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UCA Fact Sheet

University Overview

University of Central Arkansas (UCA) was founded in 1907 as the Arkansas State Normal School. Today the campus is spread across 356 acres, and is one of the largest and oldest public universities in the state. The University of Central Arkansas offers outstanding academics and a lively campus community. With more than 160 academic programs all taught by dedicated faculty members, UCA delivers in quantity and quality. At UCA, there's no shortage of activities to refresh your mind and connect you with fellow students. UCA is located in Conway, Arkansas, a tight-knit community with a vibrant downtown that makes our campus a home away from home. UCA has a diverse student body of more than 10,000 students. UCA offers 90 undergraduate degrees and 64 graduate degrees and certificates. The campus includes a nature preserve and walking trails on more than 350 acres. UCA students represent all of Arkansas' 75 counties, almost all 50 U.S. states, and more than 70 foreign countries.

Learn more at: www.uca.edu

Virtual Campus Tour: <http://uca.edu/about-uca/>

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Academic Calendar	<p>Fall semester: August to December</p> <p>Spring semester: January to May</p> <p>NOTE: International students must arrive in time for a mandatory international orientation. Orientation is usually a week or two before classes begin.</p> <p>UCA Academic Calendar:</p>
Application Deadlines and Nominations	<p>Incoming Exchange Application</p> <p>Fall - Nomination Deadline: March 1st</p> <p>Application Deadline: April 15th</p> <p>Spring - Nomination Deadline: September 1st</p> <p>Application Deadline: October 15th</p> <p>Nomination Form for Exchanges</p>
English Proficiency	<p>Prospective exchange students must submit proof of English proficiency before admittance to UCA. Students from an exempt country do not have to submit proof of language proficiency. More info. on requirements:</p> <p>https://uca.edu/international/english-proficiency-standards/</p> <p>If students do not meet requirements, the Intensive English Program may be offered.</p>
Transcripts	<p>Upon the completion of a semester, official transcripts will be sent to the partner university and to the student unless requested in an alternate format.</p>

Number of Credits Required	Students are required to take a minimum of 12 credit hours to maintain immigration status. A maximum of 15 credits are offered per semester. Students would pay tuition for additional hours.
Academic Colleges	College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences College of Business College of Education College of Health and Behavioral Sciences College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Course Levels	<p>The first digit shows the level of the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1000: Courses designed for beginning students 2. 2000: Second-level courses, often in the sequential development of programs representing a higher level of sophistication than the 1000-level courses 3. 3000: Third-level courses open to both sophomores and upper-division students 4. 4000: Courses open only to juniors and seniors 5. 5000 & higher: Graduate courses open only to students admitted to graduate-level study
Course Number & Title	<p>Example: HIST 2301 American Nation I</p> <p>HIST = Subject Prefix</p> <p>2301 = Course Number (2-level, 3-credit hour value, 01-distinguishes course from others in HIST at this level and credit hour value)</p> <p>American Nation I = Course Title</p>

Courses	All undergraduate classes open to exchanges provided that students are proficient in the English language and prerequisites to upper-level courses have been fulfilled.
Accommodations	<p>Exchange students are required to live in campus housing or apartments. UCA has many offerings.</p> <p>NOTE: Students must pay a \$100 deposit on https://my.uca.edu/ to secure a housing request.</p> <p>Shared dorm rooms are common in American universities. Private rooms are available at an additional cost.</p> <p>https://uca.edu/housing/how-do-i-apply-for-housing/</p>
Meal Plans	<p>Students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan through the university.</p> <p>(NOTE: Commuter meal plans are not available to exchange students)</p>
Estimated Expenses	<p>https://uca.edu/global/files/2022/10/Exchange-Cost-of-Attendance-2023_24.pdf</p> <p>Cost of attendance is estimated each year and can be found at the link above. Please note this is the cost of attendance for 23-24 only.</p> <p>Please note that personal expenses are not included and students must budget for those expenses separately. The student exchange waiver for tuition and fees is applied after arrival to campus and within the first few weeks of classes.</p>

Medical Insurance	<p>All international students are required to have health insurance. Students will be automatically enrolled for coverage through UCA. For more information see: https://uca.edu/global/health-insurance/</p> <p>Exchange students are required to have medical insurance, which must provide the following coverage: <i>\$250,000.00 per accident or illness for medical expenses, \$50,000.00 for medical evacuation, \$25,000.00 for repatriation of remains, and maximum \$500 deductible per policy year.</i> For more information and to read alternate insurance requirements click here.</p> <p>Exchange students have two options regarding medical insurance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase the insurance directly from UCA when you arrive; <i>For current Insurance policy details, requirements and cost, please click here.</i> 2. Complete the process to request official approval for purchasing other insurance coverage that meets required standards. https://uca.edu/global/alt-ins-requirements/
Airport Shuttle Service	<p>A university shuttle will be available for airport pick-ups and drop-offs at the beginning and end of the semester for stated dates and times. More information will be made available after the student is admitted.</p>

Student Services	<p>Student Health Clinic</p> <p>Counseling Center (10 free sessions per semester)</p> <p>HPER Center (gym and campus recreation)</p> <p>On-campus indoor swimming pool</p> <p>COPA (free bike rental, other equipment rental)</p> <p>Free admission to all UCA sporting events</p> <p>Student Activities Board (SAB) events:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Movie showings, Concerts, Guest performances</p> <p>On-campus Post Office box</p>
Additional International Student Services	<p>Insurance Assistance</p> <p>Tax Assistance</p> <p>Weekly shopping trip transportation</p> <p>Events including Welcome and Farewell Ceremonies</p> <p>Immigration Advising</p>
Student Credentials	<p>Exchange students will receive a UCA Bear Card (university identification card) upon arrival. This student ID will be used to pay for all on-campus meals, gain access to their residence hall and certain buildings, allow the student to attend student programs and sporting events free of charge, give discounts at participating businesses and more.</p>

Student Email & MyUCA	<p>Upon acceptance to UCA, students will receive login information to their MyUCA account (https://my.uca.edu/) and university email.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to check their UCA email regularly (even prior to the exchange student arriving in the United States).</p>
COVID related updates	<p>Students and advisors are able to read updated COVID 19 related information at https://uca.edu/coronavirus/. UCA offers a Student Health Center on campus with a full time doctor and nursing staff. Classes are mostly in-person or hybrid.</p>