UAS Mathematics Programs and Courses

Advising Reminders and Updates

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University of Alaska Southeast

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What is the IBA?

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- **Accelerated Graduate Certificate in Mathematical Biology**, intended for those planning to pursue graduate studies in mathematical biology. This certificate is designed in a manner that makes it possible to earn a master's degree in Biomathematics at an IBA member institution with only one additional year of graduate study.

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For future reference,

- **Answers to most general questions** can be found on the UAS Mathematics Program website at

  http://www.uas.alaska.edu/arts_sciences/naturalsciences/math/

- **Other Mathematics Program related questions**: Contact Brian Blitz at bgblitz@alaska.edu or (907) 796-6506.

- **For IBA or Biomathematics related questions**: Contact Chris Hay-Jahans at cnhayjahans@alaska.edu or (907) 796-6408.