

## Academic Advising Center

Welcome to UAF and First-Year Advising at the Academic Advising Center (AAC). Here you will find a few of our guiding principles, as well as the role you play in academic advising. Please let us know if you have any questions along the way, and as always, go Nanooks!

### OUR MISSION

Advisors within the UAF First-Year Advising (FYA) program guide students through exploration and personal growth in a relationship of trust, safety, and support. Students are connected with campus resources and engagement opportunities to foster a sense of belonging and connection to the UAF community. The FYA program empowers students to take ownership of their learning, define their education, and develop career goals while achieving academic success as they transition to their chosen field of study.

#### OFFICE

**UAF Student Success Center**  
6th floor of the Rasmuson Library

#### HOURS

**Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 5:00pm AK**

#### CONTACT

**Phone: (907) 474-6396**  
**Email: [uaf-advising@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-advising@alaska.edu)**

#### WEBSITE

**<https://www.uaf.edu/advising/>**

### Our Goals

1. Ensure a positive FYA experience
2. Encourage educational empowerment
3. Remain accountable to students
4. Serve as an advocate for students
5. Adapt advising to meet individual needs
6. Engage in prompt communication

### Your Roles

1. Meet with a First-Year Advisor
2. Be proactive and ask questions
3. Check your university email regularly
4. Connect with available academic resources
5. Track your progress
6. Recognize your growth potential

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. **Academically Set** - Become familiar with UAF policies and academic requirements
2. **Technologically Sound** - Utilize UAF software and virtual platforms
3. **Financially Savvy** - Understand financial aid/scholarships, account details, and deadlines
4. **Career and Future Oriented** - Connect with Career Services and explore future career pathways
5. **Purposefully Connected** - Participate in extra-curricular opportunities and experiences



## FIRST-YEAR ADVISING TIMELINE:

We have created this timeline as a guide - you and your first-year advisor will adapt this to best meet your needs and develop your personalized plan for success.

1st Semester	Your Advising Journey Begins!		
Connection 1	When	What	Why
	After you accept your admission to UAF	Work through the steps of the Newly Admitted Checklist	Lay the ground work for your registration appointment
Connection 2	When	What	Why
	Before the semester begins	Appointment: Get to know you, your major, register & create semester plan	Inspire confidence heading into your first semester!
Connection 3	When	What	Why
	First Friday of the semester	Check-in: Opportunity to ask questions & get support	Finalize classes, finances, & books
Connection 4	When	What	Why
	Midterm week	Check-in: What is your progress like so far?	Check midterm grades; connect with resources
Connection 5	When	What	Why
	1 week before priority registration	Appointment: Prep for next semester & reflect on your successes	Ensure a spot in the classes you need for your degree plan
2nd Semester	Your Advising Journey Continues!		
Connection 6	When	What	Why
	First Friday of the semester	Check-in: Opportunity to ask questions & get support	Finalize classes, finances, & books
Connection 7	When	What	Why
	Midterm week	Check-in: What is your progress like so far?	Check midterm grades; connect with resources
Last Step	Your Advising Journey Transitions!		
Connection with your Major Advisor*	When	What	Why
	In your final semester of FYA	Appointment: transition from FYA advisor to major advisor	You have completed your first two semesters!

\*If a bachelor's student has not completed 30 credits or is not ready to transition to their major advisor after two semesters, subsequent academic advising connections will closely resemble those in the 2nd semester listed above.