

Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs supports students in pursuing knowledge, earning a degree, finding meaningful careers, exploring diversity, and connecting with the global community. We provide students housing, dining, health care resources, and create innovative programs that educate and inspire. We enhance the University of Arkansas experience and help students succeed, one student at a time.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs provides leadership for the division and serves as a liaison to other administrative offices, faculty, and student governing groups. The office is a central source of information concerning university policies and procedures affecting student life and co-curricular programs and services.

The Office of the Dean of Students under the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs emphasizes student advocacy while broadening the development of services and programs that address a range of student and campus needs. Departments in the Division of Student Affairs are dedicated to developing exceptional programs and services that enhance the University of Arkansas experience and enrich the quality of student life on campus. Staff members are available and willing to assist with any issue or question that a student, staff, or faculty member may have regarding student and campus life at the University of Arkansas. The office is available for the clarification of university policies and procedures, confidential consultation, personal and family crisis assistance for students, and referral to all campus and community services. The office also seeks to assist students and faculty members in cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances. Student Affairs staff members are firmly committed to addressing the challenges and individual needs of the University of Arkansas family.

Arkansas Union

The Arkansas Union is the community center of campus; serving students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. Through its facilities, programs, and services, the Arkansas Union is the place to build relationships, enrich academics, and experience campus life to the fullest. But more importantly, the Arkansas Union plays a pivotal role in putting University of Arkansas students first. It is home to essential student needs, such as food service, computer technology, student accounts, banking, and the Campus Card Office. The Arkansas Union provides social and educational programming space, as well as lounge and study areas. Additionally, recreational opportunities are available in the Arkansas Union, through the satellite fitness center, cinema, and Student Technology Center. Located inside the Arkansas Union are:

Retail Outlets

- ATMs (various banks)
- Au Bon Pain
- Catering and Dining Services
- Club Red Convenience Store
- Where the Wild Greens AR
- Passport Office
- PMC – Drop-Off Copy Center
- Razorback Shop
- U.S. Post Office
- Union Hair Care

Union Market

- Chick-fil-A
- BRIC Subs, Pizza, Pasta, Salads and Bakery
- True Burger
- Pei Wei
- Flying Burrito Co.

Facilities

- Anne Kittrell Art Gallery
- Computer Lab and Help Desk
- Verizon Ballroom
- International Connections Lounge
- Student Technology Center
- Meeting rooms
- Reception rooms
- Union Living Room
- Union Information Center
- Union Theatre
- University Recreation Fitness Center
- UP Theater

Student Services

- Academic Initiatives and Integrity
- Arkansas Union Administration & Event Services
- Associated Student Government
- Campus Card Office
- Career Development Center
- Center for Community Engagement
- Center for Educational Access
- Multicultural Center
- New Student and Family Programs
- Off-Campus Student Services
- Student Activities
- Treasurer's Office and Student Accounts
- University Productions

Campus Life

Center for Community Engagement

The purpose of the Center for Community Engagement is to promote civic engagement and leadership by connecting University of Arkansas students, faculty, and staff with nonprofit organizations in the Northwest Arkansas area and beyond.

In order to serve this purpose, the center maintains uark.givepulse.com (<http://volunteer.uark.edu>), which enables the University of Arkansas community to search for agencies and volunteer opportunities. It allows users to log volunteer hours, or "impacts," and earn opportunities for community recognition, such as the Presidential Volunteer Service Award and Chancellor's Community Service Award. Northwest Arkansas agencies and University of Arkansas registered student organizations also utilize the site to post service opportunities and recruit volunteers. Over 350 organizations and subgroups are registered on the site, such as Habitat for Humanity, Uark Cardinal Nights, and Potter's House Thrift.

Volunteer Action Center

The Center for Community Engagement also houses the Volunteer Action Center, a student-led volunteer coordination board with 45 members who are dedicated to active service in the community. Each year the Volunteer Action Center provides meaningful service opportunities through events and ongoing projects that engage the university and Northwest Arkansas communities. The Volunteer Action Center sponsors programs and events including the Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Food Pantry, Make a Difference Day, Dream B.I.G. (Believing in Girls) Mentoring Program, VAC Literacy Program, and Razorback Food Recovery. The Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Campus Food Pantry is a nationally recognized program; the pantry serves students, staff and their families. Requests and more information can be found at fullcircle.uark.edu.

