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Introduction and Methodology

This report provides supplemental data to the previously released *University of Alaska Southeast Student Retention Study*. Whereas the original report provided results by school (Arts and Sciences, Management, and Education), among other sub-groups, this report provides results by department: Business and Public Administration, Education, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Health Occupations, Social Sciences, Information Systems, and Applied Technical Education.

While the sample size for the overall sample is robust at 574, sample sizes for individual departments are much smaller, and should be interpreted with caution, particularly in cases of follow-up questions that were only asked of a sub-set of respondents. Following are the sample sizes for all departments; they are also included in every table.

Supplemental Analysis by Department Sample Sizes

	Sample Size
Business and Public Administration	104
Education	104
Humanities	123
Natural Sciences	66
Health Occupations	33
Social Sciences	33
Information Systems	20
Applied Technical Education	13
Total Sample	574

Please see the full *Student Retention Study* for further details on the study methodology.

Summary of Findings

The following findings are generally limited to the four departments with sample sizes of 66 and above: Business and Public Administration, Education, Humanities, and Natural Sciences. The other four departments (Health Occupations, Social Sciences, Information Systems, and Applied Technical Education) have sample sizes 33 and below, precluding meaningful statistical analysis.

Satisfaction

- In terms of overall satisfaction, over three-quarters of students in all four departments were satisfied or very satisfied with their educational experience. Department of Education students were more likely to say they were *very* satisfied.
- When asked to rate individual aspects of UAS, Education students show the highest satisfaction ratings in 12 out of 15 categories, when compared to students in the Business, Humanities, and Natural Sciences departments.
- Business and Public Administration students gave lower satisfaction ratings in seven categories (when compared to students in the other three departments): quality of instructors, quality of instructional materials, faculty advising, Student Resources Center advising, quality of social life, housing availability and extracurricular opportunities.
- Students in the Humanities department gave lower satisfaction ratings than students in the other three departments in five categories: quality of campus facilities, quality of degree programs, preparation for employment, variety of degree programs, and career counseling services.
- Students in the Natural Sciences department gave lower satisfaction ratings in three categories: responsiveness of UAS staff, variety of courses offered, and schedule/availability of courses offered.
- There were a few areas with major differences between the departments.
 - For quality of degree programs, 58 percent of Humanities students were satisfied or very satisfied, compared to 78 percent of Business students, 81 percent of Natural Sciences students, and 89 percent of Education students. Similarly, Humanities students were much less satisfied with the variety of degree programs (35 percent).
 - For schedule/availability of courses offered, only 25 percent of Natural Sciences students were satisfied or very satisfied. This compares to 53 percent of Humanities students, 58 percent of Business students, and 68 percent of Education students.

Importance

- Students from different departments gave differing importance ratings in a few categories.
 - Education students rated preparation for employment as more important (76 percent very important) when compared to Business (62 percent), Humanities (50 percent), and Natural Sciences (48 percent) students.
 - Humanities students rated variety of degree programs as more important (63 percent very important) when compared to Education (53 percent), Business (46 percent) and Natural Sciences (40 percent) students.

Comparison to Other Colleges

- When asked how UAS compared to similar-sized colleges in the Lower 48, Natural Sciences students were the most likely to say UAS was better (39 percent). This compares to 29 percent among Education students and 17 percent among both Business and Humanities students.

Academic Preparation

- Students were asked how prepared they felt academically when they started classes at UAS. In response, Education students said they felt the most prepared, with 53 percent saying they were very prepared. This compares to 38 percent of Business students, 29 percent of Humanities students, and 26 percent of Natural Sciences students.
- Humanities and Natural Sciences students were more likely to say they were unprepared at 22 and 20 percent, respectively (compared to 9 percent of Education and Business students).

Reasons for Attending UAS

- Reasons for attending UAS varied widely by department.
 - Humanities and Natural Sciences students were much more likely to cite low tuition cost (50 and 55 percent, respectively) when compared to Business (34 percent) and Education (35 percent) students.
 - Natural Sciences students were by far the most likely to cite Alaska location/beautiful campus at 77 percent. This compares to 45 percent of Humanities students, 35 percent of Education students, and 15 percent of Business students. Results were very similar among those citing “small campus.”
 - Humanities students were by far the most likely to cite “inexpensive method for completing undergraduate requirements” at 37 percent. This compares to 21 percent of Natural Sciences students, 19 percent of Business students, and 11 percent of Education students.

- Reputation of degree programs was more of a reason for Education (28 percent) and Natural Sciences (36 percent) students, when compared to Business (14 percent) and Humanities (5 percent) students.

