

## **Student Financial Responsibility Policy**

The University expects students to discharge financial responsibilities in compliance with commonly accepted practices. This includes prompt response and cooperative relationships with creditors and those with whom business is transacted. If payments are not made on time, the student may be subject to withholding of services, the University may impose monthly late charges, the student may be administratively withdrawn from UCA, and the student will be liable for all applicable fees and collections costs (which may include attorney fees, court costs and other fees). Any student account that remains unpaid for thirty (30) days may be turned over to an outside collection agency for assistance in collecting. A collection cost equal to the amount charged by the collection agency may be added to the amount owed by the student to cover the collection agency costs.

Services withheld for past due balances include, but are not limited to, registration, viewing of grades, transcripts, diplomas, housing, and meal plan activation.

Any credit posted to a student account will first be applied to any balance due before any refund is given to the student.

Appropriate payment plans may be set up for past due balances, but services will still be withheld and collections through the Arkansas State Debt Setoff Program will still be pursued.

Minors who are extended credit by the University of Central Arkansas for purposes of higher education are considered vested with full capacity to contract and will be bound by any contract executed by him or her. The fact that the student was a minor at the time he or she was extended credit shall not be a defense in any action arising from the extension of credit. Credit is considered to be extended when a student is allowed to continue receiving services past the due date of payment. (Based on ACA 6-81-125 and ACA 6-81-407)