New Student Orientation 2016

Welcome New Students

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Basic Academic Services
Welcome
New Students!

The University welcomes you to New and Transfer Student Orientation. We are excited to provide academic advisement, class registration, and help you learn about the campus. You will meet new people, join clubs and organizations, and get acquainted with campus life.

During Orientation, you will...

- Become acquainted with campus services and resources like academic support, dining options, campus housing, health services, safety, bookstore, financial services, and how to get involved and enjoy your tenure here.
- Meet life-long friends with similar interests and majors.
- Learn about your college and major.
- Meet your academic advisor and plan your class schedule. Transfer students, with 31 or more hours, should find your academic advisor in your department and make an appointment before orientation to plan your class schedule.
- Meet key administrators and dialog with the Chancellor.
What to Expect From Orientation

Orientation is more than just academic advising and course registration...

Your first year as a student at UAPB is the first year you make the transition from high school to college and begin to form new relationships with friends and teachers. It’s the year you build a sense of PRIDE within yourself and for the fact that you chose to attend UAPB.

It’s your official introduction to UAPB!

All degree-seeking students are required to take two orientation courses, Personal and Social Development BAS 1210 and Career and Life Planning BAS 1120. These courses cannot be waived. These courses should be taken during the first two semesters of matriculation at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Attending orientation is required and is 15% of your Personal and Social Development grade. All freshmen and transfer students with less than 30 semester credit hours are assigned an academic advisor from the Basic Academic Services Department.

During Orientation you should:

- Get acquainted with other students and become familiar with the campus
- Take COMPASS Placement Test & Math Diagnostics (if applicable)
- Pay your housing deposit and finalize your room assignments (if applicable)
- Meet with your financial aid advisor and complete all paperwork
- Meet your academic advisor and register for your classes!
Which Orientation is Best for Me?

**Spring Orientation:**

Is designed for new freshmen, transfer freshmen with fewer than 30 semester credit hours and transfer students with more than 30 semester credit hours beginning classes at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the Spring semester. This session takes place on Wednesday before regular registration for the Spring semester beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 12:00 p.m. Students and their guest(s) will learn about various campus resources and services.

**Honor’s Orientation:**

Is designed for new freshmen and transfer freshmen students enrolling during the fall semester. The Honors Orientation is approximately 2-hours and is offered during the summer. During this session students and their guest(s) will learn about the Honors College.

**Summer Orientation:**

Is designed for new freshmen and transfer students with fewer than 30 semester credit hours who would prefer to have a jump start on pre-orientation and pre-registration for the Fall semester. Each student and their guest(s) will learn about various campus resources and services, as well as have an opportunity to meet other students and learn more about their college and major. Students will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes at orientation.

**Fall Orientation:**

Is designed for new freshmen, transfer freshmen with fewer than 30 semester credit hours and transfer students with more than 30 semester credit hours beginning classes at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the Fall semester. This session usually takes place on the third Tuesday in August. Move-in day will begin on Monday prior to fall orientation. Students and their guest(s) will learn about various campus resources and services, while also having the opportunity to meet other students and learn about their college and major. Students will meet with their advisor and register for classes at orientation.
Which Orientation is Best for Me?

Online Orientation:
Is required of all students who will need to take the Personal and Social Development course. Students must view the Online Orientation prior to the beginning of the first semester of enrollment. Online Orientation will comprise of 15% of the student’s grade in the Personal and Social Development class. This online video will discuss the various campus resources and services. Students will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes at Orientation.

Note: Orientation is mandatory for all freshmen, transfer freshmen, and transfer upperclassmen.

