



Incoming north2north Student Factsheet

ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY - Academic Year 2023-2024

About Us

Name of University	Alaska Pacific University (APU)
General Introduction	Under the direction of Peter Gordon Gould, an Unangax from the village of Unga, Alaska Methodist University (AMU) offered its first classes in 1960. AMU was renamed in 1978 to Alaska Pacific University (APU). It retains its commitment to its heritage of Alaska Native education while emphasizing rigorous academics and field work in the arts and sciences. Representing the aspirations and collective wisdom of our community, APU delivers an education that is collaborative, innovative, and transformational. Encouraging development, supporting community engagement, and honoring Alaska’s Indigenous heritage, APU seeks to cultivate a unique and powerful educational experience.
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Application Process

<p>Required Application Materials</p> <p><i>Do not send physical copies;</i> those should be kept for your visa appointment.</p>	<p>Visit our website to find required forms. All items must be in English.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination Letter signed by Home University 2. Online application and Supplemental Application for International Students 3. Financial Statement Form and proof of funding for duration of program 4. Home University Official Transcript 5. Copy of Passport 6. English Proficiency Documentation (TOEFL or IELTS results). Exemption from this requirement exists for applicants from countries wherein English is the predominant or officially recognized language. <p>Send electronically by the deadlines listed below to: admissions@alaskapacific.edu</p>
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Dates and Costs

Important Dates	<p>APU has a fall and spring term, with an optional summer term. Courses are offered in a variety of modes, with the general expectation that each semester students take a single, intensive 4-week 'block' course, followed by an 11-week 'session' where multiple courses are taken. In the 'block and session' format, students are more focused on fewer subjects at one time – providing more opportunity for active learning and deep understanding. Full-semester courses are available, as well as shorter 7-week 'module' classes.</p> <p>The Academic Calendar and important dates can be found in our University Catalog. Please pay close attention to course dates and duration when selecting classes. Important deadlines for applications are below:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><u>Fall 2023 Dates:</u> n2n Application Deadline: 1 March Documents to APU Deadline: 1 April Suggested arrival: 17 August Mandatory Orientation: 17-19 August Housing Payment: 1 August Fee Payment: 3 September Classes: 22 August – 9 December Final Exams: 5 – 9 December</td><td><u>Spring 2024 Dates:</u> n2n Application Deadline: 1 July 2023* Documents to APU Deadline: 1 October 2023 Suggested arrival: 4 January 2024 Mandatory Orientation: 5 January 2024 Housing Payment: 15 December 2023 Fee Payment: 19 January 2024 Classes: 8 January – 26 April 2024 Final Exams: 22 – 26 April 2024</td></tr></table> <p>*We can accept most student nominations through 1 September for Spring.</p>	<u>Fall 2023 Dates:</u> n2n Application Deadline: 1 March Documents to APU Deadline: 1 April Suggested arrival: 17 August Mandatory Orientation: 17-19 August Housing Payment: 1 August Fee Payment: 3 September Classes: 22 August – 9 December Final Exams: 5 – 9 December	<u>Spring 2024 Dates:</u> n2n Application Deadline: 1 July 2023* Documents to APU Deadline: 1 October 2023 Suggested arrival: 4 January 2024 Mandatory Orientation: 5 January 2024 Housing Payment: 15 December 2023 Fee Payment: 19 January 2024 Classes: 8 January – 26 April 2024 Final Exams: 22 – 26 April 2024
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Cost of Attendance for Students	<p>Charges payable to APU are due at the beginning of each semester, such as tuition, fees, on campus room and board. You can view the annual cost of attendance under Campus Undergraduate Programs. This chart provides estimated costs combining fall and spring semesters. You may want to utilize our cost estimate calculator. Please note the calculator does not calculate every possible fee, such as course fees.</p> <p>Each academic year, APU will offer one full-year tuition waiver, or two single-semester tuition waivers. These are awarded in cooperation with n2n administration. Tuition-paying students (those not receiving an exchange tuition waiver) will be responsible for paying the tuition rate based on the program enrolled: campus undergraduate, professional studies undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral.</p> <p>Fees: All students pay two mandatory student fees not included in a tuition waiver for exchange students. Students should be prepared to pay approximately \$205 in mandatory fees each semester. Some courses have fees, such as lab fees, that are separate from mandatory fees. Search courses to view fees at the link at the top of the APU home page.</p> <p>Overload Fee: students taking more than the maximum of 18 total credits in a semester will be responsible for costs associated with those credits, including any lab fees.</p> <p>Other costs: Students pay all other costs, such as room and board (housing and food), books, transportation, personal expenses. Students who live on-campus pay room and board directly to APU; and a refundable \$400 housing deposit.</p>		

Arrival and Departure Information

When to Arrive	<p>Students can arrive to the U.S. 30 days prior to the start date listed on their I-20 (usually listed as the first day of orientation).</p> <p>Students should plan to arrive in Anchorage to attend the first day of APU orientation. Residence halls also open on the first day of orientation. If students arrive before the residence halls open, they can request an early move-in date with Residence Life.</p>
How to get to campus	<p>Nearest airport is Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC). APU does not offer airport pickup service.</p> <p>Students can either take a cab, an Uber/Lyft, or take a city bus to campus. Cab fare is approximately \$25 from the airport to campus. A single ride on the bus is USD\$2.00.</p>
End of program	<p>Students should plan to stay until the last day of finals listed on the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Students have 30 days in which they can stay in the U.S. after their program end date listed on their I-20 before they will be required to leave. The end date listed on your I-20 is the last day of finals for your final semester.</p>
Can I extend?	<p>Yes, for you may extend your visa for study or practical experience with approval from our office. See the visa section below.</p>