Get involved in the following ways:

- Drop by the Center for Community Engagement, Arkansas Union, Room A643, and chat with the office's great staff and students.
- Look for service opportunities on uark.givepulse.com (<http://volunteer.uark.edu>) and log your hours. Just ten hours makes you a VAC member.
- Participate in events hosted by Volunteer Action Center and the Center for Community Engagement throughout the year.
- Become a Volunteer Action Center board member or weekly program volunteer. Applications are accepted each semester.

Greek Life

The Charles and Cappy Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center facilitates the educational process and provides resources related to programs that strengthen the growth and development of students affiliated with fraternities and sororities on campus. The overall mission is to strengthen the academic, cultural, moral, and social development of students in Greek organizations; provide training in strengths-based leadership and other personal and social skills; promote involvement in extracurricular activities and community service projects; and promote Greek Life as a productive and viable lifestyle on campus. The Greek Life Leadership Center coordinates programs such as Recruitment, Greek Getaway, Greek Life Facilitators, and Greek Summit in collaboration with the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the United Greek Council.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Panhellenic Council (PC) and United Greek Council (UGC) govern 16 national sororities and 19 fraternities. The officers and representatives of each council work with the staff of the Greek Life Leadership Center to provide positive programs and strengths-based leadership opportunities to the members of the Greek organizations. The Charles and Cappy Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center is in Walton Hall 101; phone 479-575-5001 or fax 479-575-3531; Web: uagreeks.uark.edu.

New Student & Family Programs

The Office of New Student & Family Programs connects students and their families to the University of Arkansas campus and community by providing diverse, innovative programs and resources that support a successful collegiate experience. The department supports and collaborates on the following major initiatives:

- Extended Orientation Programs: R.O.C.K. Camp, R.O.C.K. Camp Adventure, Hog W.I.L.D. (Welcome, Involvement, Leadership and Diversity) Welcome Weeks, and Help-A-Hog

- Parent & Family Programs: Family Weekend, Spring Family Reunion, Regional Parents Clubs and the Parent Partnership Association
- Leadership & Late Night Programs: UARK Cardinal Nights, Emerging Leaders, Student Leader of the Month, and Diversity Leadership Institute
- First Year Initiatives: New Student Welcome & Burger Bash, First Year Photo Project, Alpha Lambda Delta First Year Honor Society, and AlcoholEdu for College

By providing transitional support for incoming students, their parents, and family members, our programs effectively promote the students' academic growth and support the mission of the university.

New Student & Family Programs is located in the Arkansas Union, Room A688; phone 479-575-5002; Web: nsfp.uark.edu.

Office of Student Activities

With a students-first philosophy, the Office of Student Activities provides an environment for involvement, empowerment, and collaboration through student organizations, programmatic experiences, and shared governance. The office maximizes the UA experience by advocating for all students, promoting intercultural understanding, and developing citizens who are prepared to positively impact their communities.

The Office of Student Activities, located in the Arkansas Union A665, is the central location for student organizations and activities for the university. The office can be reached at 479-575-5255 or visit the office's website at osa.uark.edu. The Office of Student Activities is responsible for the oversight and administration of the following areas:

Student Organizations

All student organizations must register annually with the Office of Student Activities. The Office of Student Activities provides student organizations with assistance and services to help them succeed. The office also assists student organizations in event planning, provides information on facility reservations and fundraising, trademark forms, mailboxes, and locker space, and offers educational workshops for students and advisers. A limited number of offices are also awarded annually in the Arkansas Union to organizations. In partnership with SOOIE, the Student Organization Outreach and Involvement Experience, fall and spring involvement fairs are offered to help registered student organizations connect with interested students.

Types of registered student organizations (RSOs):

- **Governing** – An organization whose primary purpose is to serve as a governing body for a large or specific constituency of students.
- **Honorary/Service** – An organization that requires a minimum grade point average as a prerequisite to membership and/or is affiliated with a national service or honorary organization.
- **International/Cultural** – An organization whose primary purpose is to provide a forum in which participants create awareness for a specific culture through educational, social, and recreational activities.
- **Professional** – An organization whose primary purpose is to provide a forum for participants to discuss and develop professional careers and/or is affiliated with a national or regional association.
- **Religious** – An organization whose primary purpose is to provide information and activities associated with one or more religions.
- **Special Interest** – An organization whose primary purpose is to provide an organized format for the practice and/or pursuit of a special or common interest.