2016 Orientation Dates:

Spring Orientation Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Summer Orientation Thursday, June 23, 2016
Friday, June 24, 2016
Monday, July 11, 2016
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Fall Orientation August 15-16, 2016
Orientation Checklist

⇒ Submit Housing Application and Pay Housing Deposit (if applicable)
Apply for housing. Complete your Room and Board Contract and Complete Meal Plan Registration. The required deposit for housing is $100. Bring to your Orientation session or mail to: 1200 N. University Drive, Mail Slot 4933, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Phone: 870-575-7256

⇒ Complete the FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) prior to arrival.
UAPB’s School Code: 001086
You will need your parents’ tax records. You and your parents should also obtain a PIN for signing.
www.fafsa.gov

⇒ Turn in any requested paperwork to the Admissions Office and/or Student Financial Services Office.
Sign all necessary paperwork and confirm financial aid information. Make satisfactory payment arrangements with financial aid.
Admissions: 870-575-8017
Student Financial Services: 870-575-7421

⇒ Take COMPASS Placement Test (if applicable; picture identification required).
Location: Corbin Hall, Room 233
If ACT scores (or equivalent SAT scores) are less than a 19 in Mathematics, Reading, and/or English, you are required to take the COMPASS Placement Test prior to registration. The COMPASS Placement is an untimed test, but please allow approximately 55 minutes per test.
Phone: 870-575-8349
Take a Look at the Campus Map

Download the Free App Today!

Find a Student Organization that is just right for YOU!

Get Involved and Stay Connected!

What to do after Orientation:

- Memorize your Student ID number!
- Become familiar with Blackboard Learn. Some instructors may post notes, study guides, exams and other resources on Blackboard.
- Familiarize yourself with the University’s Student Code of Conduct called the ROAR and the Sexual Harassment Policy.
- Register with Career Services. Get a jumpstart on your career!
- Parking Information: if you will be bringing a car to campus, a permit is required. Register your vehicle with University Police located at 1900 Reeker Street.
- Become familiar with the John B. Watson Memorial Library hours and research databases that are available to all students.
- Online payments are available through your WebAdvisor account. This can be accessed through your myUAPB account or WebAdvisor. Payment plans are available through financial aid.
Who should attend Orientation?

All new University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) students (first time entering or transfer) should attend orientation. Your participation in orientation is worth 15% of your first-year orientation course, Personal and Social Development. This course is an institutionally required course and cannot be waived with another course.

While not required, parents and guests are encouraged to attend orientation with their student. There are essential information and helpful staff here for the explicit purpose of preparing your student to get off to a good start at UAPB.
Frequently Asked Questions...

What will the orientation entail?

⇒ **Campus Safety & Student Code of Conduct Presentation**

⇒ **Parent Information Session**: Brief session on how to assist your student to make a smooth transition to the University and services available.

⇒ **Traditions**: Learn the many important traditions at UAPB like the UAPB Chant, Alma Mater, and other important historical facts and traditions.

⇒ **Campus and Facility Tours**: Walking tours will provide the opportunity to visit many areas of interest on campus.

⇒ **Lunch**: On your own.

⇒ **Placement Exam**: If your ACT Math, Reading, or English scores are less than 19, you will be required to take a Placement Exam prior to academic advisement and registration. The purpose of this exam is to give students a second opportunity to be exempt from developmental coursework. The Placement Exam is an untimed test and is free. Students are encouraged to do their best because the exam will only be given once. Multiple attempts are not allowed.

⇒ **Academic Advising**: Faculty advisors discuss test scores, academic planning and class schedules prior to registration for classes.

⇒ **Registration for Spring or Summer and/or Fall Semester**: Register for spring or summer and/or fall semester classes.

“Is there a fee for orientation?”

No, there are not fees associated with orientation.

“I have attended an orientation session in a previous semester. Do I have to attend another orientation?”

No, you are not required to attend again.
Frequently Asked Questions...

What should I know?

“I took college courses in high school. Can I transfer my credits?”

UAPB participates in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS). ACTS contains information about the guaranteed transferability of courses between Arkansas public colleges and universities. For additional information and a comprehensive list of courses that are guaranteed to transfer between Arkansas public institutions, please visit the ACTS website. Course descriptions for UAPB courses included within ACTS can be viewed within the UAPB Catalog.

“How can I check my email, financial aid, and other student portals?”

