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2025 New Student Orientation

Information Booklet



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HEADED TO THE HILL?
THE NEXT STEP IS NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!

We are excited to welcome you to New Student Orientation at the University of Arkansas this summer.

The information found here includes important details regarding enrollment and will prepare you for a great orientation experience.

To confirm or reschedule your orientation date, please log in to your New Student Center portal at appstatus.uark.edu with the personal email you used when you applied for admission.

If you have questions regarding the orientation experience, please contact our office at nso@uark.edu or (479) 575-4200 for assistance.



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WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD EXPECT DURING ORIENTATION

- Learn more about the University of Arkansas.
- Meet other new and current students.
- Discover services and resources in a variety of areas, including health, safety, dining, housing, and more.
- Meet with academic advisors to create an academic plan and register for fall classes.
- Optional on-campus overnight accommodations if attending a 2-day session.

To view a sample agenda for your orientation session, please visit orientation.uark.edu.



ACADEMIC ADVISING & REGISTRATION

During orientation, all students will meet with academic advisors to discuss their fall schedule. Depending on your major, you may be pre-enrolled in 2-4 classes based on your degree requirements, your ACT/SAT/Accuplacer scores, or previous test or college credits earned. Please have all final transcripts and test scores sent for evaluation as soon as available. Regardless of the orientation session you attend, you are guaranteed classes that meet your degree requirements.

UNDECIDED ABOUT WHAT TO STUDY?

Unsure of what you plan to study? Do not worry, your academic advisor will help you select courses that benefit you regardless of future degree selection.

All interested students are encouraged to review the *MyMajors!* tool at career.uark.edu/cdc/students/explorecareers/#mymajors to learn more about degrees at the University of Arkansas.

ORIENTATION & ENROLLMENT FEES

NEW STUDENT FEE

A mandatory fee of \$105 will be applied to the account of any student who participates in orientation and/or enrolls in classes. This fee will be paid alongside their tuition for the following semester.

For more information regarding all student fees, such as the ID Card or First Year Experience fees, visit treasurer.uark.edu/tuition.aspx.

ORIENTATION GUEST FEE

For every person over the age of 12 who attends orientation with a student, a \$50 fee will be applied to the student's tuition statement the following term. This fee supports Parent and Family Programs within the Office of Transition Programs and Initiatives. This office serves as the primary liaison between the University and Razorback families. They plan, develop, and implement specific events, resources, and services for families. By attending orientation as a parent or guest, you are considered a member of the Parent and Family Association.

To learn more, visit orientation.uark.edu/how-to-register/parents-supporters.



PARENTS & SUPPORTERS ATTENDING ORIENTATION

While not required, we strongly encourage parents and supporters to attend orientation with their student this summer. By attending orientation, you will have the chance to explore the academic and extracurricular opportunities available for your student, along with information specifically designed for parents and supporters to aid in their student's transition to the University of Arkansas. If you decide to attend, note that parents and supporters will be with their student for the majority of the program. There is no secondary schedule for parents and supporters to follow.

To register for orientation, simply arrive at check-in with your student. Pre-registration is not necessary. Overnight accommodations are not provided on-campus for guests, so please visit experiencefayetteville.com to view a list of local accommodations.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

It is important to have a sound plan when it comes to paying for college. We are here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the following offices if you have any questions regarding finances before attending New Student Orientation.

Office of Financial Aid

finaid@uark.edu
(479) 575-3806

- Final financial aid award notifications
- Work study eligibility and opportunities
- Loan options

Academic Scholarships

scholars@uark.edu
(479) 575-4464

- Enrollment requirements based on awards received
- Future funding opportunities
- Outside funding sources

Treasurer's Office

treainfo@uark.edu
(479) 575-5651

- Coverdell and 529 Plans
- Payment plans
- Parent accounts

Veteran and Military-Affiliated Student Center

vsmc@uark.edu
479-575-8742

- Military educational benefits

Questions? All of these offices will be present at New Student Orientation. Please contact the offices you wish to speak with regarding one-on-one or walk-in appointments during orientation.



TO-DOS FOR ORIENTATION AND ENROLLMENT

Be sure to review this list of required and suggested items for new students to complete.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS (REQUIRED TO ENROLL)

The University of Arkansas requires all students to have two MMR vaccination records on file to enroll. Students are encouraged to submit their records at least 48 hours in advance of their orientation session. Not doing so can delay registration.