- **Greek organizations** are also RSOs, but register through the Greek Life Office. These are organizations with Greek letters that are members of the National Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, or the United Greek Council.

Student Government

As a result of a student-led process that saw the passage of both legislation and a student referendum, student governance at the University of Arkansas is now organized under the *Associated Students Supreme Constitution* into two, co-equal governing bodies: the Associated Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Congress. Both bodies are a part of the practice of shared governance at the university.

The Associated Student Government and is an undergraduate student-led organization that enables its members to have an active voice in the decisions and policy that directly affect undergraduate students at the university. Students involved in Associated Student Government have the opportunity to positively impact the quality of student life, work with and allocate student fees, provide a voice for student concerns as well as oversee programs and policies for undergraduate students. Through the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of student government students have the opportunity to work for and among their peers to make a difference on all levels of the university. Involvement levels and time commitment vary upon duties. Visit the ASG website at asg.uark.edu or the ASG office (Arkansas Union A669) to find out more.

As its name indicates, the Graduate and Professional Student Congress serves students who have earned a baccalaureate degree and are completing coursework for graduate certificates or degrees as well as professional practice doctoral programs. The congress works to advocate for the collective welfare of its constituents, manage and distribute student fee monies, represent the common interests of its constituents, and to speak with one voice the opinions of its members. Through its executive and legislative branches, the congress seeks to improve the lives, careers, and research of all graduate-professional students at the university. Involvement levels and time commitments vary upon duties. Visit the Graduate and Professional Student Congress website at gpsc.uark.edu or the its office (Arkansas Union A647) to find out more.

University Programs

University Programs is a volunteer student organization responsible for planning and coordinating more than 100 events annually for the campus community. University Programs provides students with cultural and educational experiences, entertainment, and fun. Eight committees, all made up of students, select, schedule and produce events such as concerts, movies, lectures, fine arts performances, gallery exhibitions, and daytime programs. Being a part of University Programs gives the student committee members leadership training and real opportunities to gain practical planning experience. Supported by a student activity fee, University Programs events are free to students.

For further information, visit the University Programs website at up.uark.edu.

University Career Development Center

The University Career Development Center (CDC) educates and empowers students to fulfill their career goals. All U of A students are welcome to take advantage of the center's valuable resources:

Career Advising: Career Counselors in the CDC are available to assist students who may need help selecting a college major, seeking career information, researching or exploring careers, preparing for their job search, or considering graduate school.

Career and Strength-Awareness Assessments: The STRONG Interest Assessment, FOCUS 2 and TypeFocus are career assessments that can help students make career decisions based on their interests and values. StrengthsQuest is an assessment which helps individuals discover their talents and strengths. After discovering their talents, the Career Center assists students in learning how to use their talents to achieve academic, career, and personal success.

Career Fairs: In partnership with academic areas on campus, the CDC hosts a number of career fairs each year to provide opportunities for students to connect with employers and to learn more about companies and organizations. These connections could lead to valuable internships or full-time employment.

Job Search Preparation: The CDC offers resume critiques, interview skills training, mock interviews, networking opportunities, career presentations and several professional development events throughout the academic year to prepare students for internships, co-ops or full-time jobs.

Cooperative Education Opportunities: Cooperative Education is a program that enables students to gain professional work experience in paid, degree-related positions. Co-op students earn credit, a competitive wage and valuable "real world" work experience.

Handshake: Handshake is the ultimate job and internship search tool for current UA students and recent graduates. Apply for 4000+ jobs or internships, view career fairs and events, schedule career advising appointments, and research companies all through Handshake.

Online Resources: Through the CDC's website, students have access to a multitude of resources including Optimal Resume which contains hundreds of resume templates, cover letter examples, and interview questions for students to practice and enhance their interviewing skills. Students can also view 1000+ CandidCareer short videos featuring various careers and advice from professionals in the field or view our "What Can I Do With This Major?" pages featuring common careers and helpful job search sites for each UA major. These are just a few of the many resources which can be found at career.uark.edu.

