Cooperative Graduate Programs

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Students may use specific courses from other University of Alaska campuses to satisfy requirements of cooperative graduate programs offered by UAF. The cooperative program must include an approved UAF graduate studies plan (GSP). The student must complete a minimum of 12 semester resident credits at UAF.

The following guidelines are for collaborative PhD programs offered by UAF, where students are enrolled at other UA campuses. Some degree programs have different requirements which are included in specific program descriptions in the graduate degree program section of the UAF catalog. The guidelines described here apply only to programs that have not established different requirements.

1. At least four faculty members shall serve on the graduate advisory committee for each PhD student. At least two committee members shall be UAF faculty. When the student is enrolled at UAA, the committee shall be chaired or co-chaired by a UAA faculty member.
2. The graduate advisory committee and its chair and/or co-chairs must be approved by the UAF program director and the dean of the UAF Graduate School.
3. UAF rules and regulations on graduate studies shall apply to all UAF graduate students, including those concurrently enrolled at UAA.
4. The graduate advisory committee must meet at least once a year to update the GSP and to review the student’s progress toward the degree. The annual progress report must be signed by all committee members and submitted to the dean of the UAF Graduate School.
5. The student’s advisory committee will administer the PhD comprehensive exam for each student.
6. The PhD dissertation defense is conducted on the student’s home campus and can be done via distance technologies.