Welcome
Parents and Guests
The University is pleased to invite you to join your student during orientation. We are excited to know that by joining the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, he or she is now a member of the Pride. UAPB is a land grant HBCU which is full of traditions and has a rich legacy of academic and social resources designed to transition students from high school to college life.

During Orientation, you will...

✓ Become acquainted with campus services and resources like academic support, dining options, living on campus, health services, safety, bookstore, financial services, and how to help your student get involved and enjoy his or her tenure here.

✓ Meet other parents and guests in the parent orientation sessions offered during fall semester.

✓ Learn about your student’s major from a student’s perspective.

✓ Meet key administrators and dialog with the Vice Chancellors.

✓ Obtain a copy of the Parent and Guest Handbook in print or as a link to download as needed.
Get Directions to our Campus!

Take a Look at Surrounding Hotels!

“Thinking of You” Send Your Student a Letter!

Get Involved and Stay Connected!

What to do before Orientation:

- Help your student select the most convenient time for orientation.
- Secure hotel accommodations. A checklist with hotel information is provided in a hyperlink on this page.
- Assist your student in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Encourage your student to complete the Housing Contract and submit along with the housing fee.
- Prepare questions you would like to discuss during orientation.
- Contact us should you require special accommodations during orientation.

Check Out Our Local Food Restaurants Here!
We provide a variety of activities to enhance the needs of parents and students alike.

What to Expect From Orientation
Orientation is more than just academic advising and course registration...

By attending orientation, you and your student will become familiar with academic and extracurricular activities that will make your student feel that UAPB is the right fit. You will have an opportunity to learn more about your student’s chosen major and meet many of the administrators, faculty, and staff to make a smooth transition.

It’s your official introduction to UAPB!

Parents and guests are encouraged to attend orientation with their student. However, it is not mandatory. We provide essential information that would be helpful to you in preparing your student to get the best start possible.

How to Register as a Parent or Guest
Parents and guests can register when your student registers for orientation. The student needs only to indicate the number of parents and guests who will attend orientation. We also accept parents and guests on a walk-in basis the day of orientation, as well.

Participate in your student’s success after orientation
We ask that parents continue to engage your student in conversations about academic progress, expectations, and future endeavors. Ask your student about time management, and how to get involved in co-curricular activities on campus. You are our most valuable advocate in keeping your student grounded, focused, and driven to ensure persistence to graduation. Thank you for all your support!!!
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.
Frequently Asked Questions...

What should I know?

“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.
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?

“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.
Orientation Assistants

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Basic Academic Services
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Meet the Team

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Mrs. Annette Fields
Instructor/Counselor

Ms. Florence Caine
Instructor/Counselor

Mrs. Alia Reeves
Instructor/Counselor

Mr. Cedric Jackson
Instructor/Counselor

Ms. Bobbie Bradley
Instructor/Counselor

Ms. Ta’Yanna Dandridge
Administrative Specialist II
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