

Best Practices from the University of Alaska Anchorage's ACE Internationalization Laboratory Experience August 2010-April 2012

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UAA international and intercultural learning outcomes

- 1. Understands one's own culture(s) within an Alaskan, national, and global context.
- 2. Applies knowledge and critical thinking to global and cultural issues, trends, and systems and uses diverse frames of reference to address problems
- 3. Communicates and connects with people in other communities to extend one's own access to information, experiences, and understanding



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- 4. Fosters additional languages, including Alaska Native languages, as a component of the UAA experience
- 5. Develops an informed critical awareness an understanding of cultural differences, similarities, and ambiguities
- 6. Gains an Alaskan, national, and international perspective on careers.



Goals

- Long-term institutional transformation
- Creating a framework to guide UAA to the next stage in supporting international and intercultural education for all students



Guiding Principles

- Student centered
- Honoring UAA's Alaska Native and multicultural contexts
- Full Partnership between Academic and Student Affairs



ACE commendations on UAA process

- Inclusive methodical process
- Involvement of community campuses
- Focus on learning outcomes for international/intercultural education



Life after the laboratory

- Learning outcomes framework is being used by individuals & units
- International and Intercultural Standing Committee is advisory to Chancellor, Provost, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Office of International and Intercultural Affairs will support efforts
- Progress is visible and celebrated

