

Mission Fulfillment – Core Objective 2

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Core Objective 2: Deliver academic excellence through instruction, scholarship, research and creative expression

Mission: The University of Alaska Southeast is a student-centered university that provides instruction in liberal arts, professional, and technical fields. On the homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, we serve the coastal environments, cultures, economies, and communities of Alaska, through interdisciplinary education, workforce development, and scholarship, research, and creative activity.

Due to our small size and unique location in Southeast Alaska's rich natural environment, UAS is uniquely positioned to offer high-quality, student-centered educational opportunities that build upon faculty expertise and environmental assets. Students can earn credentials ranging from certificates to Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees.

Instruction, scholarship, research, and creative activities are led by highly qualified faculty, supported by experienced staff dedicated to student success. Comprehensive performance reviews, professional development opportunities, and continuous improvement practices ensure that faculty and staff consistently operate at the highest level.

UAS faculty conduct research and creative activities across diverse disciplines, addressing critical issues and unique perspectives relevant to Southeast Alaska and beyond. These efforts are often supported by external grants and involve collaborations with faculty from UAF, UAA, other universities, and agencies worldwide. Faculty researchers provide students with exceptional opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, enriching their academic experiences and classroom learning.

The UAS Office of Advancement plays a vital role in supporting academic excellence by fostering community and corporate partnerships to secure financial investments in faculty research and student scholarships. In the past year, the Office of Advancement raised funds to support marine biology research and outdoor studies, reflecting the university's strengths in leveraging its unique natural environment. Additionally, new scholarships were created to support students in career education programs, equipping them with skills essential to industries critical to the region's economic success.

UAS also offers students the chance to broaden their academic horizons through Academic Exchange and Study Abroad programs. These initiatives enable national and international exchanges, direct partnerships, and study abroad experiences, preparing students for global engagement while complementing their educational journeys.

For more information related to academic excellence at UAS, visit the <u>program assessment</u> web pages located on the Provost's website.

| Faculty | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fall | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2024 | | 2025 | Goal |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | | |
| Total Faculty | 176 | | 163 | | 177 | | 179 | | 181 | | 176 | | | |
| Tenure | 52 | 30% | 48 | 29% | 51 | 29% | 49 | 27% | 52 | 29% | 48 | 27% | | 50% of |
| Tenure Track | 12 | 7% | 19 | 12% | 18 | 10% | 21 | 12% | 23 | 13% | 29 | 16% | | faculty are |
| Term | 48 | 27% | 45 | 28% | 46 | 26% | 53 | 30% | 44 | 24% | 44 | 25% | | tenure/ |
| Adjunct | 64 | 36% | 51 | 31% | 62 | 35% | 56 | 31% | 62 | 34% | 55 | 31% | | tenure-track |

| Scholarship, Research, and Creative Expression | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fall | 20 | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2024 | | Goal | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | | | |
| Tenure & Tenure Track | 64 | | 67 | | 69 | | 70 | | 75 | | 77 | | | | |
| Terminal Degree | 38 | 59% | 38 | 57% | 39 | 57% | 37 | 53% | 38 | 51% | 42 | 55% | | | 65% |
| Tripartite Faculty | 22 | 34% | 21 | 31% | 24 | 35% | 22 | 31% | 27 | 36% | 31 | 40% | | | 35% |
| Research Workload | 24 | 38% | 22 | 33% | 23 | 33% | 20 | 29% | 27 | 36% | 32 | 42% | | | 35% |
| Research Workload refers to | Research Workload refers to all faculty workloads designated for scholarship, research, or creative expression. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Academic Excellence, Course Completion | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fall | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Goal | | | |
| Bachelors Seeking | 82% | 84% | 81% | 83% | 82% | | | >85% | | | |
| Associate Seeking | 69% | 74% | 72% | 76% | 69% | | | >80% | | | |
| Certificate Seeking | 74% | 86% | 76% | 86% | 78% | | | >80% | | | |
| Endorsement Seeking | 85% | 94% | 93% | 93% | 95% | | | >85% | | | |
| Masters Seeking | 87% | 90% | 92% | 92% | 94% | | | >85% | | | |
| Course completion is measured as a passing grade (D+ grade or above at all levels) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ee the <u>Course Pass Rates Dashboard</u> for more details (UA Login Required | | | | | | | | | | | |