UAS Mathematics Programs and Courses
Advising Reminders and Updates

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University of Alaska Southeast

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IBA undergraduate courses taken for UAS credit may count toward a UAS Mathematics Minor (with Program approval), or a UAS Mathematics BS degree (with advisor approval).
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