

# GUIDE TO UALR

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## General Information

### About the Undergraduate Catalog

The *Undergraduate Catalog* is an official publication of UALR, revised annually and published in July each year. It provides information about degree programs, course offerings, and academic regulations that affect undergraduate students. There are separate catalogs for UALR's graduate and law programs.

This catalog establishes the graduation requirements set forth by a specific program of study within each college. Typically, students who enter a program within UALR, follow the program of study listed for the academic year the catalog is published.

Each college within UALR reserves the right to change graduation requirements for their program. Students should meet regularly with their academic advisors to be certain that they are aware of any changes in graduation requirements that may apply to them.

Admission to UALR in any program of study does not guarantee that the University will continue to offer that program of study indefinitely. UALR reserves the right to change, phase out, or discontinue any program at any time for the best interest of the University.

Any listing of courses contained in the UALR website, catalog, or class schedule is only intended to announce available courses and should not be regarded as a guarantee. Keeping within standards set by other universities with the University of Arkansas System, UALR reserves the right to

1. add or delete courses or programs from its offerings,
2. change times, locations, or instructors of courses or programs,
3. modify academic calendars without notice,
4. cancel any course for insufficient student registrations, or
5. revise regulations, charges, fees, schedules, courses, requirements for degrees, and any other policy or regulation affecting students whenever it is considered to be in the best interests of UALR.

The chapter titled "Academics Policies & Requirements" on page 25 describes the general requirements for both baccalaureate and associate degrees.

The baccalaureate degree requires a student to complete a core curriculum consisting of certain required courses, a major field of concentration and, unless otherwise specified by the major, a minor field of concentration. For the associate degree there is another version of the required core curriculum courses. Other University requirements, including the minimum number of credit hours and a minimum grade point average, are listed under specific programs.

The chapter titled "University College" on page 36 is important for beginning students. All students new to UALR, with the exception of Donaghey Scholars, are admitted to University College, where advisors help them choose and clearly define their area of study and career goals and to understand the opportunities and responsibilities of a university student. First- and second-year Donaghey Scholars are advised through the Donaghey Scholars Program.

The *Catalog* is arranged by colleges and then departments or divisions within each college. Each of these sections describes the requirements for a major or a minor in that area, as well as all the courses the department offers. Most courses are scheduled at least once every two years. The chapter called "Interdisciplinary Studies" on page 39 describes degrees that involve work in more than one department or college.

The other chapters help provide a full picture of UALR such as the dates and deadlines you need to know as an undergraduate student. describes the goals and history of UALR; tells you how to apply; tells you how much it will cost to attend; describes the services and activities available to you at UALR, and describes some possibilities for financial assistance. "Academic Policies & Requirements" on page 25 lists some of

the honors and award programs available to exceptional students at UALR.

The *Catalog* ends with a listing of the faculty, staff, and administrators. A glossary and an index are also included for your convenience.

### How to Get Help

Often the information you need can be obtained by visiting the UALR website at <http://ualr.edu/> or by calling the Admissions and Financial Aid Office at (501) 569-3127. Departmental numbers are included in their respective sections within the *Catalog*. For other numbers, consult the business pages in the Little Rock telephone directory or the online UALR A-Z index.

For information not included on the UALR website, go directly to the office with the title that matches your needs such as the following:

- Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
- Office of Records and Registration

Both located in Administration South, ground floor. (Offices listed in directory as second floor.)

The Office of Academic Advising provides advice on the selection of required courses and programs for undeclared majors. All students who are undecided about a specific field of study must contact this office, located on the fourth floor of Ross Hall. If you have decided on a major or have narrowed your choice to a few areas, contact either the academic advisor, the chairperson of the appropriate department, or the dean of the college or school.

If you have a question or concern regarding student life on campus, or have a question about student judicial affairs, go at the Office of Campus Life, located on the upper level of the Donaghey Student Center. An Information Center is also located in the Donaghey Student Center; personnel there can assist you with specific questions.

The UALR Registration Guide and Class Schedule, which is described on the following page, contains the office locations and telephone numbers of the academic advisors. Department chairpersons and deans are appropriate people to contact for any academic problem at any time. All academic units are under the direction of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

## UALR Students

### Student Body

One of the most exciting things about UALR is the diversity reflected in the student body. The campus includes people ranging from the usual college age of 18-21, to many over 60. Most students work at least part-time, and many are married. Many go to college part-time and take one, two, or three courses a semester. Some students take courses for personal enrichment or job advancement without immediate plans to get a degree. About a third are going to college at night only. More than 60 percent of the students are women, about 29 percent are African-American, and a growing number are international students.

