DISCOVER YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The Associate of Arts degree gives students a competitive edge in the job market. The strength of the General Studies program centers on developing knowledge and skills valued by employers by fulfilling general education requirements. The Associate of Arts degree also provides a solid foundation for individuals who may later decide to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Start earning your degree today!

Educational Pathway Options

**Recommended Preparation**

- English
- Communications
- Social Studies
- Algebra
- Natural Sciences
- Visual Art or Music

**Associate of Arts (AA)**

Students planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree are encouraged to use 9-12 credits of the AA degree's general electives to fulfill requirements of their elected major.

**Baccalaureate Degrees**

UAA offers the following baccalaureate degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- Bachelor of Human Services (BHS)
- Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS)
- Bachelor of Music (BM)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

**CAREER CONNECTIONS**

- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Law, Government, & Public Safety
- Business, Management, & Administration
- Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

UAA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
ENROLLMENT SERVICES

1. Apply for admission at www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions.
2. Review admission requirements for your student type.
3. Submit required documents to UAA Enrollment Services.
4. Take the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer test for English and math course placement. Call the UAA Advising & Testing Center at 907.786.4500 for testing information.
5. Make an appointment for academic advising by phone at 907.786.4500 and meet regularly with an advisor.
6. Access the Future Student Checklist online at http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/prospective/checklist.cfm to stay on track.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Job Promotion and Earning Benefits** – Many employers may use the AA degree as a standard to promote and increase employee earnings.

- **Self Discovery** – A general studies curriculum creates opportunities to explore interests and abilities which aid in targeting compatible careers.

- **Writing** – Competent writing skills are essential for most employment opportunities in order to write letters to customers; develop reports; compose office memorandums and general business communications.

- **Oral Communication** – This is a vital skill needed to promote a wide range of activities in customer service, sales, marketing, and human relations. You will improve your ability to speak and communicate more clearly and effectively.

- **Mathematics** – The ability to understand numbers and computation is a primary skill most employers expect of their employees. This is particularly true in the banking industry and in organizations needing administrative staff with multiple skills. Learning computational skills will increase your familiarity with numbers, calculators and mathematical analysis.

- **Critical Thinking** – A liberal arts education develops students’ critical thinking skills which enhance the ability to think creatively, and make good evaluations and judgments. The study of the arts, humanities, and social sciences requires review, evaluation and critiques of different points of view. The ability to solve problems and use good judgment is a skill all employers value.

- **Opportunity for Growth** – The AA degree provides a solid course foundation for students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in the future.

GENERAL PROGRAM (AA)

Students are strongly recommended to consult an advisor prior to course selection, as 9-12 credits may be used towards a baccalaureate degree.

1. COMPLETE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

2. COMPLETE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (33 credits)
   The GERs provide a breadth of exposure to traditional academic disciplines and help students understand and respond to evolving local and international issues. Examples of courses include: oral and written communication, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, fine arts, and social sciences.

3. COMPLETE GENERAL ELECTIVES (27 credits)
   General electives can be used to select courses to broaden your knowledge for specific job related fields such as human services, government, computer technology and business.

   In addition, students who are considering pursuing a baccalaureate degree as a future goal can investigate courses of interest which can aid in declaring a major.

4. REVIEW IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS
   - Admission to and graduation from the AA program may not occur in the same semester. The admission deadlines are:
     - Spring: November 1
     - Summer: May 1
     - Fall: July 1
   - Completion of a minimum of 60 credits at the 100 level and above to include 20 credits at the 200 level is required.
   - Complete fifteen (15) credits in residence at UAA.
   - Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
   - If a baccalaureate degree is the future goal, see an advisor regarding compatible course selections.
   - All degree requirements must be met within five years of formal admission or student must re-apply for admission and meet catalog year requirements presently in effect.

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