You belong at a university where you’re part of a community of thinkers and learners interested in making a difference. Where over 11,000 students come to us from 66 different countries and 39 states. Where learning and living meld into one amazing experience and opportunities abound. Our students and faculty have created a true community of higher learning with their contributions and interactions in a wide variety of fields. You belong at a university ranked among the top twenty-five most desirable large schools by Kaplan and Newsweek—a list that includes Harvard University, Cornell University and Texas A&M. You belong at a university where learning happens inside and outside of the classroom.

You belong at a school that is just as unique as you are. Visit youbelong.uca.edu to begin your journey.

Highest ranked Arkansas public university among regional universities in the South, according to 2011 U.S. News & World Report.
University of Central Arkansas

UCA is one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation. Lush gardens with seasonal flowers and large shade trees complement the Georgian-architectural style of campus buildings. On warm afternoons, students can be found studying, visiting with friends and listening to music around Harding Centennial Plaza. The fountain and plaza area is a signature landmark and popular location for campus events. The Student Center hosts activities such as movie nights, guest speakers and musical performances. It is also the home of the campus bookstore, post office, convenience store, coffee shop and food court.

True Southern Charm

Students who want to stay active visit the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Center. The 65,000-square-foot recreation center is home to basketball courts, volleyball and badminton courts, a walking/jogging track, an exercise class studio, and a fitness center complete with a full slate of cardio and strength-training equipment.

When world-class dance troupes, plays and musicians come to campus, they perform at Donald W. Reynolds Performance Hall. Opened by the late Ray Charles, it continues to bring quality entertainment to Conway, including Gladys Knight, David Cook, Gavin DeGraw and UCA's own Kris Allen. The 2011 season brings director Spike Lee, Nicholas Sparks, author of The Notebook, Leland Hines, the Broadway musical Legally Blonde, and the Russian National Ballet Theatre will perform Cinderella. UCA students receive free or discounted tickets to many of these performances.

Student-to-Professor Ratio

19 to 1
Conway, Arkansas

Conway is a friendly city that is home to two other colleges, earning it the nickname, ‘The City of Colleges.’ The community is accommodating to its college students and loves and supports its UCA Bears! Conway is located 30 miles north of the capital city, Little Rock, and has a population around 57,000. When looking at the six-county Metropolitan Area, there are nearly 700,000 people living around Little Rock, making Conway a small pocket in a large group of people.

The City of Colleges

Small Town Charm, Big City Amenities

There are many places to dine off campus, including well-known chains like Chili’s, Old Chicago and Outback Steak House as well as local favorites like Stoby’s, Bear’s Den Pizza and Michelangelo’s Ristorante. And if shopping’s your thing, Conway delivers there, too. From Target and Old Navy to boutique shopping like EM Jeans and PK’s, there are a number of places to get what you need.

Every first weekend in May, Toad Suck Daze takes place in Conway. This three-day festival incorporates live music, food, rides and craft vendors. EcoFest is a recent addition and highlights sustainability and green initiatives. And every year during homecoming week, local businesses show their school spirit by painting the town purple in support of the UCA Bears. These events are just another way to bond with the community.
Opportunities Abound at UCA

You belong at a university where our Honors College rivals private institutions around the nation. And learning can happen across the hall or across the Atlantic. Where you can choose from 80 undergraduate degrees, 39 graduate degrees and five doctoral degrees. We continue to produce high-level graduates out of the second-largest education department in the state. Students spend 600 hours in a public school setting during their student-teaching experience. Our graduates are highly sought after by Arkansas and out-of-state school systems.