To submit your two MMR immunization records to the Pat Walker Health Center, send via fax to 1-866-409-1980. Beginning May 1, 2025, students will also be able to upload their vaccination records in the Health Center's web portal. For instructions regarding uploading records to the portal, visit health.uark.edu/medical-health/aitclinic.php.

ACADEMIC RECORDS

Final ACT/SAT/Accuplacer Scores (REQUIRED TO ENROLL)

Although test scores may have been optional for your admission, please note that scores are required for course placement and enrollment during orientation. Scores can be sent to uofa@uark.edu or via an electronic filing service.

Final High School Transcript

Prior to the start of the fall semester, students must submit their final high school transcript to the Office of Admissions at uofa@uark.edu, via an electronic filing service, or by mail to:

232 Silas Hunt Hall
1 University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Final high school transcripts are not required to attend orientation or enroll in classes.

Transfer & AP/IB Test Credit

Students who have in-progress or completed AP/IB or dual/concurrent college credit should submit their records to the Registrar's Office as soon as they are available. Please visit registrar.uark.edu/transfer-and-test-credit for instructions on how to submit your records.

Transfer and test credit that is not available prior to your orientation will not hinder enrollment. Once your credit has been processed, any necessary adjustments may be made to your class schedule after orientation.



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS STUDENT ID

Students will receive an email to their UARK account when they can submit a photo online for their student ID card. Keep an eye on your UARK email for the link to upload your photo and note the submission deadline. If you miss the deadline, there will be time to take your picture during orientation. Please bring a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, with you to orientation as it is required to collect your card.

Any questions regarding online photo submission should be directed to the Campus Card Office at idcard@uark.edu or (479) 575-7563.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We want your orientation experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you or your guests have dietary restrictions, mobility limitations, or need other accommodations, please reach out to nso@uark.edu prior to your session detailing your needs and we will be happy to assist you further.

OPTIONAL ONLINE PLACEMENT EXAMS

While not required, students have the opportunity to take an optional math or foreign language placement exam. Completing either exam may allow the student to enroll in higher level courses than their ACT/SAT/ Accuplacer or previous course experience normally allows.

Visit fulbright.uark.edu/departments/math/undergraduate/placement or wllc.uark.edu/resources/placement-exams.php to learn more.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING CONTRACT (REQUIRED BY MAY 1, 2025)

If you have not completed the housing contract or signed the "Live with Parent Exemption" form, please visit housing.uark.edu. Students are encouraged to check their UARK email and the University Housing Office website regularly for updates regarding additional contracting phases.



ON-CAMPUS OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

2-DAY SESSION

Attending a 2-day orientation allows students the opportunity to spend the night on campus during their session at no additional cost. However, it is not required as we realize that some students may prefer to stay with their families.

Students who spend the night on campus will stay in Founders Hall, a community-style residence hall, which means that you will share a room with one other student and bathrooms are shared by others on the floor. Floors are designated by gender and students will not be able to request a particular room or roommate during orientation.

An email will be sent to your UARK account soon allowing you to opt-in to overnight accommodations. If you are unsure about spending the night, please complete the opt-in form because you can always change your mind when you arrive at orientation. ***Walk-ins will be limited on a space-available basis during check-in and a room is not guaranteed.***

Students staying overnight on campus will have the opportunity to participate in an array of recreational opportunities hosted in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) building the evening of Day 1. Please pack closed-toe shoes to wear if you plan to partake in these activities, as required by University Recreation.

1-DAY SESSION | PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

No overnight accommodations are provided for students attending a 1-day session, or any parents and supporters attending orientation. You may find local lodging through the Fayetteville Visitor's Bureau by visiting the "sleep" section of experiencefayetteville.com or calling 800-766-4626. When making reservations, you should mention you are attending New Student Orientation at the University of Arkansas to see if any discounted rates are available.



What to Pack For All Students and Supporters

- Comfortable shoes
- Reusable water bottle
- Umbrella or rain jacket
- Phone charger
- Government-issued ID (students)

For Students Attending a 2-day Session, If Staying Overnight On Campus

- Everything listed above, plus...
- Bedding (including sheets, blanket, and pillow)
- Towel and toiletries
- Shower shoes (sandals or flip flops that can get wet)
- Closed-toe shoes (if partaking in open recreation)
- Necessary medications



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For more information, visit orientation.uark.edu/faq.

HOW DO I CONFIRM OR RESCHEDULE MY ORIENTATION SESSION?