Transferring/Withdrawing from UAS

- Humanities students were the most likely to say they would transfer from UAS before completing their degree at 29 percent, followed by Natural Sciences students at 23 percent, Business students at 10 percent, and Education students at 9 percent.
- When asked for the main reasons that other students transfer, Humanities and Natural Sciences students were more likely to cite degree program not offered, desired courses not offered, and want school with more classes available. Natural Sciences students were particularly likely to cite better course scheduling elsewhere.
- Six percent of Humanities students (who were unlikely to transfer) said they were likely to withdraw from UAS, compared to 2 percent of Business students and zero Education or Natural Sciences students.

Applying to Other Colleges

- Natural Sciences students were much more likely to have applied to other colleges for their current degree program at 58 percent. This compares to 25 percent of Humanities students, 20 percent of Business students, and 19 percent of Education students.

Satisfaction Ratings

Overall Satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied are you with your UAS educational experience?

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Very satisfied	35%	30%	43%	30%	33%	41%	33%	35%	31%
Satisfied	47	51	46	48	47	44	48	60	38
Neutral	15	16	10	18	15	9	15	-	23
Dissatisfied	3	3	1	4	5	3	3	5	8
Very dissatisfied	0	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-

Satisfaction with Specific Areas: Summary Results

*How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your UAS experience?
(% Satisfied + % Very Satisfied)*

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Quality of instructors/professors	83%	78%	86%	83%	82%	69%	88%	90%	92%
Quality of instructional materials	78	74	81	76	80	73	79	90	69
Overall responsiveness of UAS staff to student needs	77	72	84	80	71	60	78	70	76
Quality of campus facilities	74	77	70	66	72	78	72	72	63
Quality of degree programs	72	78	89	58	81	69	64	70	76
Academic advising from faculty	70	64	81	65	75	70	66	80	67
Academic advising from Student Resources Center	60	54	71	62	55	52	59	56	50
Preparation for employment	56	62	86	37	57	52	23	53	67
Variety of courses offered	56	65	70	49	38	54	36	60	85
Quality of social life	54	41	64	54	62	53	55	38	55
Schedule/availability of courses offered	54	58	68	53	25	64	39	50	38
Variety of degree programs	52	66	70	35	49	44	42	45	69
Quality of career counseling services	45	39	56	36	48	63	60	35	45
Housing availability	43	26	55	27	70	25	41	33	40
Extracurricular opportunities	38	31	43	32	45	38	35	30	50

Satisfaction with Specific Areas: Detailed Results

*How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your UAS experience?
(In descending order based on “very satisfied” rating)*

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Quality of instructors/professors	n=571	n=104	n=103	n=121	n=66	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	36%	22%	38%	40%	44%	21%	36%	30%	54%
Satisfied	47	56	48	43	38	48	52	60	38
Neutral	14	15	11	14	15	30	9	5	8
Dissatisfied	3	7	4	2	3	-	-	5	-
Very dissatisfied	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-
Overall responsiveness of UAS staff to student needs	n=568	n=101	n=103	n=123	n=66	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	30%	22%	43%	27%	21%	24%	36%	25%	38%
Satisfied	47	50	41	53	50	36	42	45	38
Neutral	17	23	14	14	18	30	15	30	15
Dissatisfied	4	3	3	5	9	9	3	-	8
Very dissatisfied	2	3	-	2	2	-	3	-	-
Academic advising from faculty	n=533	n=96	n=98	n=1113	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=12
Very satisfied	29%	23%	45%	21%	37%	18%	18%	25%	42%
Satisfied	41	41	36	44	38	52	48	55	25
Neutral	22	26	13	26	17	21	18	15	17
Dissatisfied	5	4	4	8	5	6	6	5	8
Very dissatisfied	3	6	2	1	3	3	9	-	8
Quality of degree programs	n=556	n=104	n=104	n=118	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	23%	21%	38%	11%	32%	21%	12%	25%	38%
Satisfied	49	57	51	47	49	48	52	45	38
Neutral	23	18	9	33	17	27	33	15	23
Dissatisfied	4	4	2	8	-	3	3	10	-
Very dissatisfied	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	5	-

