

ARKANSAS AP* EDUCATORS: Learning, Leading, Inspiring

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUMMER INSTITUTES

UALR developed the first College-Board endorsed APSI in Arkansas in 1995. It is one of the largest summer institutes in the nation and attracts individuals from all corners of the state, from neighboring states, and in some cases from other countries. In the summer of 2016, teachers came to UALR APSIs from 147 Arkansas school districts and the countries Guam, Japan, and Peru as well as from 7 other states.



UALR APSI MISSION STATEMENT

UALR Advanced Placement Summer Institutes provide teachers the opportunity to learn and practice AP and Pre-AP strategies and techniques and to exchange ideas with other AP and Pre-AP teachers and consultants.

AP Studio Art Teachers receive “hands-on” PD

FULFILLING ADE REQUIREMENTS

The Arkansas Department of Education requires that all Pre-AP and AP teachers attend College Board endorsed professional development every five years. All Arkansas school districts are required to offer a minimum of four courses at every high school to their students; most districts offer many more. Thus, there is a steady demand for the professional development services of the Center. In June and July of this year, the UALR APSIs served a total of 870 teachers through three weeks of institutes. Two institutes were held on the UALR campus, and a third was conducted at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in Hot Springs.



Kona Ice breaks the hours of PD on a hot afternoon.

Middle School Science teachers receive one-on-one instruction from a College Board endorsed consultant.

Advanced Environmental Science teachers get field experience in addition to in- the-classroom strategies.

UALR FOUR-DAY INSTITUTES PROVIDE TEACHERS:

- AP/Pre-AP content-specific training by College Board endorsed consultants, including AP exam readers and AP award winners;
- 30 hours of professional development, endorsed by the College Board;
- Arkansas Department of Education funds for training, materials, and housing until exhausted;
- College Board AP Vertical Teams Guides for Pre-AP teachers and AP Curriculum Modules and Workshop Handbooks for AP subject areas;

- Campuses centrally located for Arkansas teachers at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) and Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (ASMSA); and
- Lunch and snacks for all, and breakfast for participants who use campus housing.

UALR APSIS OFFER PD FOR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Since 2013 juniors and seniors majoring in education have taken advantage of the Pre-Service Opportunity offered by UALR APSI and supported by the Arkansas Department of Education. The Pre-Service teachers attending the UALR AP Summer Institutes are a case study of what can be done to mentor students toward their first job. Evidence of the success of this opportunity can be seen as these novices enter the job market with APSI training and ADE PD hours under their belt. In addition to 30 hours in the APSI classroom, the opportunity offers advice on job interviews in schools, ways to approach veteran teachers at the institutes to inquire about prospective positions, and a steady diet of “lunch bunch” gatherings. Both group recognition and one-to-one mentoring are also provided.



AP Institute Coordinator Becky Rogers with 2016 Pre-service teacher Godwin Okeh



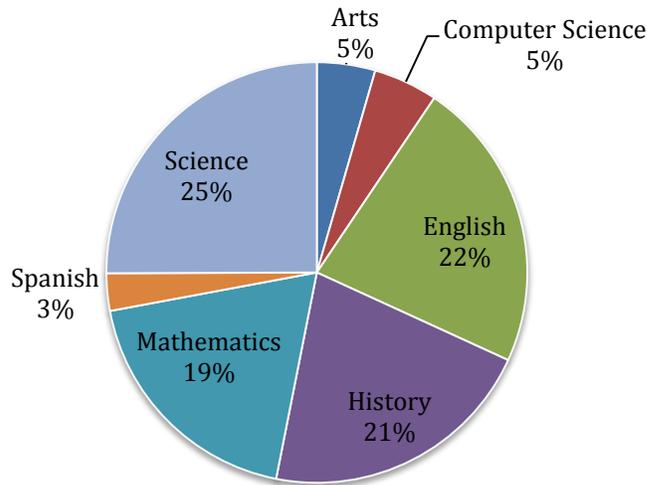
UALR Pre-service teachers with Mahony Center Director, AP Institute June 14-17

2016 INSTITUTE DATA BY DATE, TARGET AUDIENCE, ATTENDANCE & LOCATION:

DATE	TARGET	ATTENDANCE	LOCATION
June 14-17	AP/PreAP	333	UALR campus
June 21-24	AP/PreAP	308	UALR campus
July 12-15	AP/PreAP	229	Hot Springs
Total		870	

UALR AP SUMMER INSTITUTES SERVE TEACHERS ACROSS MULTIPLE CONTENT AREAS.

Content Areas at AP Summer Institutes



WHAT TEACHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT UALR APSIS....

“This APSI was absolutely, without a doubt, the most effective, purposeful workshop I’ve ever attended.”

“I was blown-away! I have never started a school year so excited about challenging my kids while teaching them to think!”

“Thank you for a wonderful week of relevant and useful instruction, tools, collaboration and training.”

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