

DECLARING A MAJOR

Choosing a major makes students' academic goals more specific and maximizes their chances of graduating on time and without unneeded courses and extra expenses. Students who are currently undecided on a major should explore their options with their advisor in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Advising in the Student Services Center, room 320, (501) 569-3386.

To declare a major for the first time, change a major, or explore a particular major in more detail, students should make an appointment with an advisor in the department that offers the major. The major advisor will also help in the selection of a minor if one is required or desired. Contact information program advisors is at ualr.edu/advising/major/.

Below, we have provided a chart that will help match your own assessment of your interests and skills with the programs we have available. Then, you may view all majors organized by UALR by college and department or by type of degree. These lists will give you an idea of where to go in the catalog or online to find more information.

If you like...	+	If you are good at...	=	Look at the majors offered in the College of ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to examine the role that humans play in the development of the world to look at the ways that art and culture have influenced history language, art, history, literature, music, theatre, dance to study human behavior to improve society study/perform research to study math and science to solve problems to know why the world around you how science relates to people details 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> art (writing, theatre, dance, music, painting, drawing, design) thinking outside of the box appreciating global and historical perspectives observing people being objective taking an interest in people logic and organization following a specific process observing things working well independently maintaining a positive attitude personal health and wellness working well as part of a team 	=	ARTS, LETTERS, & SCIENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fundamentals of the business world working with numbers analyze information to be the boss 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyzing real-world problems thinking outside of the box working well as part of a team being self-motivated and disciplined 	=	BUSINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> working with children and/or young people to be enthusiastic and creative to motivate to engage in learning to take care of people a hospital/health care setting details 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organizing being patient communicating leading personal health and wellness communicating working well as part of a team observing people being objective 	=	EDUCATION & HEALTH PROFESSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to solve practical problems to think logically to work with your hands new technology 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> being innovative math and science working well as part of a team coming up with solutions 	=	ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to follow the rules to be fair-minded to serve your community to solve problems to work in mass media public speaking to examine the role that humans play in the development of the world 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> making decisions working well as part of a team communicating being aware of your surroundings public speaking writing effectively 	=	SOCIAL SCIENCES & COMMUNICATIONS

Degree Plan

After you have declared a major and minor (if a minor is required by your major), your advisor will draw up a degree plan.

The plan indicates, as of a given date, the hours completed, course substitutions, waivers allowed, courses still needed, and other requirements for the degree. Your advisor will track subsequent progress through the degree plan using the degree audit feature in BOSS.

Graduation Agreement Program (GAP)

Act 1014

ACT 1014 of the 2005 Arkansas Legislature gives first-time entering college freshman (students who have never taken courses at any university before¹) the option of signing a contract with UALR guaranteeing graduation in 8 semesters of planned, closely supervised study.

A student entering UALR under the graduation agreement program (GAP) must:

- Enter in the fall semester as a first-time entering freshman
- Submit all required admission credentials so that they are received at UALR no later than July 15
- Sign a degree program contract in consultation with assigned advisor(s) no later than August 1. Register for first fall semester no later than August 8.

To remain in good standing a GAP student is required to:

- Enroll at UALR in each fall and spring semester for four consecutive years.
- Fulfill all degree program contract requirements at UALR without dropping courses specified on the degree program contract.

Eligible Degree Programs:

Please note that ACT 1014 is only one of many paths to successful completion of a college degree. Choosing to waive participation in ACT 1014 will not effect your chance for a successful college career.

When choosing to participate in the ACT 1014 guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program, a student accepts responsibility for monitoring his or her progress toward a degree and for making choices, in consultation with an ACT 1014 compliance advisor, that will lead to graduation in 8 semesters.

Failure to meet any of these conditions will require that a student waive participation in the ACT 1014 program. If you know that you will not or cannot fulfill these eligibility requirements, you must waive participation in the ACT 1014 program now, or you will be required to waive participation at the time of your first advisement session. Once your ACT 1014 option is waived, this one-time decision is final.

Please be advised that your continued participation in the ACT 1014 program requires many responsibilities on your part, including your agreement to:

1. Follow exactly the 8-semester degree plan for the intended major and minor degree program as outlined in the degree program contract, including taking the number of hours (full-time or more) specified by the contract;
2. Never change the major, minor, concentrations, or emphasis of your degree program after your ACT 1014 contract is signed;
3. Meet all program requirements semester to semester as detailed in your degree plan and never be placed on academic probation or suspension for any semester of enrollment;
4. Have your class schedule approved by your official ACT 1014 departmental advisor and register for classes each semester during the early registration period;
5. Accept any available course section that can be accommodated in your class schedule, or notify your official ACT 1014 advisor in writing that a contract variation or adjustment will be required before the first day of classes;
6. Enroll continuously (cannot skip enrollment in a semester for any reason) and complete at least 30-36 semester credit hours of approved course work each academic year as outlined in your degree plan contract.

Other events based on your actions that may void the guarantee include the dropping or failure of a course, withdrawal (for any reason) from the university, non-payment of tuition or fees, and disciplinary actions. Failure to meet any of the above conditions means that a student has voided his or her ACT 1014 program agreement, and will be excluded from further participation in the ACT 1014 degree guarantee. If you know that you will not or cannot fulfill these program responsibilities, you may waive participation in the ACT 1014 program now, or you will be required to void further participation at the time of the first advisement session after a responsibility has been voided. Once your ACT 1014 option is voided, the decision is final.

For more information about ACT 1014, visit:

ualr.edu/advisingcentral/index.php/home/gap/

¹ Students who have taken UALR courses while enrolled simultaneously in high school courses or who have taken Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college credit (and will have submitted AP test scores to UALR for credit by July 15) may enroll as first-time freshman and be eligible to accept or waive participation in ACT 1014.