

About the University

UAA Mission

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) transforms lives through teaching, research, community engagement and creative expression in a welcoming environment. Serving students, the state, and the communities of Southcentral Alaska, UAA is a comprehensive, open access, public university established on the ancestral lands of the Dena'ina, Ahtna, Alutiiq/Sugpiaq, and Eyak/dAXunhyuu Peoples.

UAA Core Competencies

In 2020, UAA launched a consensus-based, deliberative process to identify the key skillsets that help students achieve academic and post-graduation success. After a year-long process that included students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and employers, the UAA community identified four “core competencies” at the heart of a quality UAA education. Students develop mastery of these competencies through curricular (e.g. courses), co-curricular (e.g. internships, conferences), and extra-curricular (e.g. student clubs) learning experiences.

Effective Communication: *The knowledge and skills necessary to engage in effective communication in diverse contexts and formats.*

Creative and Critical Thinking: *The knowledge and skills necessary for the critical exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events in order to creatively design, evaluate, and implement a strategy to answer complex questions or achieve a desired goal.*

Intercultural Fluency: *The knowledge and skills necessary to promote effective and appropriate interaction in a variety of cultural contexts, particularly in terms of the communities we serve.*

Personal, Professional, and Community Responsibility: *The knowledge and skills necessary to promote personal flourishing, professional excellence, and community engagement.*