

What do you consider to be the most challenging obstacle facing UAF?
increasing tuition
some faculty members are not friendly at all. they distinguish students by r
budget cuts
Blackboard being confusing. You can't see you grades in any organized matter. I miss powerschool.
Budget cuts
The cold. But thats not containable
Budget cuts
Please no smoking on campus
Math
Tuition costs and receiving financial aid on time
Done 49 plans being required
The way no one knows anything about the happenings on campus or what you need to have done to get your classes done.
budget cuts decreasing the quality of courses and supplemented materials
Resisting the urge to promote, segregate, and glorify groups of students based solely on their race or sexual preference. How is any of that relevant to academics?
My god, all of those. It is pathetic
Not enough class options
We are losing good professors
Food
The rise of departments and courses using fees to fund themselves. Some scholarships and most grants can not be used to pay for these. I would rather have a rise in tuition than a rise in fees. As a student who relies on grants to pay for school, it is becoming more and more expensive each semester.
Unnecessary programs be staff positions that bloat the University's budget and lead tuition to increase.
Affordable housing to encourage more student students to live on campus, more profit in long run
Budget cuts. Definitely.
Regaining trust in your institution from the students when there are still employees taking advantage of the system through the use of favors, connections, and influence with ranking and powerful
One of you student candidates bullied and harrassed me
The amount charged for the meal plan, in addition to forcing people to get a meal plan. Individuals on campus shouldn't be forced to get a meal plan if they don't want to. People are smart about their money and what you can get off campus is greater than the quality and price charged on campus. Upperclassman who are experienced with money and food shouldn't be forced into an overly expensive meal plan that only offers them choices of poor quality food on campus. For freshman, I understand if a meal plan is required for them to get a start into adjusting to campus life, but anytime after that is
air and water pollution
The concerns and ideas of the students are not taken seriously and have been proven to be ignored by
Budget, the raise in tuition is causing a lot of people to struggle financially
The rising tuition for what I see as unnessisary
State funding and enrollment
Personally as a student i feel as if i am being over charged, even to simply eat breakfast
Weather
Budget cuts....
The fact the faculty can't get their heads out of their own tushies? Or the fact no one knows how to
The quality of courses and campus life are the most frustrating parts of UAF. Students are treated like children and the quality of instruction is sub par at best most of the time. Budget cuts are real but are also used as an excuse to cover irresponsible spending.
Navigating the UAF website

All of them
Parking
Having very high fees. Even if you have your tuition waved or get a scholarship that pays your tuition you still have over \$1000 in fees each semester.
Need a parking garage.
The way UAF operates. Needs higher tuition rates and an incentive to bring all types of students to UAF
Parking
The lack of money makes it difficult to maintain a good number of course options, and maintain campus
Parking. I volunteered at the museum and got a \$60 parking ticket. Never went back
The rising cost of living coupled with increase in college tuition and the state of Alaska being underfunded and over spending.
poor institutional accountability to students, terrible customer service at all levels, and the predatory financial practices the Financial Aid and Bursar's office engages in.
Classes are not as good as they wew
Your teachers are becoming over worked. The quality of face to face classes I've taken this semester is great, but the teachers are so busy I'm wondering how long your staff will happily work at a level described as, "overworked, and too busy
Professors
Moving from out of state.
Budget cuts
Not making teachers focus as much on teaching as at uaa
It's hard to hire quality faculty when you have huge budget cuts and refuse to cut back on the completely fucking superfluous athletics system. Instead, we have a gaping wound of an athletics department bring sub-par students into a learning environment. Way to prioritize.
The tenured professors that are too old or too terrible to be teaching but no one seems to care about the quality of the students education.
Creating a healthy world in regards to climate change.
Making students the best ever in their fields
Budget.
The lower campus core is being diluted with all of the newer (and great!) buildings on the West Ridge. The sense of community that use to exist 10-15 years ago when we all interacted in certain lower campus spaces is now gone and we are not getting to know each other IRL (in real life). The Wood Center remodel went well and it would be nice to establish a "campus hub" again, like so many other universities have. Our sense of common community is disappearing.
Efficiency in spending money. They have unused building space that could be cut down for overhead costs, yet are facing a budget crisis.
Division amongst departments and pay disparity for female staff
Budget cuts
Making campus a safe and fair environment for both conseritives and liberals. There is little balence
I think with the cuts it is leading to higher tuition which is leading to students seeking out of state universities and we then have to make more cuts due to a lack of money flowing in.
Budget cuts re: future projection
Budget cuts to OIT have made many of my classes this semester difficult, as tech in smart classrooms was not functioning properly
Budgets and raising tuition. Keep raising, and students will look for cheaper alternatives if they can.
Parking
Due to budget cuts the quality of classes have went down. Professors are overloaded and cant give the focus to lower level classes. This ruins the foundation of knowledge most students need.
Better preperade instructors

