

ARE YOU READY TO BE A  
**RAZORBACK?**



UNIVERSITY OF  
ARKANSAS.



## **CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IS A BIG DECISION.**

It takes time and careful planning. At the University of Arkansas, we understand and are ready to make sure you and your family have all the information you need to plan your next steps.

As you explore the information in this guide, keep in mind that we are always here to help! You can reach us anytime at [uofa@uark.edu](mailto:uofa@uark.edu) or 479-575-5346.





# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS:

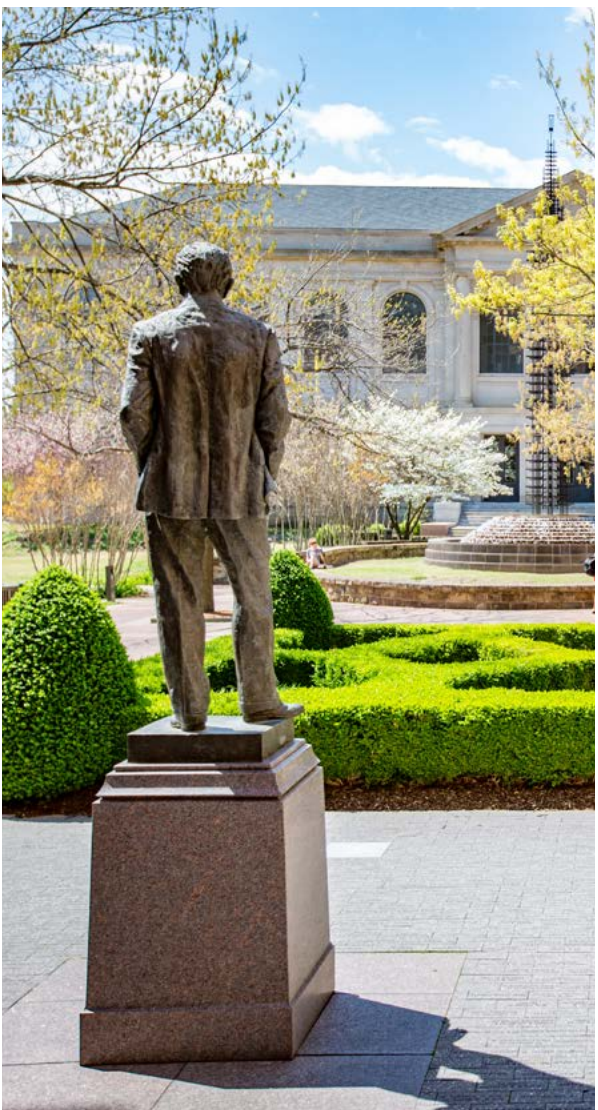
Founded in 1871, the University of Arkansas is a destination for students from Arkansas and around the globe. And it's no wonder. Our students have access to more than 200 academic programs and life-changing opportunities like internships, research and study abroad. As one of the nation's top public research universities, we offer students the chance to gain hands on experience as undergraduate researchers, innovators, and artists, often as early as freshman year.

The U of A is located in Fayetteville, a town *U.S. News and World Report* calls one of the top five best places to live in U.S. More than 300 Fortune 500 companies have offices in Northwest Arkansas, so the perfect internship is often literally just around the corner. And when the time comes to find the next adventure, our students regularly win some of the nation's most competitive post-graduate awards and continue their studies here or at other top institutions around the world.

Outside of the classroom, campus life is full with student organizations, award-winning athletic programs, and opportunities to volunteer in the community and travel abroad.

At the University of Arkansas, you'll have the support and resources you need to achieve your goals, and you'll have the opportunity to make a difference in your community and beyond.





# WRITE THIS DOWN

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### DURING YOUR JUNIOR YEAR

- Visit campus or attend a college preview day. Find more information at [visit.uark.edu](https://visit.uark.edu).
- Find a time to take the ACT or SAT: Not all students take the ACT or SAT in their junior year, but it can be a good time to start preparing for testing during your senior year. Find more information about test dates at [act.org](https://act.org) or [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org).

### SENIOR YEAR

- **JULY 15** – Start your application for admission at [admissions.uark.edu](https://admissions.uark.edu). Applying early means the earliest access to housing and orientation options when we begin admitting students in September.
- **SEPTEMBER** – Check the mail! We will start sending our first admission notifications to students this month.
- **OCTOBER 1** – Start the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the upcoming year. Find more information (and help) at [finaid.uark.edu](https://finaid.uark.edu).
- **NOVEMBER 1** – Submit an application for admission by the priority deadline. This is the best way to be considered for the most scholarship opportunities and take advantage of early options for housing and new student orientation.
- **NOVEMBER 15** – Submit a scholarship application by the priority scholarship deadline.
- The majority of scholarships are awarded during the priority round. Learn more about scholarship opportunities at [scholarships.uark.edu](https://scholarships.uark.edu).
- **DECEMBER 1** – Submit your FAFSA by this date to receive the most consideration for need-based and merit aid.
- **FEBRUARY 1** – Apply for scholarships and fellowships and send in all supporting materials by the final scholarship deadline.