Academic advising from Student Resources Center	n=389	n=59	n=55	n=102	n=54	n=23	n=24	n=16	n=8
Very satisfied	22%	17%	27%	25%	22%	13%	17%	31%	-%
Satisfied	38	37	44	37	33	39	42	25	50
Neutral	33	37	25	31	41	35	33	44	25
Dissatisfied	5	7	4	5	2	13	8	-	13
Very dissatisfied	2	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	13
Quality of campus facilities	n=453	n=64	n=67	n=113	n=65	n=22	n=32	n=13	n=11
Very satisfied	20%	19%	28%	15%	17%	14%	22%	31%	36%
Satisfied	54	58	42	51	55	64	50	46	27
Neutral	22	19	24	30	17	23	25	15	27
Dissatisfied	4	3	6	4	8	-	3	8	9
Very dissatisfied	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Quality of instructional materials	n=565	n=102	n=102	n=122	n=64	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	19%	15%	28%	15%	19%	21%	9%	25%	15%
Satisfied	59	59	53	61	61	52	70	65	54
Neutral	18	21	16	21	14	21	12	-	15
Dissatisfied	4	5	3	2	6	6	6	10	15
Very dissatisfied	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Housing availability	n=292	n=27	n=51	n=77	n=56	n=12	n=22	n=9	n=5
Very satisfied	17%	4%	18%	10%	34%	-%	23%	22%	20%
Satisfied	26	22	37	17	36	25	18	11	20
Neutral	42	63	35	48	20	50	50	56	60
Dissatisfied	10	4	4	19	7	17	9	11	-
Very dissatisfied	5	7	6	5	4	8	-	-	-
Preparation for employment	n=474	n=82	n=92	n=96	n=61	n=27	n=30	n=17	n=12
Very satisfied	17%	16%	36%	11%	13%	11%	10%	18%	25%
Satisfied	39	46	50	26	44	41	13	35	42
Neutral	37	33	14	55	33	41	63	35	25
Dissatisfied	5	4	-	6	8	4	10	12	-
Very dissatisfied	1	1	-	1	2	4	3	-	8

Quality of career counseling services	n=354	n=46	n=51	n=91	n=48	n=24	n=25	n=14	n=11
Very satisfied	15%	4%	25%	11%	21%	13%	28%	21%	18%
Satisfied	30	35	31	25	27	50	32	14	27
Neutral	42	48	39	54	35	25	28	50	36
Dissatisfied	8	4	2	8	13	13	8	14	9
Very dissatisfied	4	9	2	2	4	-	4	-	9
Variety of courses offered	n=560	n=102	n=99	n=123	n=65	n=32	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	14%	16%	29%	9%	6%	13%	6%	10%	31%
Satisfied	42	49	41	40	32	41	30	50	54
Neutral	23	25	21	25	29	28	21	10	-
Dissatisfied	18	11	8	24	28	19	30	30	15
Very dissatisfied	2	-	-	2	5	-	12	-	-
Quality of social life	n=395	n=51	n=53	n=104	n=63	n=19	n=31	n=13	n=9
Very satisfied	13%	4%	17%	13%	21%	-%	16%	15%	22%
Satisfied	41	37	47	41	41	53	39	23	33
Neutral	35	51	26	36	25	37	19	62	33
Dissatisfied	8	4	6	11	8	11	16	-	11
Very dissatisfied	3	4	4	-	5	-	10	-	-
Schedule/availability of courses offered	n=566	n=103	n=103	n=123	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	13%	13%	24%	7%	3%	12%	3%	15%	23%
Satisfied	41	45	44	46	22	52	36	35	15
Neutral	22	18	22	23	31	18	15	30	31
Dissatisfied	20	20	10	22	35	6	30	20	31
Very dissatisfied	5	4	-	3	9	12	15	-	-
Variety of degree programs	n=533	n=97	n=91	n=120	n=62	n=32	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very satisfied	13%	11%	30%	5%	10%	13%	3%	10%	31%
Satisfied	39	55	40	30	39	31	39	35	38
Neutral	31	28	27	37	27	41	27	30	23
Dissatisfied	15	6	3	28	19	9	24	20	8
Very dissatisfied	2	-	-	1	5	6	6	5	-

Extracurricular opportunities	n=352	n=42	n=46	n=92	n=62	n=16	n=31	n=10	n=8
Very satisfied	7%	2%	13%	3%	10%	-%	6%	20%	25%
Satisfied	31	29	30	29	35	38	29	10	25
Neutral	43	50	41	53	37	38	23	60	25
Dissatisfied	14	12	13	10	13	19	35	10	25
Very dissatisfied	5	7	2	4	5	6	6	-	-

Importance of Specific Areas: Summary Results

*How important are each of the following aspects to your UAS experience?
(% Very Important)*

