*Advising for the Associates of Arts degree

"If I take classes toward AA requirements without being admitted into the AA degree program, will those credits count toward the AA degree?"

* "Will they count toward a BA or BS?"

- *All credits will be evaluated for their applicability to the degree for which a student applies for admission. Applicable credits will count according to the requirements of that catalog year.
- *Admission "locks" in the catalog year, so admission status helps to be sure that the courses students chose are applicable to their degree.
- *Otherwise, as degree requirements are updated, previous coursework might not fulfill program requirements.

*Catalog Year

*Students may choose to graduate under the requirements of their catalog year, OR

*Under the requirements of the catalog year in which they are graduating.

*Catalog year and Graduation

*I applied six years ago into the AA degree and I think I am ready to graduate. Should I fill out an application for graduation?

- *Students have five years from the date of admission to complete an Associate's degree, and seven years from the date of admission to complete a Bachelor's.
- *If they do not complete degree requirements in this timeframe, they will lose their admission status, and will have to reapply under the current catalog year requirements.

*Timeframe for Degree Completion

*"If I finish the AA requirements as I complete my BA requirements, will I automatically get the AA degree?"

- *If a student does not apply for admission into a program, s/he cannot apply for graduation from that program.
- *Both Graduation and Admission applications:
 - * Have deadlines for each semester (see the current Academic Calendar) and
 - * Have a fee attached (currently \$40 for admission applications and \$25 for graduation applications)

*Graduation and Admission Applications

*"I took PRPE A086, and PRPE A108
English before I took English A111.
Do PRPE courses count as electives?"

- *General Degree Requirements:
 - *All Courses must be at the 100 level or above.
 - *PRPE A108 meets this requirement and counts as three elective credits.
 - *PRPE A084, A086, and MATH A054, A055 do not meet this requirement and do not count toward the credits required for the AA degree.

*Course Level Requirements

*"I have 55 credits. That means I only need 5 more credits to complete the AA degree...right?"

- *A minimum of 60 credits at the 100 level or above is required...and
 - *At least 20 of the 60 credits must be at the 200 level or above (200-499), whether taken from UAA or are transfer credits that were evaluated as equivalent to a 200 level or higher UAA course.
 - * All General Education Requirements must be met as well.

*Credit Requirements

*"When I took BIOL A111 in 1983, it was not classified as a GER, but it's on the GER list now. Will it fulfill my Natural Sciences requirement for the AA?"

- *The UAA GER Classification List is updated yearly and published in each catalog: http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/records/catalogs/catalogs.cfm
- *Check the GER list from the catalog year in which the course was completed.
- *Courses that did not have GER status at the time of completion will not count as GER courses, even if in later years these courses are reclassified as GER's.
- *Courses can be removed from GER status, and if taken after their status changes, they will not count as GER courses.

*General Education Requirements

*"I scored into 200 level English on my SAT! Does that mean that I can skip ENGL A111?"

- *6 credits of Written Communication Skills are required for the AA.
- *Students that test into 200 level English have the option of:
 - * taking two 200 level English courses from the Written Comm GER list, or
 - * taking ENGL A111 and one 200 level ENGL GER.

*Written Comm Requirements

*"I took the AP exam for English and passed. Does that mean I don't need ENGL A111?"

- *Successful AP scores are treated as transfer credits and awarded. There are two different English AP tests:
 - * AP English, Literature & Composition exam awards ENGL A121 credit
 - * AP English, Language & Composition exam awards ENGL A111 credit
- *A full list of AP exams with their current equivalency can be found at:

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/records/tce/advanc edplacement.cfm

* Credit for Advanced Placement Exams

*"I heard that I can just "CLEP" out of the basics. How do I do that?"

- *Students must be fully admitted into a degree program prior to taking the tests
- * Current cost at KPC is \$127.00 for the test and the proctor
- *General Information on CLEP:
- * www.kpc.alaska.edu/templates/secondary.aspx?id= 2019&terms=clep
- *For a list of CLEP exams and UAA equivalents:
- * http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions/upload/CLEP.pdf

*College-Level Examination Program

*I have so many military credits, I must be close to having an Associates of Arts degree. How close am I?"

- *UAA will require specialized documentation of military credits. Refer the student to Admissions for instructions.
- *Most military credits are in areas that do not transfer as GER's, and will count as electives.
- *For Associates' degrees, no more than 15 military credits may be applied.
- *For Bachelors' degrees, no more than 30 military credits may be applied.

*Transferability of Military Credits

* "I'm working on the AA degree, but my eventual goal is a BA in Philosophy. KPC's AA only requires 6 Natural Science GER credits. Will this work for my BA?"

- * KPC's AA only requires 6 credits in the Natural Sciences GER category.
- *General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees' require a minimum of 7 Natural Sciences credits with at least 1 lab credit.
- *At KPC, many Natural Sciences GER courses are "bundled;" students taking BIOL A111 are taking a 4 credit course that includes lab credit. Students cannot take BIOL A111 Lab separately.

*Natural Sciences Requirements

*"I took MATH A105 already for my AA, but my eventual goal is a Bachelor's degree, in something...do I need more math?"

