Study Away

UAF students have the opportunity to study in locations from all over the United States and the world. All Office of International Programs & Initiatives (IPI) study away programs provide UAF residence credit. Students pay UAF tuition and fees for some programs, while other programs require the student to pay the host institution's tuition and fees.

National Student Exchange (NSE)

Over 150 universities throughout the United States and Canada participate in the National Student Exchange (NSE) program. UAF students who go on exchange to an institution offering Plan B tuition reciprocity will pay UAF tuition and fees. Students studying at NSE institutions under Plan A will pay the resident (in-state/in-province) tuition and fees of the host institution. The February 15 priority application deadline is for fall and/or spring semesters. For information concerning NSE eligibility requirements, contact the Office of International Programs and Initiatives Study Away Advisor.

International Exchange/Study Abroad

UAF offers two types of international study opportunities, International Student Exchange and Study Abroad. In both cases students are enrolled as UAF students while they are studying at a university, thus maintaining eligibility for financial aid and the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. Credits earned go directly to the students' UAF transcript.

International Exchange programs involve a reciprocal exchange of students with a partner university. UAF has bi-lateral agreements with 27 universities in 16 countries to provide exchange students. UAF also participates in the University of the Arctic north2north exchange program which allows UAF students to study at a circumpolar university. UAF students pay UAF tuition and fees and receive UAF residence credit.

Study abroad programs have no student exchange. Instead, UAF has affiliated with 8 study abroad and 5 international internship programs to provide educational and student support services. Students pay the host institution's tuition and fees. However, students pay an administrative fee to UAF each semester and are enrolled as UAF students. Students also have the option to create their own study away experience through independent program/direct enrollment.

University of the Arctic

UAF is a founding member of the University of the Arctic, a cooperative network of universities, colleges and other organizations committed to higher education and research in the North. UAF students are eligible to apply for the Circumpolar Studies program or apply for exchange with another arctic university through the north2north program. Students may contact the Office of International Programs and Initiatives Study Away Advisor for more information.