

## University of Alaska Southeast Fall 2013 Fee Changes for Juneau Students Faculty and Staff Information Page

**Introduction:** Beginning with the fall 2013 semester, UAS will introduce a consolidated service and instruction fee at the Juneau Campus. This change does not affect how fees are assessed to students at the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses.

The purpose of the change is to simplify the fee structure, increase the predictability of total fees for students, and make the distribution of educational costs more equitable.

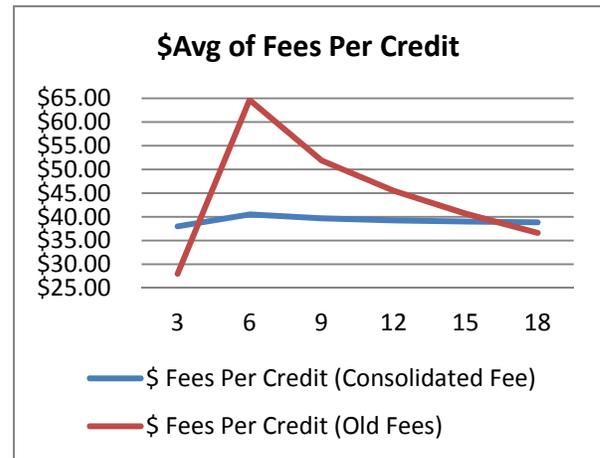
**What fees are changing?** Beginning with the fall 2013 Semester, the Juneau Campus will introduce a consolidated service and instruction fee. The fee will be assessed at \$35 per credit hour. In making this change, the Juneau Campus will fold into the consolidated fee the campus technology fee, the e-learning fee, the student government fee, the Whalesong publication fee, the health center fee, the recreation facility center fee, and the summer self-support fee, which proved to be a disincentive to summer enrollment. Several course fees have been reduced or eliminated as well.

Proceeds of the fee will be used to cover the costs associated with the use of in-class and e-learning instructional technologies, materials, and supplies and student support services including student government, recreation and wellness, and learning support services.

**What isn't changing?** Students will continue to be separately assessed the 2% UA Network Charge, the statewide technology fee, and the Optional Student Alumni Association Fee. Students will also continue to be assessed lab and materials fees for courses that use specialized equipment or materials.

**Does this affect student fees assessed on Ketchikan and Sitka courses?** No. Ketchikan and Sitka offer students a different suite of services than the Juneau Campus. If a student enrolls in Ketchikan or Sitka courses, fees applicable to the respective campus and course will be applied.

**Why is the change being made?** As the chart below illustrates, the old fee structure placed a disproportionate amount of the burden of fees on the university's part-time students and created disincentives to enrollment and student completion. Under the new fee structure, students taking between 5-12 on-campus credits will see an average decrease of \$13/credit hour in fees.



**How does the consolidated fee affect the university's e-learning students?** We've made every effort to balance the impact of this change to benefit the greatest number of students possible. Upper division e-learners (77% of Juneau Campus's e-learning courses are offered as upper division credit), will pay on average \$4 more per credit. Comparatively, on-campus students taking less than 5 credits will see an increase of \$10 per credit hour in fee assessments.

**How do we answer questions from students about this change?** Student Governance has expressed support for this change. Undoubtedly, some students will still have questions. Please direct students to the Cashier's Office. We will have informational materials geared specifically to students before fall registration opens.

There are several advantages to bundling the fee. It is simpler, and it reduces the average cost to all students. To help students understand what they are paying for it is important to inform them of the full range of services available at the university. With the new fee, students will have the ability to access all of the university's services and use those that best meet their needs and preferences.