

ACADEMIC DEGREE AWARDS

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Summary: Academic Degree Awards

In FY26, students earned 3,659 degrees, certificates, and endorsements across the UA System, which is 7.0 percent (238 degrees) over FY25. The number of degrees awarded has increased 2.6 percent (92 degrees) over the last five years (Table 1). Moderate increases in program completions were anticipated due to a surge in enrollment after the pandemic. A closer look at each university reveals differing trends in degrees awarded.

UAA's total degrees awarded increased by 13.7 percent (237 degrees) over the past year to a total of 1,967 degrees awarded. Over the past year, the number of master's degrees awarded increased by 30.4 percent (45 degrees), and PhDs decreased by about 57.1 percent (4 degrees). Bachelor's degrees increased by 5.1 percent (36 degrees), while AA and AAS degrees increased by 36.4 percent and 8.8 percent (82 and 23 degrees), respectively. The number of OEC's awarded increased by 6.1 percent (15 degrees) in the last year (Table 1).

The total number of degrees awarded at UAF increased 2.2 percent (26 degrees) from FY25 with a FY26 total of 1,229 degrees awarded. Over the past year, AAS and AA degrees awarded decreased by 4.7 percent (6 degrees) and 22.1 percent (25 degrees) respectively. The number of licensure degrees awarded remained unchanged from the previous year. Awards at the OEC, two-year certificates, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate level increased by 6.0 percent (4 degrees), 4.2 percent (5 degrees), 2.9 percent (14 degrees), 13.2 percent (27 degrees), and 22.6 percent (7 degrees) respectively compared to the previous year (Table 1).

Degrees awarded at UAS decreased by 5.1 percent (25 degrees) from FY25 to FY26 to a total of 463 degrees awarded. OECs awarded decreased by 7.6 percent (12 degrees), one-year certificates remained unchanged, two-year certificates decreased by 5.0 percent (1 degree), AAS increased by 14.7 percent (5 degrees), AA degrees decreased by 47.1 percent (16 degrees). Bachelor's degrees awarded in FY26 also decreased 10.1 percent (10 degrees). Master's degrees awarded decreased by 6.5 percent (6 degrees), licensure awards increased by 41.7 percent (15 degrees) in the last fiscal year (Table 1).

In FY26, 73.1 percent (2,673 degrees) of total UA degrees, certificates, and endorsements were awarded in five disciplines: Health and Human Services (21.5 percent of total, 787 awarded), Humanities, Arts, and Social Science (17.3 percent of total, 632 awarded), Business and Public Administration (13.9 percent of total, 507 awarded), Construction, Aviation, Mechanics, Mining tech, Culinary (11.0 percent of total, 402 awarded), and Biology, Fisheries, Maritime (9.4 percent of total, 345 awarded) (Table 3). *Many Traditions One Alaska*

About 15.0 percent (550) of the FY26 graduating class identified as Indigenous, while another 16.3 percent (598) belonged to an underrepresented non-Indigenous student group. In FY26, students identifying as white made up 62.2 percent (2,276) of the graduating class, and 6.4 percent (235) had unknown racial identities (Table 5).

Table 1. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by Level and University, Five Year Trend (Continued on next page)

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	% Change FY22-FY26
UA Anchorage						
OEC	159	129	193	244	259	62.9
Certificate (1 yr)	11	17	11	17	12	9.1
Certificate (2 yr)	31	31	38	45	93	200.0
Associate (AAS)	327	271	279	261	284	-13.1
Associate (AA)	254	174	250	225	307	20.9
Bachelor's	893	820	719	701	737	-17.5
Licensure	44	43	43	82	79	79.5
Master's	172	192	170	148	193	12.2
Doctorate	4	5	3	7	3	-25.0
Total	1,895	1,682	1,706	1,730	1,967	3.8
UA Fairbanks						
OEC	75	95	78	67	71	-5.3
Certificate (1 yr)						
Certificate (2 yr)	152	136	129	120	125	-17.8
Associate (AAS)	154	104	112	129	123	-20.1
Associate (AA)	72	88	79	113	88	22.2
Bachelor's	493	444	461	486	500	1.4
Licensure	49	51	48	52	52	6.1
Master's	182	178	198	205	232	27.5
Doctorate	32	31	31	31	38	18.8
Total	1,209	1,127	1,136	1,203	1,229	1.7



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Table 1. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by Level and University, Five Year Trend, Cont.