# MAKE THE GRADE

## UNDERSTANDING GPAS, TEST SCORES, AND TRANSCRIPTS:

When you apply to the University of Arkansas, we consider your grades and test scores to make an admissions decision for you.

This means that the classes you take (and how well you do in them) could have a big impact on your college choices. Consider taking Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or dual credit courses, if you qualify. These classes can give a boost to your GPA and you might even qualify for college credit. Learn more about Advanced Placement credit at [registrar.uark.edu/transfer-and-test-credit/test-credit.php](https://registrar.uark.edu/transfer-and-test-credit/test-credit.php)

After you apply, ask your high school counselor to send us an official transcript. You can also request that ACT or College Board send your official test scores directly to the Office of Admissions. Keep in mind – it's a good idea to send us more than one test score. We superscore and will use your highest scores for admission purposes.

Find more information at [admissions.uark.edu](https://admissions.uark.edu).





# MAKE A PLAN

## INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID:

Paying for college is a big investment, and we can help you make a plan to make college as affordable as possible.

The U of A offers scholarships to our incoming freshmen, ranging from prestigious fellowships to one-time awards that help you cover the cost of housing or books. Be sure to keep track of deadlines for applying for scholarships, and make sure you understand all the materials required. Some scholarships require letters of recommendation, so make sure you give your recommenders plenty of advance notice.

The Office of Financial Aid can guide you through the process of applying for state and federal aid using the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Once you're on campus, you will have access to scholarships specifically for current students, as well as funding for study abroad, research, internships, and more.

Find more information at [scholarships.uark.edu](https://scholarships.uark.edu) and [finaid.uark.edu](https://finaid.uark.edu).







## FIND A CAREER, FIND A CALLING

Our more than 200 academic programs are housed in 10 different academic colleges and schools. No matter which major you choose (or don't choose – it's ok to be undecided – we can help you find the major that is right for you), you'll join other students in your academic college with similar interests, who are all focused on making their mark in the world.

Deciding on an academic program and potential career path can be intimidating, but with just one professor for every 19 students on campus, our professors are invested in the students they teach and mentor. As a student at the U of A, you will benefit from the kind of close teaching and training that means you are able to ask questions and explore your options all while preparing for what comes next.

Our students go on to be scientists, engineers, artists, entrepreneurs, nurses, architects, and more. They become national and state leaders, CEOs, and professional athletes. Whatever you hope to do, whatever your calling, the U of A can help you get there. Learn more at [uark.edu](https://uark.edu).





# MAKE THE MOST OF COLLEGE

## STUDY ABROAD, UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, INTERNSHIPS, AND MORE:

Remember that your college experience is more than just the classes you take to earn your degree. It is your chance to build experiences and skills that will prepare you for success after you graduate.

At the U of A, learning goes beyond the classroom. Our students study abroad in more than 56 countries each year, participate in one-on-one research with renowned faculty and secure internships with the hundreds of Fortune 500 companies with offices in Northwest Arkansas.

Our students lead committees, start organizations and raise funds for charity. They compete for Olympic medals and patent their inventions. And they don't do it alone – each year, our endowed Honors College offers more than \$1 million in grants to support students in everything from scholarly research to study abroad.

Be open-minded about the opportunities that present themselves while you are in college. Research the ways you can supplement your studies and broaden your experiences. These opportunities might influence your future plans in unexpected and exciting ways.



# FIND A COMMUNITY

## CAMPUS LIFE, STUDENT CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT:

When you are preparing to call a university home for the next four years, it helps to know that you will have a supportive, exciting community around you.

With more than 400 student organizations, the University of Arkansas offers plenty of opportunities to connect with community and find a group of people interested in some of the same things you are. With SEC sporting events, concerts, art galleries, lectures and clubs, you'll never be bored (unless, of course, that's what you're into).

At the University of Arkansas, the most important thing to remember is that if you need help, just ask. Whether you are taking on a tough calculus problem or trying to decide if a particular internship is the right one for you, campus resources like our Student Success Center and the Career Development Center are available to help.

Learn more at [uark.edu](https://uark.edu).





# HAVE MORE QUESTIONS? JUST ASK!

As you prepare for college, the most important thing to remember is that help is standing by. If there's anything you need, or if you have any questions, just let us know!

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