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Quality of instructors/professors	91%	88%	92%	93%	95%	91%	100%	90%	92%
Quality of degree programs	81	81	89	76	89	85	88	75	77
Schedule/availability of courses offered	80	87	81	79	74	85	85	90	85
Variety of courses offered	73	74	67	75	74	66	91	80	77
Overall responsiveness of UAS staff to student needs	70	65	78	73	64	88	58	63	77
Quality of instructional materials	67	75	70	61	54	76	64	80	92
Academic advising from faculty	63	52	70	66	65	72	64	65	58
Preparation for employment	62	62	76	50	48	72	56	67	83
Variety of degree programs	54	46	53	63	40	67	64	40	50
Quality of campus facilities	43	31	40	47	41	38	53	69	45
Academic advising from Student Resources Center	37	30	42	45	24	41	25	50	33
Quality of career counseling services	35	27	34	37	29	52	32	53	38
Housing availability	34	22	27	45	39	23	36	50	25
Quality of social life	25	19	17	28	32	23	34	25	18
Extracurricular opportunities	20	18	15	22	24	14	16	36	33

Importance of Specific Areas: Detailed Results

*How important are each of the following aspects to your UAS experience?
(In descending order based on “very important” rating)*

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Quality of instructors/professors	n=572	n=104	n=103	n=123	n=66	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very important	91%	88%	92%	93%	95%	91%	100%	90%	92%
Somewhat important	9	13	8	7	5	9	-	10	8
Not important	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quality of degree programs	n=556	n=104	n=102	n=118	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very important	81%	81%	89%	76%	89%	85%	88%	75%	77%
Somewhat important	18	19	10	23	11	12	12	25	15
Not important	1	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	8
Schedule/availability of courses offered	n=566	n=103	n=100	n=123	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very important	80%	87%	81%	79%	74%	85%	85%	90%	85%
Somewhat important	19	12	18	20	26	15	15	10	15
Not important	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Variety of courses offered	n=561	n=104	n=96	n=122	n=66	n=32	n=32	n=20	n=13
Very important	73%	74%	67%	75%	74%	66%	91%	80%	77%
Somewhat important	26	25	30	25	26	31	9	20	15
Not important	1	1	3	-	-	3	-	-	8
Overall responsiveness of UAS staff to student needs	n=564	n=98	n=104	n=122	n=66	n=32	n=33	n=19	n=13
Very important	70%	65%	78%	73%	64%	88%	58%	63%	77%
Somewhat important	28	34	21	26	35	9	33	37	15
Not important	2	1	1	1	2	3	9	-	8
Quality of instructional materials	n=569	n=103	n=104	n=122	n=65	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very important	67%	75%	70%	61%	54%	76%	64%	80%	92%
Somewhat important	30	23	28	39	42	21	30	20	8
Not important	2	2	2	-	5	3	6	-	-

Academic advising from faculty	n=544	n=96	n=99	n=120	n=65	n=32	n=33	n=20	n=13
Very important	63%	52%	70%	66%	65%	72%	64%	65%	58%
Somewhat important	34	43	29	29	32	28	33	35	42
Not important	3	5	1	5	3	-	3	-	-
Preparation for employment	n=518	n=93	n=97	n=111	n=61	n=29	n=32	n=18	n=12
Very important	62%	62%	76%	50%	48%	72%	56%	67%	83%
Somewhat important	33	34	23	43	46	24	28	28	17
Not important	5	3	1	7	7	3	16	6	-
Variety of degree programs	n=539	n=100	n=94	n=119	n=63	n=33	n=33	n=20	n=12
Very important	54%	46%	53%	63%	40%	67%	64%	40%	50%
Somewhat important	39	49	37	34	46	27	33	60	17
Not important	7	5	10	3	14	6	3	-	33
Quality of campus facilities	n=458	n=68	n=68	n=112	n=66	n=24	n=32	n=13	n=11
Very important	43%	31%	40%	47%	41%	38%	53%	69%	45%
Somewhat important	49	56	49	48	50	50	41	31	36
Not important	8	13	12	4	9	13	6	-	18
Academic advising from Student Resources Center	n=431	n=73	n=64	n=102	n=59	n=27	n=28	n=16	n=9
Very important	37%	30%	42%	45%	24%	41%	25%	50%	33%
Somewhat important	48	47	41	46	58	48	54	50	56
Not important	15	23	17	9	19	11	21	-	11
Quality of career counseling services	n=429	n=74	n=62	n=97	n=55	n=29	n=29	n=17	n=13
Very important	35%	27%	34%	37%	29%	52%	32%	53%	38%
Somewhat important	48	57	52	47	51	41	36	41	31
Not important	17	16	15	15	20	7	32	6	31
Housing availability	n=300	n=36	n=51	n=73	n=59	n=13	n=22	n=8	n=4
Very important	34%	22%	27%	45%	39%	23%	36%	50%	25%
Somewhat important	37	19	55	30	42	23	32	25	25
Not important	29	58	18	25	19	54	32	25	50

