

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY. CONNECTION. CURIOSITY. COMPASSION.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE A 7.2% HIGHER GRADUATION RATE







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LIVE FOR COMMUNITY, CONNECTION & CURIOSITY

The University of Central Arkansas's Residential Colleges provide exclusive experiences, dedicated faculty and customized classes right where you live.

- Are you ready to build life-long friendships?
- Are you seeking a space that sparks your creativity?
- Do you want to optimize your health and wellness?
- Do you want to build a network of connections?
- Are you curious about the natural world?
- Do you want to make a difference?
- Do you want to belong to a supportive community?

Live and learn in a Residential College.

Visit uca.edu/residential/apply-now for application information. Matching Day is March 7, 2023.





OUR MISSION

UCA's Learning Communities connect students, faculty, and staff who work together to support students' persistence to graduation. We are a community of scholars who motivate one another towards academic, professional, and personal growth. Our participants affirm a commitment to a culture of inclusiveness of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, religions, socioeconomic statuses, and geographic regions.

TOP FIVE REASONS

TO LIVE IN A RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

- 1. Faculty Involvement and student mentorship –
 Each Residential College has a faculty member and a student
 staff who live in the building and will guide you into the college
 way of learning.
- 2. Community College is a time to meet new people. Living in a Residential College will connect you with talented and interesting peers who share similar interests and come from different backgrounds.
- 3. Networking Connections between faculty and students are invaluable to future successes. Being in a Residential College means working closely with those who can provide opportunities for professional development, connections to future colleagues and reference letters.
- 4. Service-Learning Living and learning in a Residential College means opportunities to serve others, both at home and abroad. You can volunteer for many service projects, including the UCA Bear Essentials Food Pantry and and the Children's Advocacy Alliance.
- **5. Discovery** College is an adventure, and your Residential College adventure starts now! Your curiosity will carry you beyond the classroom and into the real world.





BIZ@BEAR

Associated with the College of Business, Biz@Bear prepares students for the rapidly changing business world. Students majoring in accounting, business administration, economics, finance, insurance and risk management, marketing, management, management information systems, or innovation and entrepreneurship will find the culture of the fourth floor of Bear Hall to be one of intellectual curiosity and community engagement that prepares students to solve real-world issues.



The faculty at UCA prepared me for my journey as an entrepreneur, and I am so thankful for them. UCA is staffed with people who care about student success and happiness. My time at UCA was well spent making friends and learning how to succeed!

Kyle Tabor 13

Conway, AR Owner of Blue Sail Coffee





BIZ@BEAR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Work closely with faculty in the College of Business.
- Take UCA Core and business classes in the Biz@Bear classroom.
- Support developing businesses worldwide through microfinancing.
- Meet with local entrepreneurs, and be inspired by innovative ideas.
- Live on the fourth floor of Bear Hall. Some rooms overlook Estes Stadium!
- Explore your creativity in the Biz@Bear Challenge Room.

The Biz@Bear Challenge Room is sponsored by



MUSE@ARKANSAS

Students in Muse@Arkansas strive to become dynamic and passionate global citizens who understand the value of interdisciplinary connection—how individual scholarly and creative endeavors engage in larger discussions about how we perceive ourselves and our place in the world. The atmosphere is thick with creative energy and a dedication to service. Muse@Arkansas is associated with the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.









MUSE@ARKANSAS COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn critical thinking, writing and communication skills employers want and need.
- Develop early connections to the College of Arts,
 Humanities, and Social Sciences faculty and programs.
- Enjoy movies, music and theatrical productions on the program stage.
- Join Inklings, the MUSE@Arkansas book club.
- Enjoy reading and connecting in the Lavender Library.
- Have 24/7 access to in-hall practice rooms.
- Share your writing and poetry at monthly *Bwalo* open mic nights.
- Explore opportunities to serve others, both at home and abroad.

HPaW@BARIDON

Short for Health Promotion and Wellness, HPaW@Baridon helps students who are planning future careers in the health and behavioral sciences. In this community, students find a place to explore their options in the departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Exercise and Sport Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, Military Science and Leadership, Psychology and Counseling, and the School of Nursing. Students considering graduate school for occupational therapy or physical therapy often start here as undergraduates.





Living in HPaW was an experience I will never forget! I was able to network and become friends with like-minded individuals that were going into various health fields. I was able to grow both because I had great professors that challenged me and wanted me to succeed. HPaW gave me the resources and skills that I needed as a future health professional.

Sydney Lewis '20
Nutrition





HPaw@BARIDON COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- HPaW@Baridon offers a special fitness classroom. Whether
 you want to practice your yoga poses or study while
 walking on a TrekDesk treadmill, your living and learning
 environment will help you reduce stress and improve your
 memory through mindfulness and movement.
- Students are associated with the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, which is a primary producer of health care professionals in Arkansas.
- UCA Core courses are taught in the HPaW@Baridon classroom.
- Residents have the opportunity to participate in a community cooking activity each semester.
- Co-curricular programming helps students learn new ways to help others as well as to enhance their own health and well-being.
- Students have opportunities to work closely with accomplished faculty who have real-world experience in their respective fields of study.

STEM@HUGHES

STEM@Hughes attracts students with majors related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. From physics to pre-med, students living in Hughes Hall are launched into opportunities for undergraduate research and community service. The STEM@Hughes community is connected by a love of science and technology!





It was refreshing to be able to live in a community where everyone understood my love of the STEM fields. Being able to see people every day that I had classes with was also amazing! It made learning so much easier because I could easily work and study with others in the hall. Being part of this community has given me lifelong friends and fostered my love of learning!