Career Track Razorbacks (formerly Professional Development Institute): This nationally recognized program creates opportunities for UA students to develop professional career-building skills. Participation in this program can help students gain the valuable skills which give them the competitive advantage in their job or graduate school search.

For more information, check out career.uark.edu.

The University Career Development Center is conveniently located in Arkansas Union Room 607, or call 479-575-2805.

Student Health and Wellness Center

Pat Walker Health Center supports students along their academic journey by providing access to professional and quality medical care, mental health care, wellness, health promotion and education.

As a department of the Division of Student Affairs, the health center strives to enrich academic and personal development by creating an

inclusive environment that promotes positive behavior and healthy lifestyle changes.

Students are strongly encouraged to maintain health insurance coverage. A university-sponsored student health insurance policy is available to all students, student spouses and dependent children. Enrollment and cost information can be found at health.uark.edu.

While the health center offers a variety of free programs and services, there are some charges associated for medical office visits and procedures, as well as individual counseling/psychiatry sessions. Medical services can be billed to insurance. For more information about health center billing and charges, go to the Insurance Billing page (<http://health.uark.edu/billing-insurance>).

Medical Care

Pat Walker Health Center offers high-quality and affordable medical care through its signature clinics and programs. All medical services are performed by board-certified physicians and advanced practice registered nurses. Appointments can be scheduled online via the Patient Portal at myhealth.uark.edu, or by calling 479-575-4451.

- **Primary Care Clinic** offers illness and injury diagnosis and treatment, laboratory services, minor surgery, nurse triage, nutrition consultations, orthopedic consultations and X-ray.
- **Allergy, Immunization and Travel Clinic** offers allergy desensitization, immunizations, international travel consultations and tuberculosis screenings.
- **Women's Clinic** provides comprehensive gynecological services with sensitivity to the unique needs of female clients.

Mental Health

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) helps students navigate the pressures of college life and beyond with various evidence-based mental health services and programs. CAPS is staffed with licensed psychologists, counselors and social workers who work to help address common mental health issues and concerns that impact student success, such as anxiety, depression and stress.

CAPS offers services such as individual counseling, group counseling, psychiatry, emergency services, and case management. Although some services, such as ongoing individual counseling and psychiatry have minimal charges, most CAPS services and resources are offered at no charge beyond the student health fee. To learn more about CAPS services and programs, go to <http://health.uark.edu/mental-health/>.

24-hour emergency mental health services are available for all students.

To access CAPS services or 24-hour emergency services, call 479-575-5276.

Wellness and Health Promotion

Pat Walker Health Center's Department of Wellness and Health Promotion inspires, motivates and supports student wellness and holistic health through a variety of academic courses, outreach presentations and events, peer education, training and wellness coaching.

The health center cultivates a campus culture of wellness through programming and services related to positive psychology and resilience,

substance abuse prevention, sexual assault risk reduction, personal empowerment and lifestyle behavior change.

Employing a comprehensive holistic approach, Wellness and Health Promotion helps students maximize their personal and academic potential across eight essential dimensions of health and well-being – physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, occupational, environmental and financial.

Learn more about free Wellness services at health.uark.edu/wellness-health.

Accreditation

Pat Walker Health Center is accredited by Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

CAPS is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services.

The health center is located at 525 N. Garland Ave. If you have questions about specific services, call 479-575-4451; TTY 479-575-4124. Visit us online at health.uark.edu.

Housing and Dining

University Housing

University Housing is committed to providing a safe, comfortable, convenient, and reasonably priced living and learning environment that promotes student success.

Success on Campus

National research shows that academic success in the first year and beyond is directly linked to residing in an on-campus residence environment. The University of Arkansas recognizes the benefits that students receive from living on campus their first year.

Freshman Residency Requirement

All single students who are admitted to the university with a freshman classification and under 21 years of age are required to live on campus in a residence hall, or in their parent or legal guardian's permanent home.

Students who are admitted to the University of Arkansas as transfer students from another post-secondary institution, and who have completed at least 24 credit hours at that institution are not required to live on campus.