Quality of social life	n=412	n=58	n=58	n=100	n=65	n=22	n=32	n=12	n=11
Very important	25%	19%	17%	28%	32%	23%	34%	25%	18%
Somewhat important	42	28	47	43	48	41	38	42	45
Not important	33	53	36	29	20	36	28	33	36
Extracurricular opportunities	n=390	n=55	n=54	n=97	n=62	n=21	n=31	n=11	n=9
Very important	20%	18%	15%	22%	24%	14%	16%	36%	33%
Somewhat important	50	44	43	54	53	33	61	27	33
Not important	30	38	43	25	23	52	23	36	33

UAS Compared to Other Colleges

In terms of overall quality of education, how do you think UAS compares to similar-sized colleges in the Lower 48?

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Better	24%	17%	29%	17%	39%	21%	24%	20%	46%
About the same	43	52	48	41	29	39	42	45	15
Worse	4	6	4	2	6	-	3	-	8
Don't know	29	25	19	41	26	39	30	35	31

Academic Preparedness

Note: Students who felt academically unprepared were asked in what areas; however, most sample sizes by department were under 10 students, so the results are not reported.

How prepared were you academically when you started classes at UAS?

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Very prepared	34%	38%	53%	29%	26%	12%	24%	35%	23%
Prepared	46	49	36	46	55	70	55	40	38
Unprepared	14	8	7	19	18	12	18	-	23
Very unprepared	3	1	2	3	2	6	3	25	8
Don't know	3	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	8

Reasons for Attending UAS

Why did you choose to attend UAS?

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=13
Low tuition cost	41%	34%	35%	50%	55%	39%	55%	30%	15%
Alaska location, beautiful campus	38	15	35	45	77	27	45	50	8
Could live at home	36	40	34	46	18	36	33	35	23
Small campus	32	15	25	41	62	18	61	25	23
Inexpensive method for completing undergraduate general requirements	23	19	11	37	21	18	33	5	15
It's the only option in Juneau/Ketchikan/Sitka	21	26	13	28	9	27	30	20	8
Recommendation by friends or family	18	13	21	24	17	9	15	15	23
Reputation of degree programs	17	14	28	5	36	21	12	5	23
Access to financing or scholarship	16	10	21	17	17	27	27	10	15
Open enrollment	16	20	7	20	14	15	21	25	8
Offered online/distance courses	13	22	24	8	-	15	-	30	8
Requirement for work/job training	8	4	13	2	2	12	3	15	38
Specific program/class	5	2	7	2	12	9	3	-	8
Recruited by UAS representative	3	5	4	2	5	-	3	5	-
Publications and brochures received from UAS	4	2	4	3	5	6	6	10	-
Recommendation by high school teacher/counselor/coach	5	2	3	6	6	-	9	-	-
Other	4	1	2	6	8	-	-	-	8

Which of these was the most important reason you chose to attend UAS?

	All Students n=572	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=65	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=12
Low tuition cost	14%	8%	9%	20%	15%	18%	21%	20%	-%
Alaska location, beautiful campus	11	3	7	12	28	15	15	15	-
Could live at home	16	22	14	19	9	18	6	15	8
Small campus	4	2	3	6	6	-	6	5	17
Inexpensive method for completing undergraduate general requirements	5	7	-	8	5	-	6	-	17
It's the only option in Juneau/Ketchikan/Sitka	11	16	6	12	5	12	15	15	-
Recommendation by friends or family	3	5	6	3	2	-	9	-	-
Reputation of degree programs	5	5	7	2	11	12	6	5	8
Access to financing or scholarship	4	2	8	2	3	-	9	-	8
Open enrollment	1	2	-	3	-	-	3	-	-
Offered online/distance courses	13	22	25	7	2	12	-	25	8
Requirement for work/job training	4	3	6	-	-	3	-	-	25
Recruited by UAS representative	1	3	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Specific program/class	4	-	6	2	8	9	3	-	-
Recommendation by high school teacher/counselor/coach	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4	1	2	5	6	-	-	-	8

Transferring from UAS

Are you enrolled in a degree program at UAS?