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	% Change FY22-FY26
UA Southeast						
OEC	111	127	128	158	146	31.5
Certificate (1 yr)	19	12	16	15	15	-21.1
Certificate (2 yr)	31	15	22	20	19	-38.7
Associate (AAS)	42	42	38	34	39	-7.1
Associate (AA)	39	25	39	34	18	-53.8
Bachelor's	104	130	103	99	89	-14.4
Licensure	41	35	27	36	51	24.4
Master's	76	90	65	92	86	13.2
Doctorate						
Total	463	476	438	488	463	0.0
UA System						
OEC	345	351	399	469	476	38.0
Certificate (1 yr)	30	29	27	32	27	-10.0
Certificate (2 yr)	214	182	189	185	237	10.7
Associate (AAS)	523	417	429	424	446	-14.7
Associate (AA)	365	287	368	372	413	13.2
Bachelor's	1,490	1,394	1,283	1,286	1,326	-11.0
Licensure	134	129	118	170	182	35.8
Master's	430	460	433	445	511	18.8
Doctorate	36	36	34	38	41	13.9
Total	3,567	3,285	3,280	3,421	3,659	2.6



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Table 2. Degrees, Certificates, and Endorsements Awarded by Academic Organization FY26

	Certificate			Associate		Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	Total
	OECE	1-Year	2-year	AAS	AA					
Anchorage	179	6	93	230	216	737	79	193	3	1,736
Kenai	25	6		28	13					72
Kodiak	2			2	14					18
Mat-Su	8			15	54					77
PWSC	45			9	10					64
Troth Yeddha'			2			493	50	223	36	804
UAF CTC	55		112	109	88					364
College of Indigenous Studies										
Bristol Bay	1									1
Chukchi										
Kuskokwim	8		4	6		1				19
Northwest										
Rural College	7		7	8		6	2	9	2	41
Juneau	26	5	13	28	16	89	51	86		314
Ketchikan	8			1	1					10
Sitka	112	10	6	10	1					139
UA Anchorage	259	12	93	284	307	737	79	193	3	1,967
UA Fairbanks	71		125	123	88	500	52	232	38	1,229
UA Southeast	146	15	19	39	18	89	51	86		463
UA System	476	27	237	446	413	1,326	182	511	41	3,659
Percent of Total	13%	1%	6%	12%	11%	36%	5%	14%	1%	100%

Table 3. Degrees Awarded by Discipline, Five Year Trend

Discipline	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	% Change
						FY22-FY26
Business and Public Administration	595	503	497	497	507	-14.8
Computer/Data Science and Math	106	72	87	113	133	25.5
Health and Human Services	872	835	780	787	787	-9.7
Education	311	307	254	317	341	9.6
Biology, Fisheries, Maritime	180	190	242	261	345	91.7
Alaska/Arctic	51	42	70	68	54	5.9
Professional Engineering, Engineering Tech and Ene	192	160	155	159	149	-22.4
Humanities, Arts and Social Science	629	564	612	629	632	0.5
Physical Science	81	89	76	59	88	8.6
Natural Resources and Agriculture	49	46	49	45	52	6.1
Construction, Aviation, Mechanics, Mining Tech, Culinary	344	289	280	290	402	16.9
Legal, Emergency and Protective Services	144	179	168	195	169	17.4
Other	13	9	10	1		-100.0
UA System Total	3,567	3,285	3,280	3,421	3,659	2.6



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Note: Degree programs are classified into disciplines based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. These differ from other programmatic classifications throughout the publication, such as career clusters.