Budget cuts, as an art student I've seen major cut backs in my department, at on each point beginning, intermediate, and advanced classes would be separate but now they're all stacked courses so all of the classes are geared toward beginners leaving the advanced students struggling to get the education
High costs of school, both in parking, classes, fees, etc
Budget Cuts affecting the quality of courses, and Instructors.
Horrible professors
my finances
Overall, the quality of campus and courses are impacted by the budget cuts to the campus. I think that instead of cutting budgets and racking up tuition for students. Instead, I would like to see a little less building projects being half way completed and more educational projects taking place. Personally, the use of students money to "rebuild" the Wood Center roof to make it energy efficient really shows how little the university cares about the students education and how the university has used up practically all of their financial resources on projects that were not needed, but again, that's just my opinion.
We need more funding and cutting down costs! We cannot continue to let our degree programs suffer!
The UA system needs to find a way to more effectively consolidate programs, as opposed to trying to offer many of the same programs in several locations.
Snow removal in Eielson parking lot
UAF surprises the body of life of the school with changes every year and are not consistant.
the cutting of departments
No idea
Quality of Courses due to improper budgeting
lack of total diversity within the UAF staff which is reflective of all students attending UAF
RE: Title IX & Alcohol Training, they are important issues and were helpful. They just took forever. Maybe go through a different provider for that type of education
Budget cuts
Budget cuts leading to low quality courses and low quality of campus life. For example labs in the biology department have been forced to examine used materials from previous years to save the department money giving new students a lower quality education than was given to previous years. In addition to this, in order to make money for the campus the low quality food is overpriced for certain meals, and campus parking is reserved for those willing to pay unaffordable amounts of money for the
Budget cuts, budget cuts, and budget cuts
Completing mandatory Bachelors and above classes (ex. 2 Natural Science classes and Math 122x)
budget cuts
removing the VA from campus
The food physical makes students sick. The quality of campus life is what causes students depression. Many important programs and classes have been cut. The fisheries and ocean science department has suffered greatly from these cuts along with some other degrees.
Slashing of departments and increase in student fees because of budget cuts and poor allocation of
The cost of out-of-state tuition for students who have permanently relocated to Alaska over one year ago but less than two.
budget cuts with rising costs for students do not equal happy. Stop building! Work with what you have to improve it. Use your students to help on projects as learning investments.
The fact that people on lower campus have no chill and are escalating otherwise minor social tensions.
Budget cuts and staffing issues.
Budget cuts are the underlying cause for all the problems listed above such as quality of courses and
Res Life
Also budget cuts, plus tolerance of racism and sexism on campus.

I think the University is going through a bigger crisis that was bound to happen. I think the most challenging thing will be it choosing to stay innovative without being dumb (like the little flags on the light polls and the house sign on Gruening) and pushing itself towards being greener. We have works ranked scientists on campus, let's use them to improve the Uni and there in attract more students and
Budget Cuts
Finding correct tutors.
Whole university is just going downhill with the budget crisis
Quality of Options for Food.
The Budget; Staffing some of the Engineering Professors many are near retirement age.
Tuition increase
Budget cuts and role as kind of an institution for Alaska Native peoples.
Quality of food at wood center
quality of courses
Campus house facilities is not very well. Although the rent is too high compared to the facilities. Rent should be low for the student.
Budget issues
Budget cuts and cutting of classes
Declining enrollment of Alaskan students (traditional undergrads).
The food is not very good, and it can be rather expensive.
Budget costs, the loss of academic programs, increasing costs
Having a terrible UA president.
Budget cuts!
budget cuts
Meal plans
budget
Conforming to Title IX standards in ways that actually make campus safer for peope of color, women, and LGBTQ+ community members, particularly Transgender students. Widely accessible Gender Neutral bathrooms would go a long way to making campus safer and more inclusive.
None
Budget cuts because I feel that blow on a UAF student and a UAF staff level
Instructors that change class requirements constantly.
Budget cuts
Accessing classes: construction on Great Hall and Duckering, poor snow removal in the parking lots (delays and the pile in the middle of the parking lot)
BUdget cuts
ALL OF THEM.
Students not being able to afford tuition
NA
Money
Budget costs
Over priced tuition and unreasonable fee added regardless if students use it or not, = bullshit
budget cuts to degrees
Cost of tuition.
All three, budget cuts, courses, campus life.
All of the 3 options available
Reslife
Budget cuts and inefficient spending leading to a decline in quality of courses. We should just drop most liberal arts courses/degrees and becoming a school geared just toward Engineering/Biology. Perhaps we could even become known as a good engineering/biology school and attract teachers from

