

ACADEMIC DEGREE AWARDS

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Summary: Academic Degree Awards

In FY24, students earned 3,280 degrees, certificates, and endorsements across the UA System, which is roughly in line with last year. This represents a 23.3 percent decrease (998 degrees) over the last five years (Table 1). Moderate declines in program completions were anticipated due to a drop in enrollment during the pandemic. A closer look at each university reveals differing trends in degrees awarded.

UAA's total degrees awarded increased by 1.4 percent (24 degrees) over the past year to a total of 1,706 degrees awarded. Over the past year, the number of master's degrees awarded decreased by 11.5 percent (22 degrees), and PhDs decreased by about 40 percent (2 degrees). Bachelor's degrees decreased by 12.3 percent (101 degrees), while AA and AAS degrees increased by 43.7 percent and 3.0 percent (76 and 8 degrees), respectively. The number of OEC's awarded increased by 49.6 percent (64 degrees) in the last year (Table 1).

The total number of degrees awarded at UAF remained relatively unchanged from FY23 with a FY24 total of 1,136 degrees awarded. In the last year, both bachelor's and master's degrees awarded increased by 3.8 percent (17 degrees) and 11.2 percent (20 degrees). The number of doctorate degrees awarded remained unchanged from the previous year. Over the last year, OECs awarded decreased by 17.9 percent (17 degrees), two-year certificates decreased by 5.1 percent (7 degrees), AA degrees decreased by 10.2 percent (16 degrees), and licensure awards decreased by 5.9 percent (3 degrees) (Table 1).

Degrees awarded at UAS decreased by 8.0 percent (38 degrees) from FY23 to FY24 to a total of 438 degrees awarded. OECs awarded increased by 0.8 percent (1 degree), one-year certificates by 33.3 percent (4 degrees), two-year certificates by 46.7 percent (7 degrees), and AA degrees by 56.0 percent (14 degrees). Master's degrees awarded decreased by 27.8 percent (25 degrees), licensure awards decreased by 22.9 percent (8 degrees), bachelor's degrees decreased by 20.8 percent (27 degrees), and AA degrees decreased by 9.5 percent (4 degrees) in the last fiscal year (Table 1).

In FY24, 72.9 percent (2,390 degrees) of total UA degrees, certificates, and endorsements were awarded in five disciplines: Business and Public Administration (23.4 percent of total, 767 awarded), Health (17.1 percent of total, 560 awarded), Vocational Education (13.0 percent of total, 425 awarded), Letters, Communication, and Philosophy (12.3 percent of total, 402 awarded), and Education (7.2 percent of total, 236 awarded) (Table 3).

About 14.7 percent (482) of the FY24 graduating class identified as Indigenous, while another 16.2 percent (534) belonged to an underrepresented non-Indigenous student group. In FY24, students identifying as White made up 61.8 percent (2,026) of the graduating class, and 7.3 percent (238) had unknown racial identities (Table 5).

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

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	% Change FY20-FY24
UA Anchorage						
OEC	65	57	159	129	193	196.9
Certificate (1 yr)	21	28	11	17	11	-47.6
Certificate (2 yr)	30	41	31	31	38	26.7
Associate (AAS)	483	386	327	271	279	-42.2
Associate (AA)	374	284	254	174	250	-33.2
Bachelor's	1,112	1,044	893	820	719	-35.3
Licensure	43	40	44	43	43	
Master's	203	190	172	192	170	-16.3
Doctorate	8	9	4	5	3	-62.5
Total	2,339	2,079	1,895	1,682	1,706	-27.1
UA Fairbanks						
OEC	66	69	75	95	78	18.2
Certificate (1 yr)						
Certificate (2 yr)	151	167	152	136	129	-14.6
Associate (AAS)	186	159	154	104	112	-39.8
Associate (AA)	76	99	72	88	79	3.9
Bachelor's	622	568	493	444	461	-25.9
Licensure	35	39	49	51	48	37.1
Master's	198	195	182	178	198	
Doctorate	49	39	32	31	31	-36.7
Total	1,383	1,335	1,209	1,127	1,136	-17.9



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

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	% Change FY20-FY24
UA Southeast						
OEC	135	165	111	127	128	-5.2
Certificate (1 yr)	14	8	19	12	16	14.3
Certificate (2 yr)	24	35	31	15	22	-8.3
Associate (AAS)	49	40	42	42	38	-22.4
Associate (AA)	45	37	39	25	39	-13.3
Bachelor's	139	144	104	130	103	-25.9
Licensure	35	31	41	35	27	-22.9
Master's	115	122	76	90	65	-43.5
Doctorate						
Total	556	582	463	476	438	-21.2
UA System						
OEC	266	291	345	351	399	50.0
Certificate (1 yr)	35	36	30	29	27	-22.9
Certificate (2 yr)	205	243	214	182	189	-7.8
Associate (AAS)	718	585	523	417	429	-40.3
Associate (AA)	495	420	365	287	368	-25.7
Bachelor's	1,873	1,756	1,490	1,394	1,283	-31.5
Licensure	113	110	134	129	118	4.4
Master's	516	507	430	460	433	-16.1
Doctorate	57	48	36	36	34	-40.4
Total	4,278	3,996	3,567	3,285	3,280	-23.3



