The College of Business was established in 1969, 24 years after a business major was first introduced at UCA. It was for the school’s second academic college. Its programs are housed in Burdick Business Administration Center, which opened in 1974. Due to technology and space limitations, the university has begun construction on a new business building south of Wingo Hall. The college has more than 1,500 students majoring in four academic departments and more than 100 graduate students all taught by about 70 faculty.

The College of Business educates students to meet the dynamic requirements of business and make positive contributions to the business community and society. The college is committed to maintaining a relevant and innovative curriculum, enhancing the learning experience, serving stakeholders and promoting lifelong learning, integrity and ethical behavior.

UCA business students are finding work at major companies in the state. Some companies that are hiring UCA graduates include Wal-Mart, الشمال، Dillard’s, Arklatex, University of Arkansas Community Development Institute, the new Strategic Growth Institute and the master’s of science program in community and economic development.

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UCA has secured about $12 million for the construction of a new business building; however, the new 80,000-square-foot building along with furnishings and equipment will cost approximately $18 million. The new state-of-the-art business building will be large enough to accommodate expected student growth in the college as well as resolve the current shortage of office space. It will also allow the college to retain critical space for students, faculty and community members to gather and interact.

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Research is a critical vehicle for faculty to gain and share knowledge within their discipline. Limited funding from the state does not always allow for adequate research budgets, therefore, the college also seeks private funding to supplement its faculty’s research budgets.

The College of Business is committed to the success of each individual student. We recognize that teaching methods and the advising process within the college are designed to help students discover their unique abilities, thereby enhancing their chances of success. Students work closely with the faculty and receive hands-on experience by participating in practical business projects, internships and student professional organizations.

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