### Transfer Students

A transfer student is one who has previously enrolled at another college or university at any time and acquired more than 12 hours of academic credit. If you are a transfer student, you should seek advising before you register for classes. The chapter "Academics Policies & Requirements" describes transfer policies in general terms. Your transfer work will be evaluated once all of your required documents are received. The transfer credit equivalency guide for Arkansas schools is available on the UALR website at <http://ualr.edu/tca>.

60149	ANTH	2316	01	3.00	Cultural Anthropology	Main	
Full Term		Aug 20, 2009		Dec 15, 2009	MWF	10:00 am - 10:50 am	SH 205
		<b>Instructor(s):</b> Juliana B. Flinn					

All transfer students are initially admitted into University College. After you have decided on a major, ask the department chairperson or the dean of the college in that area to evaluate your transfer work too. One often misunderstood point is that a given course may be accepted toward the total hours required for a degree at UALR, but may not be accepted as meeting a specific course requirement for the core curriculum or for a major or minor.

## Online Registration Guide and Class Schedule

After you are generally familiar with the *Catalog*, the next step toward taking courses at UALR is to view the UALR Registration Guide and Class Schedule online at <http://boss.ualr.edu/>.

The UALR Registration Guide/Schedule contains information on the web registration process and lists the courses that will be offered during specific semesters by course, time, location, and instructor. The Guide/Schedule also contains the academic calendar, the final examination schedule, and deadlines for various activities during the semester.

UALR offers courses in the fall, spring, and summer. The Summer semesters are divided into one 10-week term (Summer I), and three 5-week terms (Summer II, III, and IV). UALR also offers courses at other times, such as during the interim between each semester and at different time periods during a semester or term.

Courses are also offered on television, via the internet, or off campus. A note after a course listing, a special section in the UALR Registration Guide and Class Schedule, or a separate publication will tell you when courses are offered at times or places other than the regular schedule.

During a regular semester or term, the usual three-credit-hour daytime course will meet for 50 minutes a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or for 1 hour and 15 minutes on either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. But here, too, some classes will meet on different time schedules, such as one three-hour session per week.

All these options are part of UALR's effort to offer classes in times and places that suit the needs of all students, but it also means you have to read the UALR Registration Guide and Class Schedule carefully.

A typical course entry is listed above and an explanation of each part of this listing is provided below.

- **60149:** The five-digit course reference number (CRN) assigned for registration. The five-digit CRN number is necessary for registration and is not the same as the course number.
- **ANTH:** The department or curriculum area with its assigned four-letter code. See the chart on the following page for a comprehensive list of UALR course codes.
- **2316:** The course number assigned by the department. It indicates the level and number of credit hours for the course. See "Course Number" on page 240 for more details.
- **01:** The section number assigned by the department. See "Section" on page 241 for more details.
- **3.00:** The number of credit hours the course is worth.
- **Cultural Anthropology:** The course title. Abbreviated versions of longer course titles may be used. Descriptions of all courses appear within their respective departments in numerical order by course number.
- **Main:** The campus where the course takes place.
- **Aug 20, 2009:** The semester start date.
- **Dec 15, 2009:** The semester end date.
- **MWF:** The days the class meets, in this case each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Other abbreviations include "MW" or Monday and Wednesday, "TH" or Tuesday and Thursday, "S" means Saturday, "U" means Sunday, and "TBA" indicates "to be announced." "TBA" is often used for online classes.
- **10:00 am - 10:50 am:** The time the class begins and ends. The abbreviation TBA in this place means "to be announced." The exact time for TBA courses will be provided by the department or instructor.
- **SH:** The building where the class meets, in this case Stabler Hall. See "Building Codes" on page 246 for a comprehensive list of UALR building codes and a map of the campus.
- **205:** The room number where the class will meet.
- **Instructor(s):** The name of the instructor assigned to this class. If the word "Staff" appears here, the teacher for the class had not yet been assigned at the time the schedule was prepared.
- **Note:** If a note is listed, it will have specific information displayed here for students to consider before registering.