The UAA Justice Center, established by the Alaska Legislature in 1975, has a mandate to provide statewide justice-related education, research and service. The Justice Center is an interdisciplinary unit that provides undergraduate, graduate and professional education; conducts research in the areas of crime, law and justice; and provides service to government units, justice agencies and community organizations throughout urban and rural Alaska to promote a safe, healthy and just society.

The Justice Center offers a variety of programs that prepare students for work in law-related or public service fields. The core of each program is a foundational sequence of courses combining theoretical knowledge of the law with skills-based training in American legal practice.

Legal Studies Goals

Students in all programs will acquire:

1. Broad-based knowledge achieved through general college education.
2. Exceptionally strong competency in critical thinking and in written and oral communication skills.
5. Operational knowledge of legal investigatory and discovery techniques.
6. Command of skills required for legal research, critical analysis, and technical drafting.
7. Knowledge of theories of law, historical influences on the development of law, and fundamental principles of substantive law.
8. Appreciation for the role of law in the allocation of public resources and regulation of social and economic relationships.

To accomplish these goals, the following program options are offered: Undergraduate Certificate, Legal Nurse Consultant Paralegal; Associate of Applied Science, Paralegal Studies; Bachelor of Arts, Legal Studies; Minor, Legal Studies; and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Paralegal Studies. Students may also work toward pro bono service honors.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Certificate

- Certificate in Legal Nurse Consultant Paralegal (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coh/legalstudies/certificate-legalnurseconsultantparalegal)