



## **Global Education Project Academic Year 2017-18**



### **Introduction**

The University of Central Arkansas (UCA) is pleased to offer the Global Education Project (GEP), a short term visiting program for international students at UCA. GEP students will become more globally-minded, knowledgeable of American culture and traditions, and more proficient in American English. Their presence will also enhance the global learning environment at UCA. The GEP provides an excellent opportunity for visiting students to study with American and other international students from 73 different countries.

With an enrollment of around 600 international students and a student to faculty ratio of 17 to 1, UCA offers more than 100 undergraduate programs and more than 30 graduate programs at both the master and doctoral level. U.S. News and World Report of 2016 ranks UCA 24th in the category of “Top Public Schools” among regional universities in the South.

As one of the best educational values in the South, students at the University of Central Arkansas receive a quality education at an affordable cost.

### **The Global Education Project**

The program is uniquely designed to benefit our visiting international students in the classroom and on campus. Students who have the required English skills are welcome to participate in regular courses with UCA students while those with lower proficiency can sharpen their language ability through our excellent Intensive English Program. All students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in U.S. culture by living, eating and socializing with US students. The package price includes 12 undergraduate credits of tuition, housing with a roommate in on-campus housing, unlimited meals at the cafeteria, health insurance, membership to the campus fitness center and other associated fees required by UCA. The program is all-inclusive in order for students to focus on why they are at UCA rather than worry about individual expenses. In all, we hope this project will encourage students from our partner universities to participate in a semester or year-long study abroad experience at UCA benefiting both the sending and receiving communities.

### **How to apply**

UCA GEP partner universities should share information regarding GEP to their students and recommend quality students with good English skills to be candidates for the Project. A final list of recommended students should be sent to UCA’s International Engagement Office. UCA will process these students’ applications and issue a DS-2019 form for the intended length of study to qualified candidates. The students will use this form to apply for their J-1 (exchange student) visa.



Students should take the TOEFL PBT or iBT **before applying for admission**. Those who receive a score of at least 500 on TOEFL PBT (or equivalent TOEFL iBT 61, IELTS 5.5) will be able to take four different courses (maximum of 12 undergraduate credits) from their own disciplines with approval from Department heads of UCA. Students with lower scores will enroll in the Intensive English Program and other approved GEP curricula (music, foreign language).

Please note that the Global Education Project package price covers 12 undergraduate credits, which is usually equivalent to 4 courses. Students who want to take more than 12 credits or graduate courses will be charged standard in-state tuition rates for any additional credit hours. Please note that all visiting GEP students are required to live in UCA on-campus housing

**The Projected Time Table for Fall 2017 Semester:**

Promotion	March to June, 2017
Deadline for Application	June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Visa Application	June to July, 2017
Student Arrival	August 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Orientation	August 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Welcome Week	August 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017
Classes Begin	August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Departure Date	December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017

**The Projected Time Table for Spring 2018 Semester:**

Promotion	September to November, 2017
Deadline for Application	November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Visa Application	November to December 2017
Student Arrival	January 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Orientation	January 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Classes Begin	January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Departure Date	May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018



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