

North Star College



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Fairbanks North Star Borough School District



Introductions

Sarah Gillam - Superintendent Secondary Schools

Laurie Beam - Executive Director of Alternative Schools & Programs

Stacey Kennedy - Director, North Star College

Kristan Kelly - Counselor, North Star College

Greg Stoddard - Teacher, North Star College

Natalie Tanner - Prog Secretary, North Star College

Amy Bristor - UAF Dual Enrollment Director







Historical Overview

- Program started in the 2020 - 2021 school year
- Currently in the 4th year of the program
- 90 students maximum in each cohort
 - Seniors and Juniors Only
 - 2.5 GPA & on track to graduate
 - Typically a few students transition out and in at semester
- 9-15 credits per semester allowed per student





Staffing Overview

- Director, Teacher, Counselor, & Secretary Roles
 - Director (12 month) - Leads and supervises the NSC school, work with UAF and district personnel to create guidelines and procedures that are specific to North Star College; student discipline, academic support, possible teaching duties as needed, assist with recruitment efforts
 - Teacher - Teach in person classes on an as needed basis, (WR111, Professional Writing) provide academic supports to students, assist with recruitment efforts
 - Counselor - Academic consult; SEL consult; work with UAF advisor to schedule UAF and cohort classes, Journalism 101X-Media and Culture (Literature Credit/English Elective)
 - Program Secretary - Input semester grades & schedules in PowerSchool, records requests management, order textbooks & materials, etc.



Program Overview

Juniors (89 enrolled)

Seniors (85 enrolled)

Total enrollment: 174/180 (As of 8/27)

NSC District Requested Classes—62 students (35%)

Classes Requested—88 classes

Classes Granted—74 (84%)

Classes Denied—13 (15%) (due to being full/primarily art)

E-Learning/APEX—4 classes



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Program Benefits

- Students earn both high school and college credits at no cost to them
 - School district pays for tuition and required textbooks
- Students have a supported introduction to college
- Dedicated space for North Star College students
- Juniors could have 60 college credits by the time they graduate from high school
- Seniors could have 30 college credits by the time they graduate from high school
- Students can take up to two courses on campus at their area attendance high schools (5th and 6th period primarily)
- Students can continue participating in clubs/activities/sports at their attendance area schools, as well as intramurals on UAF campus



Program Overview

DEVS: MWF 8:00-9:00am (Developmental College Success Skills Course)

PS101X- Intro to American Govt/Politics (SR. cohorted class)

MWF 9:15-10:15

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MWF 11:45-12:45

HIST131X (U.S) (JR. cohorted class)

MWF 9:15-10:15

Journalism 101X (Media and Culture)

MWF 10:30-11:30 (Kristan Kelly)

WR F111X

MWF 10:30-11:30am (Stoddard) **He is currently developing World Lit (ENG 200X) and Writing for the Sciences (WR 213X) course that could be offered to students as early as next semester.

WR F111X

T/H 8:00-9:30 (Stoddard)

Professional Writing

T/H 9:45-11:15 (Stoddard)

Journalism 101X-Media and Culture

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Student Supports

- Individual Career & College Counseling
- College Success Skills courses each semester
- Dedicated UAF advisors
- Dedicated North Star College counselor who works with UAF advisors
- Student Success Center with free math and writing tutoring (open to all students, but NSC encourages students to utilize the space)
- Work Study Program on campus (up to 20 hr/week)
- Access to Student Recreation Center



Special Education Supports “Disability Services”

Special education and 504 accommodation services are available to students. Please contact the Office of Disabilities on campus if you wish to access these services.

- A student seeking accommodations must schedule an appointment with Disability Services. Formal documentation of disability is required for services.
- If accommodations are approved by UAF Disability Services, the student is responsible for providing documentation to each university instructor. Accommodations become active from the moment an instructor receives the documentation and are never retroactive if provided to an instructor late.
- Students must renew accommodations and distribute documentation for each semester.

Currently: 2 students w/IEP's (1@area attendance school)
11 students w/504's (1@ area attendance school)

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING

- [UAF Writing Center](#): Provides revision support and writing tutoring to students
- [UAF Math Lab](#): Provides math tutoring and support for students
- [CTC Student Success Center](#): Provides tutoring support for students
- [Office Hours](#): Provided by the instructor or TA for the course.
- [Academic Support Services](#): Academic Support
- [Nanook Technology Services](#): Any technology needs on campus





Graduation Ceremony

May 20 at 7PM, UAF Campus-Davis Concert Hall

- All graduating students will walk in our NSC ceremony.
- Diplomas will be from North Star College.
- Students graduating for this 23-24 school year **ONLY**, may also choose to walk with their area attendance school. Students must take the initiative to contact their area attendance school to make arrangements to walk in their ceremony **by Oct.1**
 - The student and family will be responsible to contact the school to get information about deadlines (ordering caps and gowns, etc.) and to obtain additional information about any senior activities.





23-24 North Star College Data

Current credit enrollment (As of week 8/27)

- 2545 total credits
- Average of 14.62 credits per student

Enrollment by school: (As of week 8/27)

- LHS: 40 (22%)
- BEHS: 23 (13%)
- NPHS: 22 (12%)
- HHS: 22 (12%)
- SON: 2 (1%)
- BEST: 10 (5%)
- WVHS: 57 (32%)





23-24 North Star College Data

Demographics:

Males: 81

Females: 93

Ethnicity: Did not disclose(14%) Other (6%) Multi-Ethnic (11%)

WH (62%) AA (5%)

Juniors Current GPA:

4.0-3.5 = 64%

3.49-3.0 = 22%

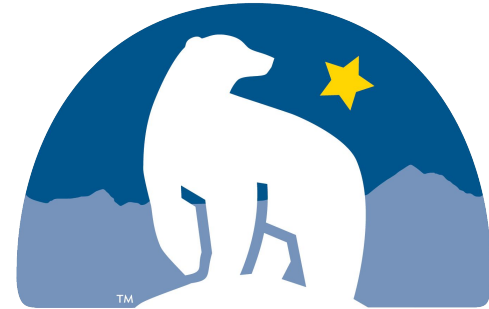
2.9-2.5 = 10%

Seniors Current GPA:

4.0-3.5 = 58%

3.49-3.0 = 19%

2.9-2.5 = 20%



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Cohorted Classes

Senior Cohorted Classes:

- Fall: College Success Skills & Introduction to American Government and Politics (PS101)
- Spring: College Success Skills & Economics (ECON 101)

Junior Cohorted Classes:

- Fall: College Success Skills & History of the U.S (HIST 131)
- Spring: College Success Skills & History of the U.S. (HIST 132)

These classes are our students' cohorted classes and are required as part of the North Star College experience. (MWF 8:00-9:00 and 9:15-10:15) Professors work with their students to set goals, navigate the college experience, teach how to communicate with other professors, support developing strong bonds with peers, learn about social and emotional topics which will help them better understand their changing brains and emotions, along with additional support from our NSC staff with current announcements, time for questions, etc. This is our NSC staff time to access our NSC students as a whole, as needed.



What are students studying?

Classes with the largest enrollments:

- Journalism-Media and Culture (JOUR 101)
- Pre-Calculus (M156)
- Writing Across Context (WR111)
- Spanish 1 (SPAN 101)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 111)
- Intermediate Algebra (M105)
- 2 students are taking Calculus II and 1 student taking Calculus III, (M252/253)

Other popular courses include: Engineering AK, Rock Climbing, Japanese, Computer Programming, Astronomy, Introduction to Justice, Makerspace AK, Physics, Calculus 1