2/3 of all health-related majors in the state graduate from UCA

Affordable Excellence

At UCA, we want to make sure that not only do our students get a good education, they get one of value. Our Nuclear Medicine Technology graduates earn starting salaries of up to $90,000. Classes here are taught by faculty, not graduate assistants. Students are given research and publication opportunities at the undergraduate level that most students don’t have until graduate school. And, with our low student-to-professor ratio, you get to know them and, more importantly, they get to know you — providing a higher quality education. And that’s a value you can’t put a dollar amount on.
Programs of Study

Study at UCA is broken into six different colleges: Business, Education, Fine Arts & Communication, Health & Behavioral Sciences, Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences & Math. Each college offers you different opportunities to learn and grow. Our colleges help students to be successful at whatever they want to tackle next. For instance, we are the only school in the state to offer Occupational Therapy, and unique programs such as Digital Filmmaking, Addiction Studies, African-American Studies and Religious Studies. We also have the largest Psychology, Speech-Language Pathology and Dietetics programs in Arkansas. You’ll be hard-pressed to find something you want to study that we don’t offer. The hardest decision will be which of our great degrees to choose from.

Our Honors College students have 100% acceptance rate to law school.
The new College of Business building features a 168-seat auditorium for lectures and meetings.

Getting Down to Business

The space was designed to allow both students and faculty to interact with the business community, for a more engaging learning experience. The college of business seeks to educate students to meet the dynamic requirements of business and make positive contributions to the business community.

All of our business majors are AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accredited, which is the gold standard for the industry. Each area in the College of Business offers internship opportunities to students. Our Management Information Systems graduates are among the highest paid graduates from four-year universities.

A High-Tech Building for Advanced Study

Our brand new state-of-the-art building for the College of Business is the largest UCA construction project ever undertaken. Classroom size is limited to 64 students and there are 12 seminar rooms. This building was completed taking into consideration all technological advances possible. Many design elements are comparable to top-tier business schools across the country.
Student Life
Belonging at UCA is more than just going to class. College is an experience that’s all about being able to stand out while finding a way to fit in. It’s about finding other students with shared interests. Get involved in campus politics by running for office with the Student Government Association, or join The Bear Den to show off your school spirit.

You also have access to on-campus concerts, famous guest appearances and activities ranging from beer tag to amusement park rides. Bands, choirs, orchestras and various types of ensembles also have regular performances. The UCA Theatre offers four faculty-directed productions each year, one student-produced and directed production, and a series of student-directed one-acts. No matter what your interest, we have a group to join, a place to go, a lesson to learn.

Greek Life
Greek life at UCA has been going strong since 1915, and we offer 12 fraternities and nine sororities. It’s a great way to enhance your college experience and form lifelong bonds. Deferred recruitment happens in the spring, and has minimum requirements for participation. Greek Week takes place each spring and fall and serves to unite the Greek community.

Events like Greek God, where fraternities showcase their best members, and the All-Greek Step Show, where sororities and fraternities are paired in teams, and work together to build unity, add another layer to the Greek experience.

More than 200 recognized student organizations
Athletics

The University of Central Arkansas proudly participates in 17 NCAA Division I varsity sports. As a member of the Southland Conference, UCA competes against schools from Texas and Louisiana. The various teams have a winning tradition that carries a lot of Bear pride for the entire community.

The football team has won more national football championships than any other college in Arkansas. The women's volleyball team is a four-time Academic Achievement Award winner and was the 2009 Southland Conference Champion. Also in 2009 on the basketball court, the Sugar Bears accomplished the biggest turnaround in Southland Conference history, finishing 21-8.

Intramurals

Intramural sports offer every UCA student the opportunity to participate in some type of competitive sports activity, plus it's a great way to stay healthy while meeting new people. Join a team with your residential college, clubs, organizations, or a program of study and compete in any of the more than a dozen intramural sports offered. Choose a more traditional team like flag football or basketball or a non-traditional sport like table tennis or cross-country.
In addition to four residential halls and five residential colleges, UCA offers six different apartment complexes and three sections of family housing. Each housing area has a professional staff member who supervises the apartments or halls within it. Most of the apartments offer two bedrooms that are shared among four students. Family housing, like Baldridge and College View, offer married students the opportunity to take advantage of university housing near campus.