Table 4. Degrees, Certificates, and Endorsements Awarded by Level and Program Discipline FY26

Discipline	Certificate			Associate		Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	Total
	OECEC	(1 yr)	(2 yr)	(AAS)	(AA)					
Business and Public Administration	68		15	67		204	22	131		507
Computer/Data Science and Math	19		7	32		51	10	13	1	133
Health and Human Services	95	16	37	171		328	27	109	4	787
Education	21		6	18		48	118	130		341
Biology, Fisheries, Maritime	81		1		127	98		28	10	345
Alaska/Arctic	5	1	9	8	4	7	4	14	2	54
Professional Engineering, Engineering Tech and Energy	8			5		108		28		149
Humanities, Arts and Social Science	35				282	292		18	5	632
Physical Science						55		14	19	88
Natural Resources and Agriculture	18					25		9		52
Construction, Aviation, Mechanics, Mining Tech, Culinary	68	10	162	114		48				402
Legal, Emergency and Protective Services	58			31		62	1	17		169
UA System Total	476	27	237	446	413	1,326	182	511	41	3,659



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Table 5. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by Level, Race and Ethnicity FY26
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	Ethnicity			Race					
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Total	Alaska Native/ American Indian	Hawaiian Native/ Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown
UA Anchorage									
OEC	26	233	259	47	4	32	11	141	24
Certificate (1 yr)		12	12	3	1			7	1
Certificate (2 yr)	6	87	93	9	4	12	2	61	5
Associate (AAS)	32	252	284	34	2	37	11	181	19
Associate (AA)	32	275	307	40	8	48	14	177	20
Bachelor's	77	660	737	66	11	125	40	447	48
Licensure	3	76	79	6		9	4	53	7
Master's	21	172	193	25	1	22	8	121	16
Doctorate		3	3	1				2	
Total	197	1,770	1,967	231	31	285	90	1,190	140
UA Fairbanks									
OEC	3	68	71	11	1	6	1	45	7
Certificate (1 yr)									
Certificate (2 yr)	14	111	125	35	1	7	4	74	4
Associate (AAS)	13	110	123	34	2	6	6	71	4
Associate (AA)	6	82	88	22	1	4	2	50	9
Bachelor's	45	455	500	61	6	34	22	353	24
Licensure	2	50	52	5		2	2	38	5
Master's	20	212	232	39	1	16	11	151	14
Doctorate	2	36	38	3		5	1	24	5
Total	105	1,124	1,229	210	12	80	49	806	72



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Note: Student demographic information is self-reported. UA utilizes an unduplicated race categorization, although students often identify as more than one race/ethnicity. This compilation method allows each student to be counted uniquely. For example, if a student identifies as Alaska Native and White, that person would be recorded as one Alaska Native student, for a total headcount of one.

Table 5. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by Level, Race and Ethnicity FY26 Cont.

	Ethnicity			Race					
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Total	Alaska Native/ American Indian	Hawaiian Native/ Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown
UA Southeast									
OEC	8	138	146	50	1	11	3	73	8
Certificate (1 yr)	1	14	15	1	1	1	1	10	1
Certificate (2 yr)	3	16	19	7		1		10	1
Associate (AAS)	4	35	39	11		2	3	19	4
Associate (AA)	1	17	18	6		3		8	1
Bachelor's	7	82	89	21		4	3	60	1
Licensure	2	49	51	5	2	2	2	36	4
Master's	7	79	86	8	2	5	4	64	3
Doctorate									
Total	33	430	463	109	6	29	16	280	23
UA System									
OEC	37	439	476	108	6	49	15	259	39
Certificate (1 yr)	1	26	27	4	2	1	1	17	2
Certificate (2 yr)	23	214	237	51	5	20	6	145	10
Associate (AAS)	49	397	446	79	4	45	20	271	27
Associate (AA)	39	374	413	68	9	55	16	235	30
Bachelor's	129	1,197	1,326	148	17	163	65	860	73
Licensure	7	175	182	16	2	13	8	127	16
Master's	48	463	511	72	4	43	23	336	33
Doctorate	2	39	41	4		5	1	26	5
Total	335	3,324	3,659	550	49	394	155	2,276	235
Percent of Total	9.2%	90.8%	100.0%	15.0%	1.3%	10.8%	4.2%	62.2%	6.4%



