

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS
BOARD POLICY**

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Subject: ADHE Role and Scope

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UCA is a comprehensive university offering a variety of associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral degree programs to students throughout Arkansas. UCA's curriculum has expanded in recent years to include numerous academic disciplines in addition to its historical emphasis on the field of education. Strength has been developed in the liberal arts and basic sciences, and attention now is given to technical and professional fields as well. The instructional program is based upon the goals of maintaining the highest academic quality and of assuring that the curriculum remains current, dynamic, and responsive to curricular trends and state needs.

Attachment A sets forth the Role and Scope for the university as adopted by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

ATTACHMENT A

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University of Central Arkansas

1. Audiences

The University of Central Arkansas (UCA) is responsible for serving:

- Residents of the state, particularly those in central Arkansas who have completed high school and are seeking either a college degree or continuing professional education.
- Regional and state employers, both public and private—including school districts, health care providers, local governments, private businesses and community agencies seeking technical assistance and applied research.
- Economic development interests and entrepreneurs in the region and across the state.
- The community and area by providing a broad range of academic and cultural activities and public events.
- Area K-12 schools seeking college general education courses for advanced students.
- Two-year college transfer students.

2. Array of Programs and Services

UCA serves these audiences by providing:

- Baccalaureate arts and science programs in the variety appropriate to a comprehensive, teaching university.
- Baccalaureate programs in the professional fields of journalism, computer and information sciences, education, public administration, nursing and allied health, and business.
- Masters programs in education, business, nursing, allied health and selected arts and science fields.
- Doctoral programs in physical therapy, communicative sciences and disorders, leadership studies, and school psychology.
- Services specifically designed to meet the needs of state and regional economic development.

3. Special Features

- UCA supports Arkansas public schools through the Arkansas Center for Mathematics and Science Education, the Arkansas Public School Resources Center, and other initiatives.
- UCA is a regional center of the Asian Studies Development Program for the East-West Center.
- UCA serves communities and their leaders through the Community Development Institute – the first such organization in the nation, established in 1987 – and related initiatives.