Living on Campus

Studies show that freshmen who live on campus, as a whole, attain a higher grade point average than freshmen who reside off campus. At UCA, freshmen are required to live on campus their first year, unless they meet one of seven exemption criteria. There are traditional residential halls and residential colleges available to them, while upperclassmen are able to take advantage of university-owned apartments.

On campus, there is greater access to the library, computer and study labs and greater interaction with faculty. Plus, you never know when a spontaneous water balloon fight or impromptu concert might break out!

On average, 3,600 students live on campus
Residential Colleges

Residential colleges are more than just places to stay; they are co-educational living and learning communities that connect to every aspect of student life. Residential college students take classes together and participate in social and civic activities such as raising money for Heifer Project International, field trips, camping, and intramural sports. Full-time UCA faculty members live in each residential college to help serve as mentors.

Residential College students have a 10% higher graduation rate*

*When compared to students who did not live in a Residential College their freshman year.

Learning and Living Together

There are five residential colleges to choose from based on your interests. They are open to both men and women, with private wings and shared common spaces. Hughes has a leadership focus, State is about living globally, while Short/Denney is all about living the arts, and Baridon is reserved for sophomores.

The newest residential college, STEM, located in Arkansas Hall, opened fall 2010. It is dedicated to the study of science, technology, engineering and math and is the only residential college in Arkansas with that emphasis. Students will be able to take advantage of undergraduate research opportunities in several fields, including cellular and molecular biology, organic chemistry, robotics, biophysics and aquatic ecology.
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Q: What can I do with my laptop or iPad?
A: From almost anywhere on campus, UCA’s wireless network allows you to use your laptop and other mobile devices to complete homework assignments, e-mail professors, watch videos, stream music and more. Areas where wireless may not work are hardwired for easy Internet access.

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Q: Can I afford to attend UCA?
A: UCA costs are competitive with other state institutions, and UCA is more economical than most private schools. Prospective students are encouraged to work with the financial aid office to develop a personal aid package that may consist of scholarships, grants, loans and part-time employment. Financial aid includes any monies provided to a student by someone other than the student’s family to assist with the cost of their education. Financial aid may be in the form of scholarships, grants, loans or work-study jobs. Financial aid is provided by private sources, the university, and state and federal governments. The UCA Financial Aid Office has a comprehensive website (uca.edu/financialaid) that provides detailed information.

Q: Can I receive advanced placement credit?
A: Absolutely! The university permits a student to take either the general examinations or specific subject examinations to earn college credit for a maximum of 30 hours of general education courses. We offer CLEP exams in subjects from art to writing and everything in between.

Q: How do I apply for scholarships?
A: Your admissions application also serves as your scholarship application. Students admitted by the priority deadline of January 8, 2011, will be considered for scholarships. Please visit uca.edu/admissions/undergraduate-scholarships for a complete list of scholarship opportunities. All scholarships are competitive and will be awarded as funds are available.

Q: How will I find out if I’m admitted?
A: Once we receive your admissions application, high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, other college transcripts, and proof of immunizations, admissions officers will review your application. It typically takes about 7-10 days for approval and notification. You will be notified by mail with an admissions packet.

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On Bear Facts Day, prospective students and their parents visit classrooms, labs, the Student Center, cafeteria and housing, and get a chance to talk with current students, faculty and staff. Students can also take advantage of information sessions on academic programs, admissions, housing, financial aid, scholarships and support services. To reserve your spot go to uca.edu/admissions/bearfactsday.php or call 1-800-243-8245.

Saturday, October 30
Friday, December 3
Friday, February 18
Saturday, March 12
Friday, April 8

Take A Tour.
Campus tours are available at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday (except on Bear Facts Days), when classes are in session. Summer tours are available at 10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, when classes are in session. Tours leave from the Office of Admissions, Bernard 101. Call 1-800-243-8245 for more information, or register online at uca.edu/go/tours.

Priority Scholarship Deadline:
January 8, 2011

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Learn more about UCA everywhere you go with the UCA iPhone app. Get familiar with the campus by using the Map, find someone to answer your questions in the Useful Contacts, or go to the You Belong section to find out where you belong at UCA.