Jvy Hooker '12'
Biology/Pre-Med





STEM@HUGHES COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop early connections with College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics faculty.
- Be the first to hear about research, internship and career opportunities.
- Socialize, study and boost your brain in the STEM Cell study room.
- Participate in events such as Science Wednesday and Explore Your World.
- Enjoy UCA Core classes taught in the STEM@Hughes classroom.
- Build a support system with students studying STEM fields.

Whose hall? Hughes Hall!

SOPHOMORE YEAR EXPERIENCE LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITY

UCA's Residential Colleges are great experiences for first-year students, but what will you do for your second-year of college? The Sophomore Year Experience Living & Learning Community located in Bear Hall is the perfect place to continue building community & connection. SYE L&LC knows sophomores need support maintaining the momentum of their freshman year while managing new academic & personal challenges.

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Like the origami bird in the SYE L&LC Logo, second-year students begin

to take flight in their sophomore year of college. This Japanese art form takes a simple piece of paper and creates a universe of beautiful sculptures through complex folding. The possibilities are endlessly creative, as are SYE students. Your sophomore year is about folding and sculpting yourself and your future.





SOPHOMORE YEAR EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience suite-style living in beautiful Bear Hall
- Avoid the dreaded "sophomore slump"
- Explore the pathways to complete your co-curricular transcript
- Maintain your motivation to succeed academically
- Earn one hour of academic credit for the Sophomore Read, Sophomore Service or StrengthsQuest
- Belong to a community that cares about you
- Learn the critical thinking skills employers want and need
- Manage your personal and professional development
- Practice how to develop your natural talents into strengths
- Participate in an exclusive experience for secondyear students

MINTON COMMUTER COLLEGE@OLD MAIN

Staying connected with campus life as a commuter student is uniquely challenging. Even students living off campus need to know what is happening on campus! Minton Commuter College (MCC@Old Main) students have access to a comfortable lounge area, a kitchen (complete with a refrigerator and microwave), a lactation room, free lockers and a computer lounge. The Student Veterans Resource Center is located here, offering support and camaraderie for our student veterans on campus.



"We want to help veterans in our community and also have a place where veterans can hang out. We can help in finding veterans other benefits that can be used. We are an organization where we can tell stories of our past and others understand—not just the bad stories, but the good ones, too."

Randall'Joe' Franks
Staff Sergeant, Army Reserves





MINTON COMMUTER COLLEGE @OLD MAIN COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Be connected to UCA even when living off campus.
- UCA Core classes are taught in the MCC@Old Main classroom.
- Free coffee and free lockers will help get you through the day.
- Enjoy frequent potlucks that bring commuters together in friendship.
- Computers and printers are available.
- Study spaces and study groups are offered.
- Connect in the Student Veterans Resource Lab.

HOW TO APPLY

UCA's Residential Colleges are academic living and learning programs. In other words, you will live and study, sleep and take classes, and relax and reflect in a community of scholars. UCA offers the only large-scale residential college system in Arkansas. Consequently, you will need to decide which programs will enrich your college experience. It is important that you think beyond your declared major and look at all the ways each program fits you, your personality, your interests beyond your field of study and your long-term goals. Applications open early in the fall semester of your senior year in high school.



STEPS TO APPLY

- 1. Log in to **myUCA** (my.uca.edu).
- 2. Select the **MyHousing** tab.
- 3. Select **Apply for Housing** in the Housing portal.
- 4. Select Fall 2023.
- 5. Choose Freshman Application.
- 6. Select **Residential Colleges** and pay your housing deposit.
- 7. Complete the application. **Responses** are not recorded until you hit submit!
- 8. You will receive an email copy of your application.
- Early application is encouraged.
 Priority application deadline is January 31, 2023.
- 10. Matching Day is **March 7, 2023**.



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CAMPUS MAP



HPaw@Baridon



Biz@Bear, Sophomore Year Experience



STEM@Hughes



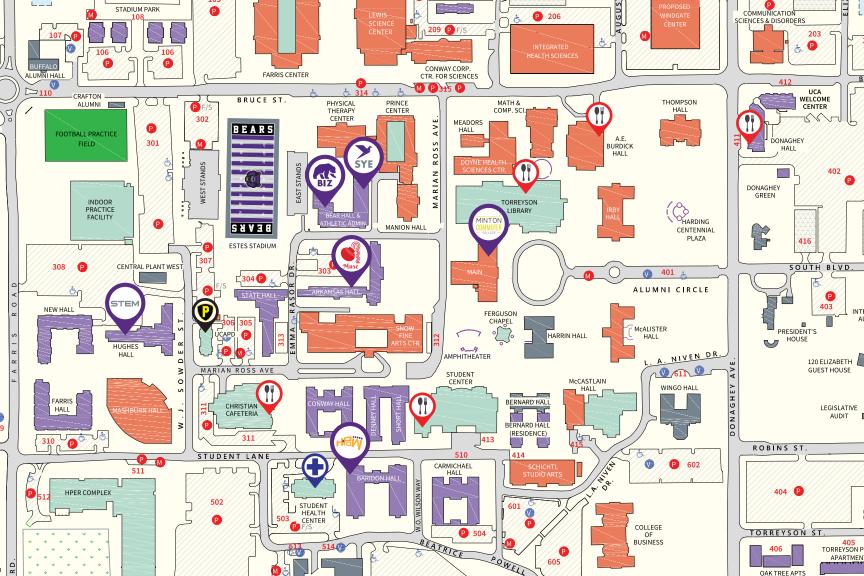
Minton Commuter College
@Old Main



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Learn more about the residential college residence halls by visiting **uca.edu/go/housing-rc**.





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