Every UAPB student receives UAPB email, Blackboard Learn, and MyUAPB Web portal accounts after being admitted to the University. This access applies to the Internet, the library and various computer labs.

“Can I register for classes online?”

All students must meet with an academic advisor prior to registering, which includes online registration. An academic advisor will register first-time freshmen; however, freshmen will be allowed to register after their first semester. Once you have been given approval from your advisor, you can register for classes through your MyUAPB account. Go to www.uapb.edu and click MyUAPB.

“How will I receive my financial aid refund?”

You must select your refund preference through your WebAdvisor account. Please speak to your Financial Aid Advisor for details.
“Does the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff have an Honors Program?”

Yes, the University does have an Honors Program. You must have a 3.25 high school grade point average and 21 ACT Composite score. For additional information, please call (870)575-8065 or honorscollege@uapb.edu. Location: Dawson-Hicks Hall, Suite 304.

“How do I purchase my textbooks?”

You can purchase and sell back textbooks at the Follett Bookstore located on campus in the L.A. Davis Student Union. You can also look into renting their textbooks from the Follett Bookstore and can save some time and money with this option. In addition to textbooks, the bookstore also sells computers, tablets, and a variety of necessary supplies that can help you complete your assignments on time. For more information about buying, renting or reserving textbooks or computer options you can visit the University Bookstore’s website.

“I am a Transfer Student. What about me?”

Transfer and non-traditional students may attend a one-day session or take our Online Orientation for transfer students. Transfer students with less than 30 credit hours will be advised and registered through the Basic Academic Services Department. Transfer Students with more than 30 hours will meet with your respective departments. Basic Academic Services advisors will assist you in locating your department and academic advisor.
Frequently Asked Questions...

How does the meal plan work?

**The 20 meal plan:**
This meal plan is designed for students who want a meal plan with the greatest value. Enjoy all 20 meals offered in the Dining Halls Monday—Sunday as well as in the retail locations through meal equivalency.

**The 14 meal plan:**
This plan is designed for students with moderate appetites who want a meal that will allow them to eat an average of two meals per day. You can enjoy up to 14 meals offered in the Dining Hall Monday—Sunday as well as in the retail locations through meal equivalency. Plus, you will receive $150 flex dollars.

**The 10 meal plan:**
This plan allows students greater flexibility. Enjoy up to 10 meals offered in the Dining halls Monday—Sunday as well as in the retail locations through meal equivalency. Plus, you will receive $225 flex dollars.

“**If I don’t use all of my meals in a given week, do they carry over to the following week?”**
Meals do not carry over from one week to the next week. Thus, it is extremely important that you select your meal plan based on your eating habits and schedule.
Frequently Asked Questions...

What should parents know?

“What can my parents call and monitor my progress?”

The student must complete the Parent/Guardian Access Authorization Form and fax to (870)575-4652 or email to dsl@uapb.edu.

“As a parent, how can I contact a professor?”

Your student should be in contact with his or her professors. It is a great way for them to stay on top of their studies and grades. When a student is enrolled in the class, the professor gives out a syllabus with his or her office hours and preferred contact information. Due to FERPA, the professor should only communicate academic related information with your student. So, if there is an issue, suggest that your student contact his or her professor.

“What is FERPA?”

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, which is a United States federal law. This law states that students must consent prior to disclosing educational records, which are seen as confidential. These records include: personal information, grades, enrollment records and class schedules.

“What do I do if my student has a disability or needs additional assistance?”

If your student has a disability and/or needs further assistance, he/she should contact the Office of Veterans and Disability Services. You/your student can set up a meeting with the Office of Veterans and Disability Services to discuss specific needs and accommodation requests. To do so, you can contact the office at (870)575-8089.
Basic Academic Services

Meet the Team

Dr. Mary Brentley, Director

Mrs. Annette Fields
Instructor/Counselor

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Instructor/Counselor

Mrs. Alia Reeves
Instructor/Counselor

Mr. Cedric Jackson
Instructor/Counselor

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Instructor/Counselor

Ms. Ta’Yanna Dandridge
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