Log into your New Student Center at appstatus.uark.edu. Your current orientation date will be listed under the Enrollment Checklist Orientation tab.

To reschedule your session:

- Select “Manage your Orientation Registration” under Enrollment Checklist Orientation tab.
- On the next screen, select “Manage your Orientation Registration” in the Session Information tab.
- On the next screen, select “Cancel Registration.”
- Then, select “Return to your new Student Center.”
- Under Enrollment Checklist Orientation tab, the “Register for On Campus Orientation” button will be under the Orientation tab. Follow it to select your new session.

Instructions for confirming or changing your orientation date can be found at orientation.uark.edu.

WHY DO MY FRIENDS SEE DIFFERENT ORIENTATION SESSIONS WHEN THEY LOG IN TO THEIR NEW STUDENT CENTER PORTAL TO RESCHEDULE THEIR EXPERIENCE?

This is most likely because you are in different academic colleges within the university. Each college can only accommodate a certain number of students at each session. Your college may be at capacity for that session, while your friends’ may still have openings.

I AM AN HONORS STUDENT, BUT I CANNOT ATTEND THE HONORS-SPECIFIC ORIENTATION SESSION OR THE SESSIONS ARE CLOSED. WHAT DO I DO?

Register for any open session that fits your schedule. During all orientation session types there, will be an opportunity to connect with the Honors College to get the support you need to be successful in the Honors program. Regardless of the session you attend, you will be able to register for Honors classes your first semester.

CAN I GET ON A WAITLIST FOR A DIFFERENT ORIENTATION SESSION THAT’S CURRENTLY FULL?

Unfortunately, we do not maintain a waitlist. However, you can log into your New Student Center at appstatus.uark.edu.

- Click Manage your Registration then click on the name of your

academic college under the Available Dates banner.

- Should a date be available that works for you, return to your New Student Center and click [Manage Your Registration](#) to reschedule.

I AM CONSIDERING CHANGING MY MAJOR. WHAT DO I DO?

When you arrive at check-in, we will ask you what you plan to major in. If you would like to change it at that time, please let us know.

WHAT IF I WANT TO DOUBLE MAJOR OR ADD A MINOR?

During academic advising, you can mention that you'd like to add an additional major/minor to your degree plan. Depending on the program and your academic college, they may help you amend your class schedule at that time or instruct you to wait until you register for spring classes.

HOW LONG DOES ORIENTATION LAST?

1-day sessions are expected to run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 2-day sessions will run from 3:00 p.m. on Day 1 through approximately 5 p.m. on Day 2. End times are approximate. Your actual end time will vary on your academic college, enrollment needs, and which optional sessions you attend.

I AM GOING TO BE IN FAYETTEVILLE FOR A FEW DAYS AROUND MY ORIENTATION. WHAT SHOULD I DO WHILE VISITING?

We recommend you utilize experiencefayetteville.com or northwestarkansas.org for activities and restaurant recommendations.

University Recreation is offering each student registered for orientation a free guest pass plus an additional pass for a parent, sibling, or supporter on the day before or after their orientation date. Proof of orientation registration will be required. Please contact University Recreation at urec@uark.edu or (479) 575-4646 to learn more.



DIRECTIONS TO ORIENTATION

Complimentary parking is provided during orientation at the Garland Avenue Parking Garage. Orientation Leaders will be located at the north entrance to guide you through the check-in process. If you are being dropped off, please arrive at the Garland Avenue Parking Garage.

FROM THE SOUTH:

- Take I-40 to I-49 North (exit 12)
- From I-49, take the Wedington Drive exit (exit 64)
- Turn right (east) onto Wedington; drive east for 1.5 miles then turn right (south) onto Garland Avenue
- Turn left (east) onto Cleveland Street, and the entrance to the Garland Avenue Parking Garage will be on your right

FROM THE NORTH:

- Take I-49 South to Fayetteville
- From I-49, take the Hwy 112 exit (exit 67A)
- Turn right on Hwy 112, and travel south for 2 miles until you reach the northern entrance of campus
- Turn left (east) onto Cleveland Street, and the entrance to the parking garage will be on your right

FROM THE EAST:

- Take Hwy 412 West to I-49, and then see directions from the north

FROM THE WEST:

- Take Hwy 412 East via Cherokee Turnpike from Tulsa, OK, to I-49 South, and then see directions from the north

WANT TO MAP THE DIRECTIONS YOURSELF?

Garland Parking Garage
1055 W. Cleveland Street
Fayetteville, AR 72701



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