Requests for a newly admitted freshmen to live somewhere other than with parents or a legal guardian in their permanent home will not be approved under most circumstances.

Students planning to live with their parents or legal guardian in their permanent home should complete the Living with Parent Notification form prior to attending an orientation session.

Students requesting an exemption from the University of Arkansas Freshmen Residency Requirement (http://housing.uark.edu/Freshman_Residency_Requirement.php) should send all required paperwork to University Housing at least three weeks prior to attending an orientation session. This ensures the student receives approval or denial prior to attending orientation.

Failure to do so could cause long delays in the orientation process. Students who need a Living with Parent Notification Form or who wish to

apply for an exemption to the university's requirement for single freshmen to live on campus may refer to the information on the Housing website (<http://housing.uark.edu/Contracting/contracts.php>), call University Housing at 479-575-3951 or email housing@uark.edu.

Residence Hall Leadership

Residence Halls are managed by a full-time coordinator for residence education, or CRE, who has completed a master's degree program in higher education, counseling or a related degree. This individual is selected for his or her academic credentials and interest in helping others as well as his or her ability to work well with college students.

In addition, every area or floor is staffed by a resident assistant, or RA, who is an upper-class student with the knowledge to answer students' questions and help students find their own answers.

Counselors in residence (doctoral graduate assistants) provide short-term counseling for students living in the residence halls in response to personal, social, academic, and developmental needs.

Living Learning Communities

University Housing offers several innovative Living Learning Communities (http://housing.uark.edu/Residence_Education/Living_Learning), or LLCs, for students. These communities enhance student's academic success.

In an LLC, students get to live with peers who have similar interests, majors, or career plans. Living Learning Communities do not cost extra. LLC members have the opportunity to participate in fun experiences that connect learning in and out of the classroom.

Some of the initiatives include faculty-led events, major specific academic learning teams, more general thematic learning communities and other programs that assist students in their academic endeavors.

Living Facility Options

Living options include traditional halls, suites and apartments with designations of single-gender or co-ed. Rooms are available for visually or hearing-impaired students as well as those who are physically challenged (<http://housing.uark.edu/disability-accommodation.php>).

Residence hall entry/exit doors are secured and/or monitored 24 hours a day. Some entries are unlocked to accommodate offices housed in our facilities and classes that are held in our classrooms. Most, but not all, of these areas have interior doors that secure the living floors.

Residents are provided access via an electronic access system. Students should be careful not to allow non-residents to follow them into their residence hall. Residents are provided access via a fob issued when they check-in. Students are responsible for escorting all visitors and guests at all times.

Campus Dining

Each of the three separate dining facilities (http://housing.uark.edu/campus_communities/dining_rates.php) on campus is managed by Campus Dining Services and provides a natural setting for socializing with friends and enjoying a wide variety of high quality, nutritious meals. All students living in a residence hall, except those residing in summer school housing, are required to have a meal plan. There are several meal plans available to meet the needs of both on-campus and off-campus students.

Learn more about Campus Dining Services online at [campus dining services \(http://dineoncampus.com/razorbacks\)](http://dineoncampus.com/razorbacks).

Inclusion and Leadership Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education

The Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education provides academic, cultural and social programs intended to promote inclusiveness, foster achievement and assist in the development and advancement of a diverse student body.

The center is located on the fourth floor of the Arkansas Union in Room 404, and can be contacted at 479-575-8405 or by visiting multicultural.uark.edu.

Student Support Services

The department of Student Support Services is designed to provide a powerful combination of programs and services to students who are first-generation, and/or modest-income, and/or individuals with disabilities. The services provided by Student Support Services place an emphasis on individual assessment, counseling, advising, and skill building. Some of these services include: academic/financial/personal counseling, financial scholarships, social etiquette instruction, career and graduate school preparation, academic/cultural enrichment, assistance with tutoring, and mentorship. The overarching goal of the University of Arkansas Student Support Services program is to empower students, assist them in achieving academic excellence, and seeing them through to graduation.

Student Support Services is a department in the Division of Student Affairs. The office is located on the Garden Level of Gregson Hall. For more details, call Student Support Services at 479-575-3546 or visit the Student Support Services website (<http://sss.uark.edu>).

Talent Search

Talent Search is an early intervention/educational opportunity program.