- * General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees' require quantitative credit equivalent to at least one of the following:
- MATH A107-College Algebra
- MATH A108-Trigonometry
- MATH A109-Precalculus
- MATH A172-Applied Finite Mathematics
- MATH A200-Calculus I
- MATH A201-Calculus II.
- MATH A272-Applied Calculus
- STAT A252-Elementary Statistics
- STAT A253-Applied Statistics for the Sciences
- STAT A307-Probability & Statistics

*Quantitative Skills

* "For Humanities and Fine Arts, I'd like to take Guitar because I like music, and HUM A220 Film Noir for my Humanities because I like to watch movies. Will this work for my AA?"

- *Both MUS A 140 (Fingerstyle Guitar) and HUM A220 (Film Noir) are Humanities courses, over 100 level, and will count toward elective credit for the AA.
- *Neither one are on the UAA GER classification list, so neither will fulfill the GER Humanities or GER Fine Arts categories for the AA.

*Humanities and Fine Arts

*"I heard I can take ASL A101 and ASL A102 for the Language/Humanities sequence of the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor's requirements. Is this true?"

- *ASL A101 and ASL A102 will fulfill the Language/Humanities sequence for BA degrees.
- *ASL A101 and ASL A102 will NOT fulfill the Language/Humanities sequence for BS degrees.
- *CAS requirements for BA & BS degrees are listed in each catalog.

*Language/Humanities Sequence for BA, BS degrees

*"I'm getting the AA, but I want to be a PSY major. Will PSY A111 and PSY A150 fulfill my Social Sciences GER's for my AA?"

- *Social Sciences GER's for the AA require at least 6 credits within two different disciplines.
- *In the example, one of the PSY courses will work in the Social Sciences GER category, and the other will count as 3 of the 27 elective credits of the AA degree.

*Social Sciences GER's

- *In addition, College of Arts and Sciences
 Bachelor of Science degrees require
 significantly more credits in Quantitative Skills
 and Natural Sciences, regardless of major.
- *The sooner students identify their goal as either a BA or a BS, the better they can maximize their choice of courses, as the requirements are quite different.

*Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science?

*"I'm not sure if I want a BLS, a BA in Education, or a BS in Natural Sciences. Will my AA count for any of these?"

- *BLS, BA, and BS degrees all have different requirements.
- *Students who have not identified their goal yet can be advised to:
 - *Research the degrees and careers via the CCEC at KPC
 - *Meet with Faculty in the different disciplines for information to help make choices
 - *Understand that they are likely to have to take more courses to meet requirements, the longer they take to decide on a future goal.

*Undecided Students

- * Undecided students may struggle with the decisions they need to make, but this struggle is part of their work to define who they are, and what they want to do with their lives.
- *Students who do not use the CCEC or research career information may simply be not developmentally ready to commit to such a large decision.
- *In the meantime, if they are completing courses, they are learning about themselves and learning life skills.

*Undecided Students

*"'General Electives' means I can take Yoga, Interpretive Dance, and Wine Tasting, right?"

- *General Electives can be CED credits or other subjects that are not GER's.
- *General Elective credits must be at least 100 level or above.
- *Most students use this category to fulfill requirements toward a future goal. For example, MATH A107.
- *Military credits usually fall into this category.

*General Electives

General Education Requirements Tiers:

- *Some degrees require completion of Tier 1 before taking other requirements
- *GER's at UAA are now divided into three Tiers:
 - *Tier 1: Basic College-Level Skills: Oral Comm, Written Comm, & Quantitative Skills
 - * Tier 2: Disciplinary Areas: Humanities, Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences
 - * Tier 3: Integrative Capstone (3 credits)



*"I finished my AA requirements, but the last year or so, I got a lot of D's. Will this be a problem for graduation?"

- *Graduation requires a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.
- *Students with a GPA lower than 2.0 must take enough classes and do well enough to raise their GPA to the 2.0 standard in order to graduate.
- *Students will eventually lose admission status for GPA reasons, meaning they will not have access to financial aid to take more classes.
- *AD in a class is considered successful completion in general terms...

* Graduation and GPA Requirements

*"I'm nearly finished with my AA, so I'm going to move to Flagstaff and finish it at the Community College there. I can still graduate here...right?"

- *Students must complete at least 15 credits in residence towards the AA.
- *Credits must be officially transferred and evaluated as applicable in order to meet UAA degree requirements.
- *Attending another school without approval can result in loss of admission status.
- *Prior approval from departments is the only way to be sure the FCC courses will work.

*Graduation and Transfer Credits

- * "I've been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and can't come to class."
- * "My mother was in a car accident and they don't think she is going to live."
- * "My boyfriend's been wigging out, he has a drug problem and he's scaring me."
- * "I'm fine, it's just my medication."
- * "Have you ever felt like killing yourself?"

*Things Students May Say to You...

- *You can refer students to Chris or Bettina via email, phone, or by coming by.
- *We attempt to contact the students.
- *We can help them get connected to many community resources.
- *We can help them navigate disability services, health services, and provide support.

*Referrals to Counseling & Advising

*THANKS!