



Why On-Line?

The Alaska Naturalist™ On-Line course was designed to meet the needs of those who do not live in Sitka but may wish to work in Alaska or have a special interest in this unique land. Individuals anywhere can “log-on” and enjoy the program from their own home.

Study Materials:

Each student will receive materials and textbooks by mail. These resources will prove to be useful on-going references long after the class has been completed.

The “Virtual Field Trips”...

can take you, at any time of day or night, to various sites on the World Wide Web where you can see and read about the topics found in the readings.

Topic Specialists...

will be available for select Modules in the Discussion Forum at set times. If students are unable to attend a particular Discussion Forum, there is a Bulletin Board site where they can post questions and comments to which the Topic Specialist for that week— or fellow students— may respond.

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Here’s what you’ll learn...

Overview of Alaska Natural History and Geography

This is an introduction to the many features that make Alaska unique and an overview of the five geographic regions of Alaska.

Geology & Geomorphology

Investigate the geologic events that shaped our spectacular landscape and learn some fascinating details about Alaska’s most famous landmarks.

People in the Environment

Look at native cultures, subsistence, recreation, tourism, the economy, and other ways people have related to the land.

Plants and Habitats

Alaska’s habitats include a patchwork of temperate rainforest, taiga, tundra and muskeg. This module will focus on plant identification and ecology.

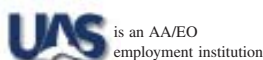
Birds of Alaska

Discover the natural history of bald eagles and other Alaskan birds as you learn to recognize some of our most common species.

Fish and Fisheries

Find out about Alaska’s many fisheries, interesting fish facts, history of the industry and the economic impact. From longliners to trollers and from salmon and halibut to Dolly Varden and black cod, you’ll see why fishing is such a vital part of Alaskan life.

NOTE: Students must have access to and experience with a computer and the internet.



Seashore Life

From tiny moss animals to huge sunflower stars, Alaska’s seashores are crowded with fascinating creatures. Learn to recognize them as you discover some amazing facts about their life-styles.

Land Mammals

Get better acquainted with Alaska’s famous bears and other mammals found in our forests, mountains, and tundra.

Marine Mammals

Learn about marine mammals from whales to seals, seal lions and sea otters.

Current Issues

This module will address pertinent issues in the news that affect Alaska and Alaskans.



ON-LINE FORMAT

The program consists of 10 modules. Students will participate in a weekly on-line discussion during seven weeks of study, followed by a two-week time frame in which to take the Final Exam.

You are welcome to take the course and participate in as many Modules and Virtual Field Trips as you wish, regardless of whether or not you plan to meet the requirements for certification. If you wish to receive the Alaska Naturalist™ Certificate you *must* meet curriculum requirements and *must* pass the final exam.

Academic credit is not available for this course.

CERTIFICATE LEVELS:

- **Level I:**

Successful completion of the Alaska Naturalist Program™; no other experience in the field.

- **Level II:**

Successful completion of the Alaska Naturalist Program™, plus working in a Naturalist-related position in Alaska for two seasons.

- **Level III:**

Successful completion of the Alaska Naturalist Program™, plus working in a Naturalist-related position in Alaska for at least three seasons or more.

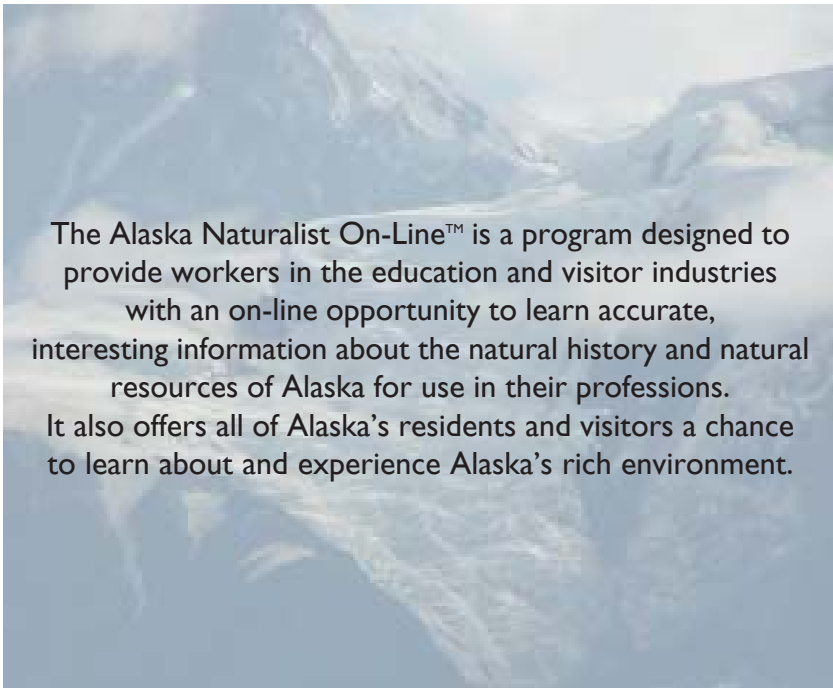
CLASS SCHEDULE 2008

Course begins **January 28** and ends **March 14, 2008**

Students must take exam by **March 28, 2008**

Fee: \$289 (includes all materials)

To obtain a refund when dropping a class, a student must cancel at least 7 days before the class begins. All exceptions to this policy are by permission of the Community Education and Professional Development Coordinator.

A photograph showing a vast, mountainous landscape in Alaska. The mountains are rugged and covered in snow or light-colored rock, with a valley or riverbed visible in the foreground. The sky is overcast.

The Alaska Naturalist On-Line™ is a program designed to provide workers in the education and visitor industries with an on-line opportunity to learn accurate, interesting information about the natural history and natural resources of Alaska for use in their professions. It also offers all of Alaska's residents and visitors a chance to learn about and experience Alaska's rich environment.