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Table 6. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by University and Career Cluster, Five Year Trend (Continued on next page)

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	% Change FY22-FY26
UA Anchorage						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	16	14	15	9	5	-68.8
Architecture & Construction	13	15	16	23	25	92.3
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	57	47	32	49	59	3.5
Business Management & Administration	116	116	114	110	104	-10.3
Education & Training	349	264	340	344	438	25.5
Finance	106	69	77	94	81	-23.6
Government & Public Administration	33	27	24	30	28	-15.2
Health Science	465	418	427	357	360	-22.6
Hospitality & Tourism	37	29	27	30	25	-32.4
Human Services	139	165	154	193	199	43.2
Information Technology	49	41	40	51	71	44.9
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	36	42	36	29	29	-19.4
Manufacturing	92	68	65	45	61	-33.7
Marketing	17	13	8	16	15	-11.8
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	245	259	243	234	271	10.6
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	125	95	88	116	196	56.8
UA Anchorage Total	1,895	1,682	1,706	1,730	1,967	3.8
UA Fairbanks						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	42	48	58	38	50	19.0
Architecture & Construction	10	4	3	7	2	-80.0
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	33	27	31	40	39	18.2
Business Management & Administration	139	109	118	121	143	2.9
Education & Training	248	259	218	236	234	-5.6
Finance	44	45	50	49	48	9.1
Government & Public Administration	7	14	17	11	13	85.7
Health Science	108	92	65	73	64	-40.7
Hospitality & Tourism	10	16	26	18	27	170.0
Human Services	94	93	90	116	95	1.1
Information Technology	33	19	27	36	47	42.4
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	102	99	102	110	108	5.9
Manufacturing	28	22	20	25	31	10.7
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	263	232	268	279	277	5.3
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	48	48	43	44	51	6.3
UA Fairbanks Total	1,209	1,127	1,136	1,203	1,229	1.7



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Note: Career cluster categories consist of entry-level through professional-level occupations within a broad industry area and are assigned based on the degree or certificate received. Historical data is recategorized to reflect current career cluster assignments, in order to provide valid comparisons. Other category represents majors missing a career cluster association in the common data warehouse at the time of publication.

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	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	% Change FY22-FY26
UA Southeast						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	28	25	34	26	26	-7.1
Architecture & Construction	1	1	2	5	4	300.0
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	1			1	2	100.0
Business Management & Administration	57	57	53	40	39	-31.6
Education & Training	172	167	136	176	156	-9.3
Finance	16	9	5	7	8	-50.0
Government & Public Administration	16	19	16	13	18	12.5
Health Science	73	55	56	48	65	-11.0
Hospitality & Tourism	2		4	6	2	0.0
Human Services	2	7	4	12	13	550.0
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	8	39	36	61	35	337.5
Manufacturing	23	16	22	24	37	60.9
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	35	46	38	42	41	17.1
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	29	35	32	27	17	-41.4
UA Southeast Total	463	476	438	488	463	0.0
UA System						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	86	87	107	73	81	-5.8
Architecture & Construction	24	20	21	35	31	29.2
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	91	74	63	90	100	9.9
Business Management & Administration	312	282	285	271	286	-8.3
Education & Training	769	690	694	756	828	7.7
Finance	166	123	132	150	137	-17.5
Government & Public Administration	56	60	57	54	59	5.4
Health Science	646	565	548	478	489	-24.3
Hospitality & Tourism	49	45	57	54	54	10.2
Human Services	235	265	248	321	307	30.6
Information Technology	82	60	67	87	118	43.9
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	146	180	174	200	172	17.8
Manufacturing	143	106	107	94	129	-9.8
Marketing	17	13	8	16	15	-11.8
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	543	537	549	555	589	8.5
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	202	178	163	187	264	30.7
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