Having the engineering building take an extra 3 or so years to complete while I am about to graduate in
Classes being cut and classes turning into online classes. I'd much rather transfer to a different university before I find myself paying for and enrolling in online classes. Plus, almost all top tier universities offer free online classes, there is little reason to pay for UAF online classes.
Tuition cost keep rising
If you cut budgets, quality of facility decreases and student pop then decreases. Increase tuition and student pop decreases.
Program cuts
Budget cuts affecting students' ability to print in buildings and cutting programs
People becoming to easily offending. We are a campus of differing opinions and those need to be allowed to be expressed. Just because someone has christian views doesn't mean their views are not longer valid. This is the same as saying a member of LGBQ's opinion was not valuable. All ideas should be allowed to be discussed at UAF without issue. That is what college is about learning new thing even
declining admissions/number of classes
Budget cuts, this makes the teachers teaching quality go down and deters students. Also how all of the meetings that go on with the chancellor is conveniently changes the morning of. How do you expect anyone to attend if it changes last minute and it away from the majority of the student body?
Help with career pathways
Attracting more students after tuition raise and budget cuts
Quality of courses and budget cuts. It's making it extremely difficult for departments of smaller students to offer electives.
UAF faces a difficult situation of increasing enrollment and revenue while cutting budgetary costs. There has been proposed budget increases that may help the budget but may also drive away new students already concerned about the substantial cost of higher education. I would urge UAF's leadership to consider where most of the major cost increases to the school have come from as the budget has grown as I suspect it is not from services crucial to providing quality education but rather from ancillary services such as IT, admin., non-essential academic student services, etc. I think that cutting such extraneous costs would far better serve the institution and help balance the budget far
The fact that in many classes, we have no choice in which professor we want to take the course with, and when there is a problem with said course, nothing is done to help us. We feel afraid to speak out against the professor, because in many cases; we have to take that course and pass it if we don't want
I think maintaining degree options and investment in further programs and opportunities among budget cuts is the biggest challenge.
Quality of courses
Quality of courses
The parking!
Location
Budget cuts are causing too many cuts to programs causing students to find elsewhere to go and causing class options to diminish greatly
The spreading to thin of professors and classes they have to teach.
None
The business school
I think eliminating programs due to budget cuts
Budget Cut because some classes are limited enough.
states do and raising the out of state tuition more? I mean there's a huge gap in between every state
the campus not having enough events/dances
Many people seem to have more trouble with math courses here than they do in other universities. This often causes students to take math courses online. If we can work towards a better math program for Liberal Professors!

UAF. All of the above options plus we need better instructors for STEM classes, stop it with the idiotic trainings (AlcoholEdu/Haven), do some quality control on the housings because they're awful
The morals of UAF administration. Their only concern is money and making the students carry that
Lack of finical support from the State of Alaska
budget cuts
Costs for classes/tuition while having budget cuts to programs that will help fund or keep tuition at a
How expensive classes are.
The administration
Tuition is too high, so is book prices
Complacent tenured faculty
corrupt lawmakers who cant balance a budget
The awful awful food
Budget cuts high paying classes
making students take the ridiculous alcohol and title 9 training.
Budget cuts and and Quality of courses. This has become the typical government entity. Pleas explain why tuition and fees keep going up, but the President's alcohol and car allowance are still there! If you think you need it to get a good president, do your research and look up the compensation package for
Staffing cuts
Budget cuts and extreme weather
The amount of incoming freshman (especially from Alaska) needing to take remedial courses.
The title 9 problem
The Quality of life of students is hindered by budget cuts.
Budget cuts.
The budget and sensationalism in the news
Increasing tuition
Cost of books and attendance
Budget cuts,quality programs, education for students, parking. It seems as if UAF doesn't really care about their students
Professors don't care for the students as individuals, they usually see them as just empty heads sitting
Funding for some of the projects on campas
The biggest difficulty facing UAF is the state budget crisis. While the sate is working out their budget shortfalls, the university will face more challenging times. These budget defects will create issues with staffing, quality of courses, campus life, and other issues all over the campus. The budget cuts have
The issues with staff that isn't handled properly. For example- when the SVA got kicked off campus for illegitimate hearsay from a UAF employee and her besties.
Tuition increase does not suit the value of the university has been providing. Lower tuition please.
money for grad students
Depressed people everywhere
Poor teaching a process by many teachers that tend to do half the work to be paid the same. They don't seem to care, especially in online courses.
Parking/Parking Prices
Marketing and advertising, Bringing in more diverse students
budget
Tuition increases, I came to UAF because I could afford it, now im starting to notice a significant difference in the price of courses while their quality goes down it is very frustrating.
Cutting of programs, and the drastic increases of tuition
Tuition costs
I said budget cuts because with less funding, electives that have low enrollment get cut or stuck with distance delivery. This is bad for degree seekers.

