


The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #222 on April 3, 2017:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate, upon recommendation of the Student Academic and Development and Achievement Committee, moves to amend the Admissions policy for how pre-majors are admitted and moved to major status. Students who do not yet meet the requirements for a Bachelor's degree will have pre-major status as General Studies students until they meet the minimum requirements to move to major status in General Studies. At this point students may change major to a department of their choice if they have met that program's requirements.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2017

RATIONALE: This motion amends the current pre-major policy at UAF. This addresses a concern that students were advancing to major status under the current pre-major policy without meeting the minimum requirements. Classifying pre-major students as General Studies students eliminates confusion about who advises them and provides students with consistent access to advisors and support networks. Under the new policy, students will not be admitted to a major until they have met the minimum requirements for that major.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

2017-04-03

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 4/2/2014

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____

(Policy attached)

Additions in bold italics and deletions indicated with strike-through.

Applying for Admission: Bachelor's Degree Programs

Pre-Major (Pre-major status when applying for admission, UAF catalog)

Students who have not met the minimum requirements for admission to a baccalaureate degree program will be admitted to pre-major status ~~within the department of their choice~~ **as *General Studies students***.

Students will be changed to ***General Studies*** 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 ~~baccalaureate core~~ ***general education*** requirements. ***At that point, they may change major into the department of their choice, provided they have met that program's admission standards.***

General Studies

Pre-Major (Pre-major in General Studies, UAF catalog)

Students admitted in pre-major standing have not met the admission requirements for bachelor's degrees but are intending to major in a bachelor's degree. ~~As a bachelor's intended student, you~~ ***Pre-majors*** will generally ~~work~~ meet with advisors in the Academic Advising Center, Rural Student Services or a community campus ***to work toward admission into their desired major.*** ~~, but it is helpful to also contact the department of your intended major. Because not all requirements for immediate admittance to a bachelor's degree will have been met, pre-major students will work with an academic advisor to determine the best selection of courses to pursue. Students who are in good standing and have completed 14 credits at the 100 level or above (9 credits must satisfy baccalaureate general education requirements) with a C grade average (2.0) or higher better, of which 9 credits must satisfy baccalaureate general education requirements, will be changed to major status~~ ***as *General Studies students****. The vice provost will notify students of their change of status and inform the registrar. Pre-major students do not use the change of major form to move from pre-major to major status in General Studies, but may use the form to change ~~from pre-major status in one program to another program~~ ***from General Studies to their desired major once they have been accepted as baccalaureate students.*** ~~Academic assistance and actions are processed the same as for general studies students.~~

History:

FY02 Motion to add a "pre-major" admission status to the baccalaureate degree. Meeting #109
FY07 Motion to revise how pre-majors move to major status. Meeting #143