



The Arkansas Research & Technology Park

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE

RESEARCH

The University of Arkansas is the state's only "doctoral/research university-extensive," as categorized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This category is defined as producing at least 50 doctoral recipients per year. As such, the University of Arkansas is in the top tier of 150 research universities among the nation's more than 4,000 post-secondary institutions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are 300 registered student organizations including special interest, religious, international and cultural organizations, as well as honorary and professional service groups. Students may also choose to participate in the UA Greek system, which is made up of 11 sororities and 15 fraternities.

OLD MAIN & SENIOR WALK

Old Main is the oldest building on the UA campus and is one of its most recognized symbols. Senior walk starts at Old Main and is a unique tradition where each year, all graduates have their name carved into the sidewalk that circles through campus.

INN AT CARNALL HALL & ELLAS'S RESTAURANT

The Inn at Carnall Hall and Ella's Restaurant are the U of A's own on-campus 50 room historic inn and five-star restaurant. Carnall Hall was built in 1905 as the University's first women's residence hall.

ATHLETICS

The University of Arkansas has a proud intercollegiate athletics legacy dating back to the late 19th century. It is an NCAA Division I-A institution and member of the Southeastern Conference.



HISTORY

The University of Arkansas, the flagship campus of the University of Arkansas System, resides on a former hilltop farm overlooking the Ozark Mountains to the south. At the University founding in 1871, the site in Fayetteville was described as "second to none in the state of Arkansas."

Located in Fayetteville, the U of A is both the major land-grant university for Arkansas and the state university. The University was created under the Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1862, whereby federal land sales provided funds for new colleges devoted to "agriculture and the mechanic arts," "scientific and classical studies," and "military tactics" for the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes.

Since its founding, the University of Arkansas has compiled a remarkable record of scientific, technological, intellectual and creative accomplishment. This accomplishment is exemplified by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, a Rhodes Scholar as a student and eventual president of the university (1939-41). Fulbright went on to serve at the national level, founding in 1946 the greatest international exchange program for faculty and students in the world.

Today, the UA campus encompasses more than 130 buildings on 345 acres and provides nearly 200 academic programs, more than some universities twice its size. Yet it maintains a low student-to-faculty ratio (currently 17:1) that makes personal attention possible. The University promotes undergraduate research in virtually every discipline and makes higher education affordable with competitively priced tuition and generous financial aid.



- 2006-2007 Enrollment was at 17,929, including 3,576 Graduates and 14,353 Undergraduates. 13,957 of those enrolled were from in state, 3,452 were from out of state and 951 were International.
- In March 2003, the University of Arkansas received the largest gift in the history of American public higher education - \$300 million, entirely in cash, from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation of Bentonville, Ark., to establish and endow an undergraduate honors college and endow the graduate school.
- Culturally and intellectually, the academic semesters bustles with faculty and student musical performances, theatre productions, art exhibits, concerts, poetry readings and visiting speakers - both on campus and at the adjacent Walton Arts Center.



FACULTY

The campus culture places high value on excellent teaching. At this mainly residential campus, the faculty numbers 858, of which 94 percent are full-time. Nine of every 10 faculty members - 88 percent - hold either the doctorate or a terminal degree in their field. Sixty-one percent of the faculty is tenured.

STUDENTS

The University of Arkansas is working to increase the size and quality of its student body and is seeing success on both counts. Total enrollment has increased 17.8 percent since 1997-98 with 14,740 students, to 17,929 students in 2006-2007. Student scores have risen as the institution has grown. In 1997, the average ACT score of the freshman class was 23.5. By 2006, it had risen to 25.5 (the national average is 21.1 on a scale of 1 to 36).