Serving students in grades 6-12, the program promotes skills and disseminates information necessary for successfully entering college and completing a baccalaureate degree. Emphasizing personal/career development, financial literacy, technological/academic skills, and ACT readiness through a developmental curriculum of college preparatory workshops, students are prepared for the rigors of higher education.

Campus visits, academic monitoring/advising, and guidance in the completion of college and financial aid applications are key components for participants and their families. Summer enrichment and campus-based events are also hosted as funding permits.

Talent Search is a federal TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The University of Arkansas has three Talent Search grant projects which serve distinct target areas in Benton, Carroll, Crawford, Sebastian and Washington counties in Arkansas, and McDonald County, Missouri. At least two-thirds of students served by the programs must be low-income and in the first generation of their family to attend college. They exhibit academic potential and attend one of the 37 target schools served. For additional information and a full listing of target schools, visit the Talent Search website (<http://talentsearch.uark.edu>).

The Talent Search Programs office is located at the university's Uptown Campus East, 1083 E. Sain Street, UPTe 128, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Call 479-575-3553 for more information.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science

Upward Bound (<http://ub.uark.edu>) and Upward Bound Math and Science are early intervention programs that help low-income and potential first-generation college students prepare for higher education. These programs bring high school students in grades 9 – 12 to the University of Arkansas campus on weekends and during the summer to receive instruction in mathematics, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, and foreign languages. The programs also provide academic and social support through tutoring, counseling, mentoring, cultural enrichment, financial literacy, field trips, college planning, and financial aid assistance. For students just completing their senior year of high school, Upward Bound provides a summer residential bridge program that enables participants to earn up to six hours of college credit. Funding is provided through grants from the U.S. Department of Education.

Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans Upward Bound (<http://vub.uark.edu>) is designed to identify and serve the unique needs of veterans who are low-income and potential first-generation college students, who have the academic potential and desire to enter and succeed in a program of higher education. Eligible veterans must have completed a minimum of 180 days of active duty in the military and hold any discharge other than dishonorable, or discharged because of a service connected disability, a member or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days, or a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001. Services include Accuplacer testing, tutoring, guidance counseling, assistance in filing financial aid and VA benefit forms, academic/career advisement, test preparation for entrance exams, and courses in English, Spanish, math, science, and computer technology. Courses are offered days and evenings each semester. Funding is provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Call 479-575-2442 for more information.

The Upward Bound and Veterans Upward Bound offices are located at the university's Uptown Campus West, 1001 E. Sain St., Fayetteville.

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Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Center for Educational Access, 209 Arkansas Union, is the central campus resource for students who require reasonable accommodations in order to access the programs, services and activities offered through the University of Arkansas. The center's staff work in partnership with the individual student to communicate and facilitate any accommodation needs to faculty and staff. Accommodation determination is based in part on medical or psychological documentation provided to the Center for Educational Access by the student. Students must meet with one of the center's staff for an access plan meeting to discuss their needs and provide such documentation before any accommodations can be granted.

To register for services or for more information, contact the Center for Educational Access, University of Arkansas, 209 ARKU, Fayetteville, AR 72701, phone 479-575-3104 ; e-mail: ada@uark.edu; Web: Center for Educational Access (<http://cea.uark.edu>) (online request for services available).

Off-Campus Student Services

Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS)

Off-Campus Student Services (formerly Off Campus Connections) provides friendly and helpful resources, services and programs for off-campus undergraduates. Off-campus students are defined as undergraduates not living in a residence hall, fraternity, or sorority house.

For information, visit the Off-Campus Student Services website (<http://occ.uark.edu>), make an appointment with a staff member in Arkansas Union Room 632, email iliveoff@uark.edu, or call 479-575-7351.

OCSS emphasizes two major priorities:

- Freshman Commuter Programs
- Off-Campus Living Education and Services

The University of Arkansas has more than 16,000 undergraduates living off-campus. Some off-campus students live near the university while others commute from hours away. Some students take advantage of online classes or majors and seldom visit campus. It is important that students living off-campus feel as welcome at the university as students living on-campus. Ongoing communication with off-campus students is important, so they know how to be an active part of the campus community as their schedule and other commitments allow. Additional challenges are faced by off-campus students and they need support from those who understand the differences they face.

