

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Study Abroad

<http://www.uakron.edu/study-abroad> (<https://www.uakron.edu/study-abroad/>)

Global awareness and intercultural communication are critical competencies for graduates entering the workforce, regardless of intended profession. Participation in an Education Abroad program is an opportunity to develop these skills while enhancing one's academic and personal growth. Students at The University of Akron have the opportunity to study in almost any country for a few weeks to a full academic year. The International Center at UA cultivates exchange relationships with universities in countries such as Australia, France, Greece, Egypt, South Korea, China, Vietnam, Japan, and the Netherlands. UA also maintains affiliation agreements with several organizations that offer a wide variety of education abroad opportunities in the countries above and many others. In addition, several academic units sponsor short-term faculty-led programs. For more information, students may schedule an advising appointment or attend the Education Abroad Fair.

Learning Communities/Living-Learning Communities and Themed Housing

<http://www.uakron.edu/lc> (<https://www.uakron.edu/lc/>)

<http://www.uakron.edu/reslife/lc/index.dot> (<https://www.uakron.edu/reslife/lc/>)

A Learning Community is a group of students who take two to four classes together during their first semester focusing on a specific theme, academic major or interest. Learning Communities are designed to: ease transition into college, build connections and form study groups, experience intentionally designed activities and opportunities, and explore their major or common interests with peers. There are more than 40+ learning community opportunities to explore.

Living-Learning Communities (LLC) and Themed Housing allow students to: access an enhanced residential experience through specialized programs, experience increased faculty and staff contact outside the classroom (for living-learning communities), experience greater academic support opportunities, foster a greater connection to the University, and build lifetime friendships. From Outdoor Adventure to ROTC; Business to Pre-Med, there are LLCs and Themed Housing opportunities available to hundreds of students each year.

Academic Achievement Programs

<https://www.uakron.edu/aap/>

Academic Achievement Programs is dedicated to the mission of preparing Akron middle and high school students for greater access and success in higher education. Systematic academic, social and cultural experiences are provided through four distinct programs during the academic year, along with a six week summer enrichment component. These experiences expand and enhance their academic instruction and

adds value to the overall development of students. Activities are intended to empower students to make better decisions at home, in school and in personal relationships, which will help improve their self worth, impact high school graduation rates and facilitate the successful admission to and graduation from post secondary educational institutions.

The Reserve Officer Training Program (Army ROTC)

https://www.uakron.edu/academics_majors/undergraduate/rotc.dot

The University of Akron supports and promotes a robust officer training program – Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). ROTC produces leaders for the Army while building better citizens for America. ROTC is a military educational program designed to give men and women the opportunity to become officers while earning a college degree. The program requires a set of classes and labs in addition to your other college courses. Typically, ROTC credits can be applied as general elective credits toward your degree. Students can also earn a Military Science Minor by completing 18 credit hours. ROTC offers generous scholarships, leadership training, and many other experiences simply not available through any other college course. ROTC classes and leadership training will help you sharpen your analytical skills; you'll learn to evaluate changing conditions and make appropriate decisions. Upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework and training, students receive a commission in either the active duty Army, Reserves or National Guard.

Office of Multicultural Development

<https://www.uakron.edu/omd/>

The mission of the Office of Multicultural Development (OMD) at The University of Akron is to prepare students to live and excel in a global society. As an advocate for equity and social justice, they ensure that students of diverse ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds achieve their fullest potential in an affirming environment which supports access, retention, and successful completion of goals. This mission is characterized by extensive student-focused collaboration with all segments of the campus community.

Services of The Office of Multicultural Development include our Peer Mentoring program, Learning Communities and academic advising. Peer Mentoring, one-on-one relationship between an experienced student-mentor dedicated to student success. Our Peer Mentors go through intense and thorough training in order to meet the needs of students of all backgrounds and provide them a safe, stable and confidential place to be mentored. OMD's Learning Communities help to support the growth, retention, support and completion of a bachelors program by students from various ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds. OMD also provides first-year advising as a wrap-around services for students as well as a two-day New Student Orientation experience known as our ADVANCE New Student Orientation program.

The Office of Multicultural Development is also heavily involved with the planning and execution of the nationally recognized Black Male Summit which is held each spring, and created for educators, employers, parents/guardians of black males and other males of color in an effort to support this vulnerable demographic in the successful acceptance, attendance and completion of high school and college.

Adult Focus

<https://www.uakron.edu/uaaf/>

Adult Focus is an academic support service designed to assist adults and military veterans as they transition in their role as students to The University of Akron. We support any student, regardless of age, who assumes multiple life roles such as a parent, spouse/partner, employee, caregiver and student, is returning to school after two or more years of employment, homemaking, or other activities, or is a veteran of the armed services.

We offer:

- Holistic pre-admission advising for new adult and veteran students
- Primary resource and contact for returning students
- Adult-oriented services, programs, and an online orientation
- Scholarship opportunities
- Prompt and accurate information, in-person and via electronic media
- A friendly staff and convenient office hours
- A computer lab and quiet study lounge

Extended Campus

<https://www.uakron.edu/learn/> (<https://www.uakron.edu/learn/cpe/>)

The University of Akron Extended Campus (UAX) brings the University to you, offering online, continuing, and professional education. UAX supports all types of learners—credit or non-credit, K-12, undergraduate, graduate, alumni, employed, or community members.

UAX provides options for everyone, whether re-entering the workforce, shifting careers, advancing on a current path, continuing a degree, or exploring personal interests. Specialized programs are available in high-demand fields like AI, data visualization, and digital marketing. Learners can enhance skills with on-campus classes, pursue online degrees, or customize education programs for businesses.

As a liaison between the University and local corporations, UAX hosts a wide array of noncredit and certification programs, both in person and online, for career development, personal enrichment, and professional growth. UAX also plans and delivers on-site training for corporations of any size, with many courses approved for license re-certification by professional, national, and state organizations.

Additional Locations

https://www.uakron.edu/academics_majors/locations.dot

The University operates several educational centers in our surrounding communities.

University Partnership Program - Lorain County Community College (LCCC)

<http://www.lorainccc.edu/UP> (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/UP/>)

The University Partnership Program brings colleges and universities, including The University of Akron, to the LCCC campus to offer the coursework and programs that students need for bachelor's and master's degrees. Degrees offered parallel those that LCCC offers, enabling students to move into higher level degrees without leaving LCCC. More information is available by calling the University Partnership at 800-995-5222 ext. 4949.