office of Admissions and the Registrar. Your current mailing address may be updated on the web at UAO (http://uaonline.alaska.edu) or through the Office of Admissions and the Registrar. To forward your email address, see the paragraph above.

Attendance

Registration entitles you to a seat in the classes you want. However, you must begin attending classes on the first day of instruction or you may lose your place, regardless of whether or not you have paid tuition and fees. Not attending class and not paying tuition and fees will not remove your financial obligation to the university. If you do not plan to attend, you must drop your classes within the 100 percent refund period to avoid assessment of tuition and fees. The university will drop you from your classes for non-payment.

DegreeWorks — Your GPS to Graduation

Now you can easily check your progress toward graduation with DegreeWorks, our web-based degree audit software. DegreeWorks tells you how far you’ve come and how far you need to go to reach your graduation goals. DegreeWorks will enable you to:

- View your progress toward your degree
- Run a degree audit on your program
- See how all completed courses apply to graduation requirements
- See any outstanding degree requirements still needed
- Determine how courses may be used toward a different major

Students can log into their DegreeWorks records via UAO (http://uaonline.alaska.edu). Under “Student Services & Account Information” select “DegreeWorks/ Electronic Degree Audit.”

Students applying for graduation will be provided an official degree audit evaluation once graduation application processing begins.

Student Code of Conduct

As with all members of the university community, the university requires students to conduct themselves honestly and responsibly, and to respect the rights of others. Conduct that unreasonably interferes with the learning environment or that violates the rights of others is prohibited by the standards and guidelines described in university regulation and UAF rules and procedures, collectively referred to as the Student Code of Conduct, or code. Students and student organizations will be responsible for ensuring that they and their guests comply with the code while on property owned or controlled by the university or at activities authorized by the university. The entire student code of conduct, including prohibited conduct and sanctions, is online at www.uaf.edu/usa/student-resources/conduct/#condu.
Blackboard
Blackboard is the university’s learning management system that gives students and faculty the ability to participate in classes delivered solely online and/or the flexibility to use online materials and activities to complement face-to-face teaching. UAF eLearning and Distance Education courses are offered through Blackboard and may use other technology to enhance course content delivery. Blackboard makes it possible for instructors to deliver classes entirely online and/or use online materials and activities to complement face-to-face teaching. Blackboard provides students with course materials, discussion boards, virtual chat rooms, online quizzes, and an academic resource center and more. Using Blackboard, instructors can provide students with resources such as lecture notes, Power Point presentations or class handouts. If you’re enrolled in a course that uses Blackboard, be sure to look for information about it. For more information about Blackboard, please visit http://classes.uaf.edu. For Blackboard-related questions, please call the OIT Support Center at 907-450-8300 or helpdesk@alaska.edu, or UAF eLearning and Distance Education at 907-479-3444 or uaf-elearning@alaska.edu.

Bookstore
The Bookstore is in the lower and main levels of Constitution Hall. Products available include textbooks, UAF clothing, insignia gift items, general books, study aids, school and art supplies, calculators, snacks and sundries.

Bookstore hours
- Monday–Friday, 7:45 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Summer hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Please visit www.uaf.edu/bookstore/ for special hours

How to buy textbooks
You can browse and buy your textbooks in the lower level of the bookstore. In addition to the traditional new and used textbooks, many titles are now rentable or available as e-books to save our students money. Please ask your textbook clerk for instructions on these options.

The Bookstore website (www.uaf.edu/bookstore/) has instructions on how to order your textbooks. You can order your books online in advance for in-store pickup or have them shipped directly to you.

Questions? We’re here to help!
- Phone: 907-474-7348
- Fax: 907-474-7739
- Email: 1191mgr@fheg.follett.com
- Web: www.uaf.edu/bookstore/

Current UAF Catalog
Current and archived catalogs are online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

Disability Services
UAF is committed to equal opportunity for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the director of Disability Services, 208 Whitaker, at 907-474-5655 or through www.uaf.edu/disability/. Accommodations are determined by the student and are provided by the student. All academic accommodations are free of charge and available to eligible students enrolled for at least 1 credit.

Almost all campus buildings contain accessible restroom facilities and elevators. The library and museum are accessible, and the swimming pool is equipped with a hydraulic lift. Accessible living accommodations are available through Residence Life.

How To Get Your UAF Grades
Provided you do not have holds on your account, you can access your unofficial transcript, midterm and final grades at UAOnline (http://uaonline.alaska.edu).

Log on to UAOnline secured area. If you need help logging on, refer to page 6.

Click on the following links:
- “Student Services & Account Information”
- “Student Records”
- Select “Midterm Grades,” “Final Grades” or “Academic Transcript.” The Midterm and Final Grade options will require you to select the term of interest. If a term is not listed, no grades have been posted for you for that term. The Academic Transcript option will require that you select the level before submitting. For example, if you are looking for your undergraduate Fairbanks record, you would select “Undergraduate-UAF” and then click on the submit button.
- After grades are posted, you will see them in your DegreeWorks audit at www.uaf.edu/reg/degeworks/ the next day.
Student Identification

The PolarExpress card is your permanent, official university identification card. It is more than an ID card. You can deposit money in your PolarExpress card balance and use it to pay for goods at all Dining Services locations, vending machines, photocopiers, the Wood Center counter and the Bookstore. You will use your PolarExpress card for:

- Photo identification
- Dining services
- Residence hall access
- Library access
- Student labs access
- Photocopiers and laser printers
- Vending machine access
- Student Recreation Center
- Student Health Center
- Admission to university events
- Voting
- Fairbanks North Star Borough bus access (MACS)

Students can get a PolarExpress card at the Bursar’s Office, located on the first floor of Signers’ Hall. Please bring valid photo identification when you stop in to have your picture taken for your new PolarExpress Card.

