Alaska Salmon Culture Semester
A hands-on learning experience at the UAS Sitka Campus
Fall Semester 2019 August 26-December 13th

By participating in this program you will:
* Gain the skills you need to enter the workforce
* Earn 13 credits eligible for National Student Exchange (NSE)
* Make professional and personal connections that will last a lifetime!

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Why Sitka?
Sitka, a town of 9000 people, lies on the outer edge of Baranof Island in Southeast Alaska, and offers unique opportunities for hands-on marine studies. Fisheries are the backbone of the community, which is home to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office, three hatcheries, five working harbors, several industrial seafood processors, and many commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing opportunities. In addition, Sitka boasts a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive community! When students are not immersing themselves in the multifaceted fishing industry in town, they will have the opportunity to get to know Sitka in a number of ways—through unparalleled outdoor opportunities, natural history seminars, community concerts and activities, and its bustling downtown.

Hatcheries
Students will participate in Aquaculture activities at 4 different hatcheries on Baranof Island. All facilities have very different processes and production goals, creating the perfect educational experience for students. During the Salmon Culture Semester, students will also become familiar with remote rearing techniques by traveling to one or two of the many remote hatchery facilities in Southeast Alaska.

Semester experiences
Students will participate in and learn about all aspects of hatchery work including but not limited to, egg takes, sampling, incubation methods, feeding, fish pathology, fisheries management, commercial fishing, fish processing, small vessel operation, coldwater survival, outboard maintenance, remote facility internships, salmon's cultural importance and much more!
Classrooms
All classes will be held on the UAS campus or at local field sites. Transportation to field sites is provided by the University. UAS classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards, VCON, and Wi-Fi. Our small class sizes make it easy for our students to receive personal attention from our top-notch faculty.

Lodging
Sitka has many housing options, including co-occupancy rooms from the Sitka Fine Arts Camp on the historic Sheldon Jackson Campus, long term off-season occupancies at local fishing lodges, hostels, hotels, and B&Bs, and other short-term rentals.

Local Fisheries Operations
Students will have the opportunity to work with a number of hatcheries in and around Sitka. There are also opportunities to shadow fishermen, employees at seafood processing plants, and Fish and Game professionals.

Approximate Cost
Tuition and Fees = $3,500.

Application Deadline:
June 1, 2019 for priority consideration, followed by an open enrollment until filled, 25 participants maximum.

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