UAF is its own biggest obstacle. The number of bureaucratic hoops required by students to graduate is going up and making less and less sense in an environment where college degrees for the average person are becoming less and less valuable to having strong life and career possibilities. The realities of a system that is primarily focused on squeezing every possible dime from a cash strapped student body that are realizing the incurred debt isn't worth the life of servitude to loans that are required to obtain it. Empowered graduation committees that actually examine individual student needs would go much further to ensuring actual benefit vs the one size fits all bureaucratic heavy model UAF currently
Competitive education delivery (with respect to national rankings) without much funding.
Parking at CTC
Building and technology upgrades
How ASUAF is being structured
The question about the most challenging obstacle is a pretty impossible one to answer because the answers are all interconnected. I can't separate the quality of courses from the budgut cuts that have removed some effective teachers or that result in failure to recruit talented educators due to poor salary/benefits packages. I have experienced and heard about enough courses from professors that are on autopilot, who are stroking their own ego, or are brilliant in their field but lack skills as educators that the budget cuts aren't the whole story, though - I sense there's no institutional mechanism for change in
Budget Cut; not enough jobs for students; departments should have more funding to help students so they don't need to spend the majority of their time in outside jobs.
The outrageous amount of fees including the student government fee
The dining options are great, but they cost so much
Lack of Vitamin D
Low enrollment
Controlling waste of funds
budgeting
How to balance the budget properly.
I consider the cutting of courses and faculty due to budget cuts being the most challenging obstacle that you UAF facing sense that could cause it to be considered an on a credit to university due to lack
All of these. But budget cuts is probably the underlying issue.
Graduating
voting
Chartwells
Budget cuts
Balanced budget
The title IX system
Image...AK is failing, UAF tries too hard to look "cool" (eg useless iceclimbing wall, terrain park) and constant attempts at re-branding/re-structuring by administration
cost of tuition, room and board, and meal plans
IT
The budget is the top, but there are other systematic issues. I feel like the school is missing it's soul right now which is really depressing. I love UAF and want the best for it, but feel as though none of us
Quality of advising
Not enough student interaction at sporting events such as nanook mens ice hockey or women's
The budget!
Cut the sports teams !
Fees
Making off campus classes match up with on campus classes
Continuation of the same administration

Toxic leadership in the higher parts of Administration. Whoever made the choice to remove the VA office from the Fairbanks campus (without one word of explanation) ended up costing the University dearly in the long run, especially in light of the fact that the VA office was looking into expanding its presence on campus, attracting even more financial prospects to the University and strengthening the bonds between it, the military community, and the community at large. Removing them from campus
The university is spending too much money on things like useless expensive windows in Wood Center.
Budget cuts
The constant hoops you have to jump through.
Tuition raises are hurting my ability to come back each year. Also, side note, I would love to see sliced celery at the wood center. hahaha
The quality of professors at the University.
Professor
Teachers not doing their jobs properly.
Cuts to the school
Eating on campus
Some courses could do with improvement, but budget cuts are pretty impactful.
Their budget
Climate and lack of activities in the area to attract students.
UAF treats any student who is not STEM (and in liberal arts) like they are not important.
Inefficient allocation of student resources and poor communication of what kinds of aid is available to
Definitely their limited budget and continuous cuts to their various aspects of schooling.
The campus life. I came from out of state and I have been suffering from severe manic depression. I hate how residence life makes us move out in the spring and in August and uses Bartlett as summer housing. Some of us living on campus deserve an apartment all year round. The housing, programs etc
Paying our tuition and seeing those that can't that paid half the tuition get kicked out.
Budget and funding seems to be the most significant problem. Not only that there is a lack of money, but also it seems that the money UAF does get is not being spent in the wisest manner.
Getting down to CTC as a student that is living on campus, as a young female I have been harassed by many creepy men that ride the buses while waiting at the transit center and walking downtown to my bus, I do not feel safe and because of this often times I have stayed home from evening classes and have greatly considered moving schools because of the inconvenience and threat I feel
Staff reduction due to attrition
Providing for a quality education in an uncertain economic future.
Passing classes
Keeping off campus students involved in campus life. Because it is very hard to get involved when u live you just asked me that.
Budget cuts
me
Budget cuts and the declining of students happening simultaneously.
The dang cold
Less options for majors, and tbh plumbing/water issues in the dorms. We have lots of leaks and plumbing issues and the water is not good.
budget cuts Scare me the Most