Visa Requirements

Visa Type	F-1 Student visas are issued by the U.S. Department of State
How to apply for your visa	<p>Once your application for study has been approved by APU, you will be required to apply for a visa to study in the United States. The steps and sequence for your application may vary by country and consulate. Please review all Complete application information may be found here: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html</p>
Visa Extensions	<p>Students can extend their visa for another semester of study or an Academic Training opportunity (employment, internship, research, or other practical experience related to your field of study). Students can extend their visa for another semester of study and are eligible to apply for Occupational Practical Training through SEVIS. Program Extension Requests must be submitted to the Dean of Students Office a month prior to your program end date.</p>
Insurance	<p>APU students have access to the ANTHC Walk In Clinic for primary health care needs, but APU requires all students to have their own health insurance plan in order to attend classes.</p>

Accommodation and Student Support

On Campus Housing through Student Life & Activities	<p>Website: https://www.alaskapacific.edu/campus-life/</p> <p>Visiting students are encouraged to live on campus for their studies at APU. APU offers several Residence Halls for on-campus living. Undergraduate students living on campus will likely need to purchase a meal plan.</p> <p>Students pay a \$400 deposit upon submission of their residence hall application.</p>
Student Financial Services	<p>Website: https://www.alaskapacific.edu/student-financial-services/</p> <p>Financial aid and student account (billing) information.</p>
Disability Support Services	<p>If you need accommodation of any kind while at APU, please reach out to Disability Support Services.</p>
Health, Counseling, and Student Services	<p>Website: https://www.alaskapacific.edu/dean-of-students/direct-services/</p> <p>Medical and Mental Health Support is offered to all students. Students automatically pay a semester fee that gives them access to see a provider for no charge (though there may be charges for medical supplies or tests conducted, if needed).</p>
Campus Resources and Emergency Information	<p>APU publishes an annual Student Handbook to guide you through your experience on our campus.</p> <p>APU has Campus Safety Officers available every day.</p> <p>Emergency Notification System</p> <p>24 Emergency Line: +1-907-564-8888</p>

Course Information

Language of Instruction	<p>All courses are conducted in English, unless it is a foreign language course.</p>
Minimum Language Requirements	<p>Students must have a certain level of proficiency in English to be able to take courses.</p> <p>To take APU classes, students must have a minimum 79 on the TOEFL iBT (79 on internet-based exam, 213 on computer-based, or 550 on paper-based) or an academic band score of 6.5 on the International English Language Test System (IELTS). APU does not offer English intensive language courses.</p> <p>If your university uses a different proficiency scale, please let us know.</p>
Minimum and Maximum Credits	<p>Undergraduate: 12 <u>in-person</u> credits per semester, 18 total credits maximum Graduate: 6 <u>in-person</u> credits at the 400- and 600-level per semester, 18 credits maximum</p>
Restricted Courses	<p>All of the following courses for credit <u>do not count</u> towards the in-person requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distance Courses; Courses that meet at a specific time but are held over Audio or Video Conference are considered distance. ● Research/Thesis ● Directed/Independent Study ● Senior Project ● Private Lessons ● Internship <p>There may be additional courses that do not count towards the in-person requirement that are not listed above.</p>

Internships and Research	<p>Internship, Research, and Thesis courses are unique opportunities that must be arranged in advance of registration. These are not pre-arranged opportunities; the student and faculty must design the course requirements together.</p> <p>It is recommended that students interested in these types of opportunities plan to stay for a full year and make arrangements for these activities in the second semester.</p>
Course Information	<p>View Course Descriptions*</p> <p><i>*Courses listed in the Catalog may not always be offered during the semester as predicted.</i></p> <p>Once students have fulfilled their 12 in-person credit requirement they can search additional APU distance courses.</p>

Available Areas of Study

Selecting a Field of Study	<p>Program Objective Requirement</p> <p>At the time of application, students are required to select a “Program Objective” (major/field of study) that they wish to study at APU. The program objective can be related to their home degree, or it can be entirely different.</p> <p>Students must choose their program objective wisely, as courses taken during each semester of attendance must relate to this program objective. 75% of the student’s required credits must be related to the program objective to be approved. Courses <u>required</u> for the student’s home university degree completion may also be counted towards Program Objective requirement.</p> <p>An example regarding course selection related to a program objective: A student chooses ‘Wildlife Biology & Conservation’; related classes could include a GIS course (GEOS), Statistics (STAT), or any other course that could be argued to be related to the program objective, even if it is not WLF.</p>
Undergraduate Program Objectives	<p>Associate/Bachelor Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alaska Native Governance ● Business Administration (AA or BA) ● Counseling Psychology ● Creative & Professional Writing ● Environmental Public Health ● Health Sciences ● Liberal Studies ● Marine & Environmental Sciences ● Nursing ● Outdoor Studies ● Sustainability Studies
Graduate Program Objectives	<p>Graduate/Master/PhD Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business Administration ● Counseling Psychology ● Environmental Science ● Information Technology ● Master of Arts ● Outdoor & Environmental Education ● Strategic Leadership

