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Summary: Faculty Course Credits & Student-Faculty Ratios

Regular instruction faculty full-time equivalents (FTE) employed by UA Anchorage increased 6.2 percent over the last three years, from 395.3 in Fall 2022 to 419.9 in Fall 2024. The UA Fairbanks regular instruction faculty FTE increased from 278.2 in Fall 2022 to 288.7 in Fall 2024, up 3.8 percent. In the same time span, regular instruction FTE faculty at UA Southeast rose by about 2.1 percent, from 79.8 to 81.5 (Table 1).

The total number of fall semester course credits taught by instructional faculty FTE system wide dropped about 3 percent (0.3 course credits), decreasing from 10.1 in 2022 to 9.8 in 2024. At UA Anchorage, the number of course credits taught per instructional faculty FTE decreased 6 percent (0.6 course credits) from 10 in 2022 to 9.4 in 2024. The course credits per instructional faculty at UA Fairbanks increased by about 3.1 percent (0.3) from 9.8 in Fall 2022 to 10.1 in Fall 2024, while UA Southeast faculty course loads declined 6.8 percent (0.8) from 11.7 in 2022 to 10.9 in 2024 (Table 2).

Each university has a different target undergraduate student-faculty ratio, informed by differences in underlying institutional mission, program offerings, student body demographics and other factors. The overall ratio of direct student FTE to regular faculty FTE in the UA system was just under 10:1 in both Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 and just over 10:1 in Fall 2024 (Table 1). The highest student to regular faculty ratio in Fall 2024 was at UA Anchorage, approaching 11:1, while UA Fairbanks had a ratio of slightly over 9:1 and UA Southeast had the lowest ratio at slightly under 9:1 (Table 1).

Tables 1 and 2 utilize a common student-faculty ratio calculation designed to allow for drill-down analysis within an institution that has been identified as meaningful for program review. An alternate calculation is used by the federal government, which differs from the program review calculation, but allows for national comparison. Standardized full-time undergraduate student-faculty ratio information is publicly available for most U.S. postsecondary institutions via the federal Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)¹.

Numbers available for national comparison state a national average for public institutions of 14:1 in Fall 2022, compared to a ratio of 11:1 for UAA and UAF, and a ratio of 9:1 for UAS, using the alternate federal methodology².

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¹ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_314.10.asp

² <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>

Table 1. Direct Student-Regular Faculty Ratio by Academic Organization Fall 2022 - 2024

	2022		Fall Semester 2023		2024	
	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio	Regular Instruction Faculty FTE	Direct Student to Regular Faculty Ratio
Anchorage	342.3	10.5	353.1	10.3	355.4	10.7
Kenai	20.6	13.6	25.1	14.0	26.5	14.6
Kodiak	8.0	10.9	7.1	15.6	9.8	10.5
Mat-Su	18.0	10.9	18.0	11.7	20.7	12.4
PWSC	6.4	8.5	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.3
Troth Yeddha'	210.2	8.9	207.9	9.4	219.5	9.6
College of Indigenous Studies						
Bristol Bay	3.1	2.1	0.9	4.9	1.0	6.9
Chukchi						
Interior Alaska	5.1	8.4	7.0	6.1	3.2	15.8
Kuskokwim	6.5	8.8	5.2	11.3	3.8	9.5
Northwest	1.8	6.6	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.0
Rural College	18.6	7.1	19.6	5.4	23.5	4.3
UAF CTC	33.0	10.3	34.0	11.0	37.0	10.2
Juneau	54.7	8.4	59.4	7.3	57.7	7.8
Ketchikan	12.1	10.1	11.8	10.6	11.7	11.5
Sitka	13.0	9.1	12.9	9.7	12.2	9.2
UA Anchorage	395.3	10.6	409.4	10.6	419.9	10.9
UA Fairbanks	278.2	8.9	276.1	9.2	288.7	9.2
UA Southeast	79.8	8.7	84.1	8.2	81.5	8.5
UA System	753.3	9.8	769.6	9.8	790.1	10.1



Note: These figures do not consider year-round instructional activity and exclude student full-time equivalent (FTE) taught by adjunct faculty. Figures include regular faculty full-time equivalents paid on unrestricted, instruction funds. Regular faculty on sabbatical assignments are excluded.

Source: Data Analysis & Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/

Table 2. Regular Faculty Course Load by Academic Organization Fall 2022 - 2024

	Fall 2022			Fall 2023			Fall 2024		
	Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE			Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE			Course Credits Per Regular Instructional Faculty FTE		
	Group	Tutorial	Total	Group	Tutorial	Total	Group	Tutorial	Total
Anchorage	8.6	0.8	9.4	8.4	0.7	9.1	8.2	0.8	9.0
Kenai	5.1	9.0	14.1	12.6	0.4	13.0	11.9	0.1	12.0
Kodiak	13.0	0.3	13.3	14.2		14.2	9.9		9.9
Mat-Su	12.9	0.8	13.7	11.8		11.8	11.7	0.1	11.9
PWSC	7.7	6.4	14.1	10.9	1.3	12.2	9.6	1.5	11.1
Troth Yedha'	5.7	4.5	10.2	6.0	4.4	10.4	6.6	3.9	10.5
College of Indigenous Studies									
Bristol Bay	0.3	4.3	4.6	1.1	7.8	8.9	3.1	7.1	10.2
Chukchi									
Interior Alaska	4.4	3.7	8.2	4.7	3.7	8.4	6.3	6.6	12.9
Kuskokwim	4.3	4.8	9.1	3.6	7.8	11.4	5.0	5.3	10.3
Northwest	3.6	9.7	13.3	2.7		2.7			
Rural College	2.4	4.7	7.1	3.7	3.4	7.0	5.6	1.3	6.9
UAF CTC	5.7	4.2	9.9	6.0	4.4	10.4	5.8	3.9	9.7
Juneau	5.8	6.1	11.9	10.2	0.9	11.1	9.7	1.0	10.7
Ketchikan	10.2	0.7	10.9	13.1	0.3	13.4	11.1		11.1
Sitka	10.8	0.5	11.3	11.8	0.2	12.0	11.3	0.6	11.9
UA Anchorage	8.7	1.3	10.0	8.9	0.6	9.6	8.7	0.7	9.4
UA Fairbanks	5.3	4.5	9.8	5.7	4.4	10.1	6.4	3.7	10.1
UA Southeast	7.3	4.4	11.7	10.8	0.7	11.6	10.1	0.8	10.9
UA System	7.3	2.8	10.1	8.0	2.0	10.0	8.0	1.8	9.8



Note: These figures do not consider year-round instructional activity and exclude activity for courses taught by adjunct faculty. Ratios include regular faculty full-time equivalents teaching courses and paid on unrestricted, instruction funds.

Source: Data Analysis & Institutional Research, www.alaska.edu/ir/