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Table 2. Degrees, Certificates, and Endorsements Awarded by Academic Organization FY24

	Certificate			Associate		Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	Total
	OEC	1-Year	2-year	AAS	AA					
Anchorage	124	4	38	233	174	719	43	170	3	1,508
Kenai	26	3		29	15					73
Kodiak				2	18					20
Mat-Su	13			8	34					55
PWSC	30	4		7	9					50
Troth Yeddha'			12			437	46	190	31	716
UAF CTC	52		107	99	64					322
College of Indigenous Studies										
Bristol Bay	13				1					14
Chukchi										
Interior Alaska	3		7	9	15	1				35
Kuskokwim	10		3	2		1				16
Northwest										
Rural College				1		22	2	8		33
Juneau	19	2	13	22	33	103	27	65		284
Ketchikan	23	1		3	1					28
Sitka	86	13	9	13	5					126
UA Anchorage	193	11	38	279	250	719	43	170	3	1,706
UA Fairbanks	78		129	112	79	461	48	198	31	1,136
UA Southeast	128	16	22	38	39	103	27	65		438
UA System	399	27	189	429	368	1,283	118	433	34	3,280
Percent of Total	12%	1%	6%	13%	11%	39%	4%	13%	1%	100%

Table 3. Degrees Awarded by Discipline, Five Year Trend

Discipline						% Change
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY20-FY24
Business and Public Administration	955	985	814	780	767	-19.7
Computer and Information Science	88	66	79	53	63	-28.4
Education	363	328	293	297	236	-35.0
Engineering	228	178	164	122	119	-47.8
Foreign Languages	44	34	35	23	25	-43.2
Health	770	717	667	595	560	-27.3
Letters, Comm., and Philosophy	582	487	420	346	402	-30.9
Math, Physical and Life Sciences	200	189	182	186	199	-0.5
Natural Resources	98	88	84	73	95	-3.1
Social Sciences	276	282	201	228	209	-24.3
Visual and Performing Arts	69	62	62	40	42	-39.1
Vocational Education	461	423	452	410	425	-7.8
Interdisciplinary Studies	144	157	114	132	138	-4.2
UA System Total	4,278	3,996	3,567	3,285	3,280	-23.3



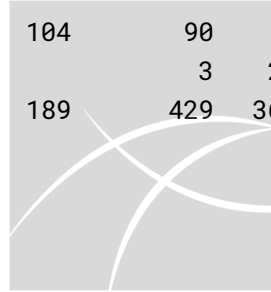
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Note: Degree programs are classified into disciplines based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. These differ from other programmatic classifications throughout the publication, such as career clusters.

Table 4. Degrees, Certificates, and Endorsements Awarded by Level and Program Discipline FY24

Discipline	Certificate		Associate		Bachelor's	Licensure	Master's	Doctorate	Total	
	OEC	(1 yr)	(2 yr)	(AAS)						(AA)
Business and Public Administration	103		28	127	313	27	169		767	
Computer and Information Science	4			20	36		3		63	
Education			16	3	47	77	93		236	
Engineering					92		25	2	119	
Foreign Languages	3	1		1	19		1		25	
Health	68	18	35	183	198	8	50		560	
Letters, Comm., and Philosophy	6				47		6		402	
Math, Physical and Life Sciences	20				117	2	42	18	199	
Natural Resources	31		6	2	31	1	19	5	95	
Social Sciences	9				176		17	3	209	
Visual and Performing Arts	4				35		3		42	
Vocational Education	138	8	104	90	82	3			425	
Interdisciplinary Studies	13			3	90		5	6	138	
UA System Total	399	27	189	429	368	1,283	118	433	34	3,280



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Table 5. Degrees, Certificates and Endorsements Awarded by Level, Race and Ethnicity FY24
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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	19	174	193	29	2	19	8	108	27
Certificate (1 yr)		11	11	2				9	
Certificate (2 yr)	3	35	38	3		3	5	22	5
Associate (AAS)	31	248	279	17	2	28	9	199	24
Associate (AA)	26	224	250	43	1	45	5	137	19
Bachelor's	81	638	719	85	9	135	37	398	55
Licensure	3	40	43	2		4	2	33	2
Master's	13	157	170	17		14	15	116	8
Doctorate		3	3				1	2	
Total	176	1,530	1,706	198	14	248	82	1,024	140
UA Fairbanks									
OEC	8	70	78	20		8	6	41	3
Certificate (1 yr)									
Certificate (2 yr)	10	119	129	46	3	9	6	56	9
Associate (AAS)	12	100	112	27		8	5	60	12
Associate (AA)	6	73	79	21	2	4	3	45	4
Bachelor's	43	418	461	73	6	33	22	302	25
Licensure	6	42	48	6		3	1	34	4
Master's	14	184	198	16	1	15	8	147	11
Doctorate		31	31	1	1	4	1	15	9
Total	99	1,037	1,136	210	13	84	52	700	77



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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 FY24, Cont.