Freshman Commuters are first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students who live at home with a parent or guardian during their first year of college. Off-Campus Student Services reaches out to more than 500 freshman commuters each summer and fall to share campus and academic resources, to provide opportunities to meet other cohort members, and to share mentorship and connection opportunities.

Finding a place to live is a basic need for many students after their freshman year. To help meet the needs of those students looking for housing near campus, OCSS provides the official, searchable off-campus housing website: offcampushousing.uark.edu. The website is free for student use, and properties on the site have an interest in student tenants. Off-Campus Living Fairs and educational resources are also offered on the site to prepare those who are planning to live on their own for the first time in our local community. Students can search for a roommate or someone to sublease when they plan to study abroad.

Off-Campus Meal Plans have proven important to student success. Meal plans of various prices have been designed to meet off-campus students' needs for eating while on campus for class, work, or other activities. Meal plans are available for purchase through a link provided on the Off-Campus Student Services website (<http://occ.uark.edu>). Around 4,000 meal plans are purchased each year by off-campus students. Having a meal plan encourages students to eat regular meals so they can better focus on academics. Meal plans are charged to a student's account, so costs may be covered with scholarships, financial aid awards, or paid out with tuition payments.

A friendly and comfortable Commuter Lounge — with a refrigerator, microwave, television, study tables and office spaces — is located on the Sixth Floor West of the Arkansas Union. Timely tips and information about jobs, deadlines, campus, and community life are shared through a weekly electronic newsletter published and emailed to off-campus undergraduates throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Off-Campus Student Services' desire is for each student living off-campus to feel an important part of the University of Arkansas, earn at least one degree, and have their name forever inscribed on the historic Senior Walk.

Office of Student Standards and Conduct

It is the vision of the Office of Student Standards and Conduct to foster a campus community that values citizenship, personal and civic responsibility, peer accountability, and care/concern for the university and surrounding communities.

The mission of the Office of Student Standards and Conduct (OSSC) is to create a safe and inclusive community by upholding the Code of Student Life, which promotes responsibility, accountability, and student learning through;

- Educational opportunities and outreach.
- The adjudication of Code of Student Life violations.
- Providing a consistent, fair, equitable, educational, student conduct process.
- The development of ethics and adherence to personal values.
- Education on the norms and values of the University of Arkansas.

Students who are interested in involvement with the All-University Conduct Board should contact the Director of OSSC at judicial@uark.edu. The All-University Conduct Board comprises faculty, staff, and students and is responsible for the adjudication of cases of alleged student misconduct as outlined in the Code of Student Life. This board is an advanced leadership opportunity for students who would like to gain valuable experience working with faculty and staff on an impartial peer review board.

For more information regarding the Code of Student Life, please see the Student Handbook at handbook.uark.edu. The Office of Student Standards and Conduct is located in Pomfret B 110, phone 479-575-5170; Web: ethics.uark.edu.

Veteran Resource and Information Center

The University of Arkansas Veterans Resource and Information Center contributes to the academic and professional success of current and prospective student veterans and their dependents by providing innovative resources and support; assisting with military educational benefits; and by serving as a central "Rally Point" for a seamless collaboration among various departments within the University of Arkansas, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the diverse network of community partners supporting veterans.

Veterans and dependents of service members may be eligible to receive monthly educational assistance from the Veterans Administration while enrolled at the University of Arkansas. For more information, including eligibility for veterans' educational benefits and scholarship opportunities, contact the Veterans Resource and Information Center at vric@uark.edu or 479-575-8742. Students may also visit the center at the Garland Center Shops, suites 115 and 116 or online at veteranscenter.uark.edu.

Student Media

The Office of Student Media administers and advises the official student media outlets of the university. These outlets are: the student newspaper, *The Arkansas Traveler*; the University of Arkansas yearbook, the *Razorback*; the student magazine, *The Hill*; the student television station, UATV; the student radio station, KXUA; and the student advertising agency, Main Hill Media. All provide a forum for student expression,

entertainment, news and information of interest to the campus community. Other than a small professional support staff, these groups are entirely staffed by student employees and volunteers, including editors and station managers. For more information, contact Student Media at 479-575-3406.