	All Students n=574	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=12
Yes	88%	100%	99%	89%	100%	91%	100%	85%	77%
No	12	-	1	11	-	9	-	15	23

How likely are you to transfer from UAS to a different school before completing your degree?

Base: Enrolled in degree program

	All Students n=505	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=103	Humanities n=110	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=30	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=17	Applied Tech. Ed. n=10
Very likely	10%	5%	1%	17%	15%	20%	6%	-%	-%
Likely	8	5	8	12	8	3	6	18	10
Unlikely	21	28	16	21	23	17	24	12	40
Very unlikely	52	57	71	40	47	47	55	53	40
Don't know	8	6	5	10	8	13	9	18	10

Note: Sample sizes for most of the departments were too small to report results.

Why do you plan to transfer from UAS?
Base: Enrolled in degree program; likely or very likely to transfer

	All Students n=90	Humanities n=32	Natural Sciences n=15
Desired courses not offered at UAS	54%	50%	67%
Degree program not offered at UAS	48	53	53
Want school with more classes available	48	38	60
Want to leave Juneau/Southeast/Alaska	47	56	27
Better course scheduling elsewhere	31	25	40
Personal/family reasons	24	34	20
Want school with more people	17	19	27
Want school with better reputation	11	13	7
Faculty is better elsewhere	10	9	-
Other	10	6	7
Don't know	1	-	7

What do you think are the main reasons other students at UAS transfer to other schools?

	All Students n=573	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=33	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=12
Want to leave Juneau/Southeast/Alaska	64%	65%	58%	66%	79%	58%	79%	45%	50%
Degree program not offered at UAS	63	50	55	75	73	52	88	50	50
Desired courses not offered at UAS	55	45	43	61	70	55	73	45	50
Want school with more classes available	44	32	25	56	62	42	70	35	50
Want school with more people	30	22	28	28	42	39	30	10	33
Personal/family reasons	29	31	38	25	21	27	30	25	33
Better course scheduling elsewhere	28	25	18	30	55	27	45	10	33
Want school with better reputation	18	32	7	18	26	3	18	15	-
Faculty is better elsewhere	10	15	12	7	9	6	6	10	8
Financial reasons	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Social reasons/campus life	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3	3	2	2	3	6	6	5	25
Don't know	12	10	24	9	-	21	-	30	8

Withdrawing from UAS

How likely are you to withdraw from UAS (without transferring to another school) before completing your degree?

Base: Enrolled in degree program; unlikely to transfer

	All Students n=414	Business Pub. Ad. n=94	Education n=94	Humanities n=78	Natural Sciences n=51	Health Occup. n=23	Social Sciences n=29	Info. Systems n=14	Applied Tech. Ed. n=9
Very likely	1%	-%	-%	3%	-%	-%	-%	-%	-%
Likely	2	2	-	3	-	4	-	-	22
Unlikely	17	24	14	17	8	9	14	14	22
Very unlikely	75	65	81	73	92	83	86	64	44
Don't know	6	9	5	5	-	4	-	21	11

What do you think are the main reasons other students at UAS withdraw without completing their degree?

	All Students n=572	Business Pub. Ad. n=103	Education n=104	Humanities n=123	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=32	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=20	Applied Tech. Ed. n=12
Financial reasons	61%	61%	55%	64%	73%	63%	76%	50%	62%
Personal/family reasons	48	48	45	50	42	59	58	45	54
Schedule/too busy to attend classes	44	58	26	49	42	44	45	50	46
Moving from Juneau/Southeast	37	41	37	39	32	34	42	35	15
Not satisfied with quality of classes/instructors	17	23	11	16	15	16	15	15	15
Lack of motivation/not ready	4	1	4	5	9	-	6	-	-
Course availability/scheduling	2	-	1	3	6	-	-	-	-
Lost interest	1	-	-	2	2	-	6	-	-
Other	3	1	3	4	2	-	3	-	8
Don't know	16	12	27	13	14	22	6	25	15

Applying to Other Colleges

Did you apply to colleges or universities other than UAS (for your current degree program)?

Base: Enrolled in degree program

	All Students n=505	Business Pub. Ad. n=104	Education n=103	Humanities n=110	Natural Sciences n=66	Health Occup. n=30	Social Sciences n=33	Info. Systems n=17	Applied Tech. Ed. n=10
Yes	26%	20%	19%	25%	58%	10%	27%	12%	20%
No	74	80	81	75	42	90	73	88	80