	Ethnicity			Race					
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Total	Alaska Native/American Indian	Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander	Asian	Black	White	Unknown
UA Southeast									
OEC	6	122	128	21	1	11	2	85	8
Certificate (1 yr)	1	15	16	3		1		12	
Certificate (2 yr)	2	20	22	2			1	16	3
Associate (AAS)	1	37	38	8	1	4	1	24	
Associate (AA)	3	36	39	9		1	1	28	
Bachelor's	9	94	103	16		8	3	70	6
Licensure	2	25	27	4		1		21	1
Master's	3	62	65	11	1	1	3	46	3
Doctorate									
Total	27	411	438	74	3	27	11	302	21
UA System									
OEC	33	366	399	70	3	38	16	234	38
Certificate (1 yr)	1	26	27	5		1		21	
Certificate (2 yr)	15	174	189	51	3	12	12	94	17
Associate (AAS)	44	385	429	52	3	40	15	283	36
Associate (AA)	35	333	368	73	3	50	9	210	23
Bachelor's	133	1,150	1,283	174	15	176	62	770	86
Licensure	11	107	118	12		8	3	88	7
Master's	30	403	433	44	2	30	26	309	22
Doctorate		34	34	1	1	4	2	17	9
Total	302	2,978	3,280	482	30	359	145	2,026	238
Percent of Total	9.2%	90.8%	100.0%	14.7%	0.9%	10.9%	4.4%	61.8%	7.3%



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

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	% Change FY20-FY24
UA Anchorage						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	19	19	12	10	7	-63.2
Architecture & Construction	39	21	13	12	14	-64.1
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	69	58	57	46	28	-59.4
Business Management & Administration	180	129	112	105	100	-44.4
Education & Training	538	387	349	255	323	-40.0
Finance	87	108	106	69	77	-11.5
Government & Public Administration	50	35	32	26	20	-60.0
Health Science	562	539	399	297	311	-44.7
Hospitality & Tourism	14	17	25	14	7	-50.0
Human Services	149	146	139	165	154	3.4
Information Technology	45	44	49	41	40	-11.1
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	56	54	36	42	36	-35.7
Manufacturing	88	88	87	65	61	-30.7
Marketing	16	19	17	13	8	-50.0
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	309	296	231	237	207	-33.0
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	118	113	116	90	79	-33.1
Other		6	115	195	234	
UA Anchorage Total	2,339	2,079	1,895	1,682	1,706	-27.1
UA Fairbanks						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	61	42	42	48	55	-9.8
Architecture & Construction	13	10	10	4	3	-76.9
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	38	46	33	26	31	-18.4
Business Management & Administration	145	143	138	109	114	-21.4
Education & Training	247	281	235	240	202	-18.2
Finance	48	57	44	45	50	4.2
Government & Public Administration	10	6	4	9	4	-60.0
Health Science	128	103	101	81	54	-57.8
Hospitality & Tourism	14	22	10	15	23	64.3
Human Services	105	91	94	93	90	-14.3
Information Technology	51	28	33	19	27	-47.1
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	106	118	100	98	99	-6.6
Manufacturing	32	24	28	22	20	-37.5
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	347	320	263	230	264	-23.9
Other		2	26	40	57	
UA Fairbanks Total	1,345	1,293	1,161	1,079	1,093	-18.7



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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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	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	% Change FY20-FY24
UA Southeast						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	28	28	19	15	9	-67.9
Architecture & Construction		2	1	1	1	
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications		2	1			
Business Management & Administration	65	66	57	57	53	-18.5
Education & Training	208	186	167	161	130	-37.5
Finance	9	15	16	9	5	-44.4
Government & Public Administration	25	29	16	19	16	-36.0
Health Science	60	43	73	55	56	-6.7
Hospitality & Tourism	2	3	2		4	100.0
Human Services		27	2	7	4	
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	58	91	8	39	36	-37.9
Manufacturing	25	18	23	16	22	-12.0
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	52	61	35	46	38	-26.9
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	23	11	13	23	22	-4.3
Other	1		30	28	42	
UA Southeast Total	556	582	463	476	438	-21.2
UA System						
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	108	89	73	73	71	-34.3
Architecture & Construction	52	33	24	17	18	-65.4
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	107	106	91	72	59	-44.9
Business Management & Administration	390	338	307	271	267	-31.5
Education & Training	993	854	751	656	655	-34.0
Finance	144	180	166	123	132	-8.3
Government & Public Administration	85	70	52	54	40	-52.9
Health Science	750	685	573	433	421	-43.9
Hospitality & Tourism	30	42	37	29	34	13.3
Human Services	254	264	235	265	248	-2.4
Information Technology	96	72	82	60	67	-30.2
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	220	263	144	179	171	-22.3
Manufacturing	145	130	138	103	103	-29.0
Marketing	16	19	17	13	8	-50.0
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	708	677	529	513	509	-28.1
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	179	166	177	161	144	-19.6
Other	1	8	171	263	333	
UA System Total	4,277	3,996	3,567	3,285	3,280	-23.3



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