Validity

Your PolarExpress card is valid for two years after your last affiliation with the university. All privileges are eliminated upon departure from the university, with the exception of Bear Bucks. Holders who return to the university system within two years and no longer have their PolarExpress card must buy a replacement card.

Returning students

Your PolarExpress card will be updated when you register. There is no need to come to the PolarExpress office to have it activated. If your card does not have your UA ID number printed in the lower right-hand corner, please bring it to the PolarExpress office to exchange it for a new one at no charge. Cards that do not display a UA ID number will no longer work in the PolarExpress system.

Replacement cards

There is a $10 fee for a replacement card. If your card is lost, stolen or damaged, you must report it immediately by calling 907-474-7384 to deactivate your card.

Replacement cards can be obtained at the Bursar’s Office, on the first floor of Signers’ Hall. If you find your card after reporting it lost, you must come to our office to reactivate it.

Student Information Privacy and Social Security Number Information

To protect your privacy, the University of Alaska will assign you a student ID number that is different from your social security number. Your student ID number, rather than your SSN, will be used to identify your educational records. You will be able to access your new student ID number when you log on to UAOnline.

UA is required to obtain your SSN for federal financial aid and tax reporting purposes. The Privacy Act Notice, Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code, requires you to give your correct SSN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report certain information. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. For more information please refer to IRS code 6050S.

Your SSN is required to use the secure web admissions application. (This will help us avoid duplication of student records.) If you do not wish to provide your SSN using the web application you may download, complete and mail an undergraduate or graduate student application to the Office of Admissions and the Registrar, P.O. Box 757480, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7480.

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program that utilizes peer-assisted study sessions. SI sessions are regularly scheduled, informal review sessions in which students compare notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and predict test items. Students learn how to integrate course content and study skills while working together. Students who attend SI sessions have been shown to improve course grades as well as overall grade point averages. For more information, contact the Academic Advising Center (510 Gruening), 907-474-6396 or visit www.uaf.edu/advising/.
Veterans’ Services

UAF makes a firm commitment to veterans and the active military communities in the Fairbanks area. Veterans’ Services includes staff members in Financial Aid, the Office of Admissions and the Registrar, Career Services, and the Veterans’ Resource Center who focus on veterans and their families. We are here to help you with any challenges you encounter while transitioning from a military to an academic environment.

Who can use the services?

All veterans — active duty, reserve, guard, separated and retired, and their dependents who are exploring the academic opportunities available to them at UAF — are eligible to use UAF services for veterans. The Veterans’ Resource Center is open to all veterans and dependents seeking help regardless of their academic intent or institutional affiliation.

Initiate your VA paperwork 60–90 days before your school start date. Apply for your GI Bill benefits through the VONAPP (see www.uaf.edu/veterans/). The UAF Financial Aid Office helps veterans, service members and eligible dependents with paperwork for degree and certificate programs. As a liaison with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the school certifying official monitors the academic progress of eligible students in compliance with Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

If you are interested in applying for VA educational benefits under any of the chapters listed at www.uaf.edu/veterans/va-educational-benefits/, visit www.uaf.edu/veterans/using-your-va-benefits/ or contact us at:

Financial Aid Office
107 Eielson Building
907-474-7256 or 888-474-7256
uaf-va@alaska.edu

Office of Admissions and the Registrar
102 Signers’ Hall
907-474-7500 or 907-478-1823
cloehring@alaska.edu or aaacevedo@alaska.edu

Veterans’ Resource Center
111 Eielson Building
907-474-2475 or 907-799-9104
wecrary@alaska.edu

DID YOU KNOW…?

Other than tuition, fees, housing and dining, which are due according to the schedule on page 3, any charges owed to the university are due within 30 days.

www.uaf.edu/finserv/bursar/

Check www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/ for current course listings.
SAFETY AT UAF

UAF is committed to maintaining a safe environment for students, staff and faculty.

In an Emergency
- Dial 911 and provide information to the dispatcher.
- If it’s safe to do so, wait in the area until emergency services personnel arrive, and/or meet them at the building entrance.

Nonemergency Situations
- In a nonemergency situation you can reach the dispatcher at 907-474-7721.

Closure or Emergency Information Updates
In the event of a closure, campus emergency or other disruption, information about the Fairbanks campus may be available by calling 907-474-7UAF (907-474-7823).
Information may also be disseminated via the following methods:
- Email or fax
- Local radio and/or television broadcasts
- Online at www.uafnews.com or www.uaf.edu/alert/

Safety and Security Tips
- Walk in pairs at night or call 907-474-7721 at any time to have a community service officer escort you to your car or other Fairbanks campus location.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts.
- Keep your residence door locked at all times.
- Report suspicious persons or situations.
- Alert campus police if you will be working late or on weekends.
- Never leave personal items unattended.
- Lock your vehicle.
- Report all incidents of crime or suspected crime to the UAF Police Department, and never hesitate to call for help.
- More information about safety is available at www.uaf.edu/usa/student-resources/conduct/#safety.

Who Can Help?

Emergency
- UAF Police/Fire Department (911 or 907-474-7721)
- Alaska State Troopers (907-451-5100)
- Fairbanks Police (907-459-6500)
- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (907-458-5565)
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (907-452-2293)
- Crisis Line (907-452-4357)
- UAF Student Health and Counseling Center (907-474-7043)
- UAF Student Services (907-474-7317)
- UAF residence hall director (907-474-7247)
Contacting any of these resources doesn’t commit you to further legal action and is confidential.

Prevention
- UAF security escort (907-474-7721)
- UAF Student Health and Counseling Center (907-474-7043)
- UAF Disability Services (907-474-5655)
- UAF Student Services (907-474-7317)
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (907-452-2293)