



**Middle College Programs**  
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

# Faculty- Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is Middle College?**

Middle College is a dual-enrollment program that provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school education. The program allows students to take college-level courses, on the UAA campus, and gain a head start on their higher education. Middle College is one of many dual-enrollment options students in the community can take advantage of.

## **What is the structure of the Middle College program at UAA?**

Middle College students undergo an extensive application/selection process.

1. Students apply to both Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) and the University of Alaska Anchorage.
2. Students are vetted by the Anchorage School District. Students must have good behavioral and attendance records.
3. Students are required to complete the ALEKS and Writing Sample placement. Students must be placed into college-level MATH or WRTG.
4. Students are required to attend a mandatory initial advising appointment.
5. Students are required to attend a mandatory orientation.

Middle College students' academic progress is tracked throughout the semester with EAB alerts, a five-week check-in, and a mandatory submission of a midterm progress report.

## **Are there specific resources available to Middle College students?**

Middle College students have access to advisory and seminar classes at AMCS. Advisory classes are supplemental learning classes that Middle College students are required to attend if it is their first time enrolling in a college-level MATH, WRTG, or SCI course. Students work with AMCS teachers/peers during advisory classes to navigate coursework. Junior and Senior seminar classes are held to assist Middle College students in the career exploration and college preparation process. Students are encouraged to access university resources, such as the Learning Commons, eWolf ePortfolio, Multicultural Student Services, Native Student Services, Career Services, and Disability Support Services, to enhance their learning experiences at UAA.

## **What accommodations have been made for Middle College students in the past?**

Middle College students can have unique scheduling constraints and academic challenges. Some students can be heavily involved in organized sports that require travel and/or have established 504 Plans/Individualized Education Plans that can be used to request accommodations at UAA. Students have worked closely with faculty in the past to establish flexible deadlines and/or alternative workloads to accommodate their needs.

Faculty are not required to accommodate student-athletes travel obligations. Middle College students are encouraged to work with their professors during the first two weeks of the semester to plan for expected travel. If a faculty and or course structure does not allow for alternative learning contracts/flexibility, students are expected to work with Middle College advisors to swap out their sections, ensuring academic success for all students. This expectation is heavily relayed to students during initial advising appointments and orientation.

### **How can I collaborate with the Middle College staff?**

If you ever need to get a hold of a Middle College staff member please do not hesitate to email us at [uaa\\_middlecollege@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu). We can help provide valuable insights into the student's progress, offer support, and help address any concerns or challenges that may arise.

### **What is the process for grading Middle College students?**

Grading for Middle College students should align with your regular grading system.

### **How can I help Middle College students transition to a college learning environment?**

Have the same expectations for Middle College Students that you have for every student. Assist students in developing essential college-level skills such as time management, effective study habits, and navigating campus resources. Encourage them to seek guidance from advisors for future academic planning.

### **What should I do if a Middle College student is struggling academically?**

If a Middle College Student is facing academic challenges, please utilize the EAB alert/referral system and offer additional support. We heavily rely on the faculty feedback to track the progress of our students. We don't know if a student is struggling unless we are notified. We work closely with the AMCS staff to intervene early and get Middle College students back on track to succeed in their college courses. We encourage you all to collaborate with Middle College staff to ensure a coordinated effort in supporting students.

### **How can faculty stay updated on Middle College program changes and updates at UAA?**

Faculty are welcome to reach out to Middle College Programs at [uaa\\_middlecollege@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu) with any questions or concerns.