

University of Central Arkansas  
New Bear Central – Online Orientation and Transitions Course  
Office of Student Success & Department of Student Transitions

Course Syllabus

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INFORMATION:**

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**COURSE RESOURCES:**

**Required texts:**

All resources are in the NBC  
Blackboard modules



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is about **you** and your success as a student. Making a successful transition into college often requires new skills, new levels of motivation, and sometimes a new, more positive mindset. This online course is your next step in this process. New Bear Central is open to all first-year UCA students, and will remain open throughout your first year.

**COURSE OUTCOMES:**

After completing the course, you will be able to:

- Apply skills, attitudes, and metacognitive habits that encourage academic success and persistence
- Explain the elements and purpose of an academic syllabus
- Identify strategies for successfully navigating Blackboard
- Comprehend terms commonly used in higher ed environments and at UCA.

**COURSE GRADING POLICY:**

This course is not graded. However, you are strongly encouraged to read through each module carefully and complete all assignments. Achieving your academic goals is **your** responsibility, so be sure to take full advantage of the resources – including New Bear Central – that will help you succeed at UCA.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Assignment 1: Log in to New Bear Central**

- Go to uca.edu and log in to myUCA
- Use your uca username (first part of your uca email) and password
- Choose "Blackboard" and then "New Bear Central" under My Courses

**Assignment 2: Complete ALL modules before classes begin**

**Assignment 3: Participate in Orientation activities <https://uca.edu/orientation/>**