

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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Undergraduate students who want to enroll at UALR should correspond with the Office of Admissions. The Office of Admissions provides information to prospective students, conducts campus tours, and hosts open houses both on campus as well as in other cities.

Students can apply for admission online at apply.ualr.edu. After receipt of a completed application and all credentials, a determination of a student's admission eligibility will be made by the Office of Admissions. To ensure that all necessary requirements for admission have been fulfilled before registration, students are encouraged to submit all transcripts of previous academic work at least 30 days before a semester begins. All undergraduate admission applications and academic credentials must be received by the Office of Admissions no later than one week prior to the beginning of the semester.

How to Apply for Admission to UALR:

1. Complete an application for admission and submit the \$40 non-refundable application fee at apply.ualr.edu
2. Freshmen and freshmen transfers (those with less than 12 transferable college credit hours) should request that an official high school transcript or GED scores be sent to the Office of Admissions. Only official transcripts will be accepted, and must be submitted in a sealed, stamped envelope or sent via electronic data interchange from the high school.
3. Freshmen and freshmen transfers may need to request official ACT or SAT scores from the testing agency (UALR ACT Code 0132; UALR SAT code 6368) if the official high school transcript does not include scores and s/he did not indicate UALR as a score recipient at the time of testing. ACT, SAT, or COMPASS scores must be from tests taken within the last five years. Students have the option of taking the COMPASS test available through UALR Testing Services.
4. All required college transcripts should be sent to the Office of Admissions. Only official transcripts will be accepted, and must be submitted in a sealed, stamped envelope or sent via electronic data interchange from the previous institution. Students may submit an "In Progress" transcript from the institution at which s/he is currently enrolled for admission purposes, but will still be required to submit a final, official transcript. Freshmen who completed high school concurrent credit at an institution other than UALR should submit an official college transcript.
5. Students born after January 1, 1957, must submit proof of two MMR immunizations.
6. Students whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency. See the section entitled "Non-Native English Language Requirement."

Admission Types

Freshmen

Students who have no college credit or earned college credit while in high school or during the summer immediately after high school graduation are classified as first-time entering freshmen. High school students can be admitted for a future term (after graduation) as early as completion of the eleventh grade. These students are expected to continue their academic success in high school and submit a final transcript after graduation. In order to be considered for admission, first-time entering freshmen applicants are required to submit:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu.
- Proof of two MMR immunizations. (required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957)
- An official high school transcript or GED scores.
- Official ACT, SAT, or COMPASS scores taken within the last five years.

Unconditional Admission

Students with the following academic qualifications will be unconditionally admitted:

- Successful completion of the high school college preparatory core in effect at the time of graduation from high school, plus one of the following:
 - A cumulative high school grade-point average of 2.5.
 - An ACT composite score of 21 or a combined Critical Reading/Math SAT I score of at least 990 or comparable COMPASS score.

Home-schooled graduates or those with a GED are unconditionally admitted if they have an ACT composite score of 21 or a combined verbal/math SAT I score of at least 990, or a comparable COMPASS score.

The academic qualifications of all other applicants will be individually reviewed with attention to those factors that indicate the applicant has the ability and motivation to earn the grades required for satisfactory academic progress and eventual graduation. Such factors include but are not limited to high school grades with particular focus on the college preparatory core courses, the academic rigor of the high school courses, success in AP courses and International Baccalaureate courses, and standardized test scores. Any applicant whose admission is denied may, with the submission of additional information, request reconsideration by contacting the Office of Admissions.

Freshmen Transfers

Students with less than 12 transferable college credit hours earned after high school are classified as freshmen transfers. Freshmen transfers are required to submit both freshman and transfer credentials. The admission decision will be based upon the criteria for freshmen admission.

Transfer Students

Transfer students who have been enrolled previously in a post-secondary institution and have earned at least 12 transferable college credit hours with a grade point average of at least 2.00 on all previous regionally accredited college coursework will be granted unconditional admission. Applicants must submit the following:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu
- Proof of two MMR immunizations (required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957)
- Official transcript(s) from each college previously enrolled sent to:

UALR Office of Admissions

2801 South University
Little Rock, AR 72204

Previously enrolled students who have attended another institution since attending UALR must reapply for admission and submit any official transcripts.

Provisional Admission of Transfer Students

Transfer students who have not submitted all official academic credentials necessary for admission by the credential deadline may be admitted provisionally provided that unofficial transcripts support admissibility. In such cases, the student will be admitted with the provision that s/he submit the missing credentials prior to being permitted to register for a future term. Transfer work will be evaluated upon receipt of all required official academic transcript(s). If evaluation of the final academic transcript shows that the provisionally admitted student does not meet UALR's minimum admission requirements, the student will be admitted on academic probation. Students granted provisional admission who do not submit the missing credentials by the end of the term will not be permitted to enroll in subsequent terms until the admission requirements have been satisfied. Students admitted provisionally may not be changed to non-degree seeking student status.

UALR cannot accurately evaluate transfer hours, advise, or release financial aid funding for which students may be eligible, or guarantee registration in degree appropriate courses until all final, official admission credentials have been received and processed.

International Students

See the "Office of International Services" section.

Dual Enrolled High School Students

Current high school students who have completed some high school coursework and wish to attend classes on the UALR campus may be considered for admission as dual-enrolled high school students. Applicants must submit:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu
- Proof of two MMR immunizations (required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957)
- An official high school transcript
- Official ACT, SAT, or COMPASS scores taken within the last five years
- Letter of permission from parent/legal guardian
- Letter of permission from the instructor of the course(s) in which s/he plans to register

Admission of Dual-Enrolled High School Students

Students with the following academic qualifications may be considered for admission:

- Cumulative 3.0 high school grade point average
- An ACT composite score of 21 or a combined Critical Reading/Math SAT I score of at least 990 or comparable COMPASS score.
- Additional requirements or testing may be necessary.

Students must achieve sub-scores on the ACT, SAT or COMPASS that meet the minimums necessary to qualify for college-level courses. UALR is not responsible for guaranteeing high school diplomas under this arrangement; however, campus officials will cooperate with state or local school administrators concerning regulations for awarding a diploma to successful participants in this program. College credit earned as a dual-enrolled student may apply toward a degree at UALR. Students in this category are not eligible for scholarships or financial aid.

High School Concurrent Students

UALR offers concurrent enrollment through a number of Arkansas high schools. High school concurrent students enroll in UALR courses offered on their high school campus. Prospective students for high school concurrent enrollment should contact the concurrent enrollment coordinator at their high school. Official academic credentials will be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the high school's concurrent enrollment coordinator.

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements to be eligible for high school concurrent enrollment:

- Complete at least 50% of the state-recommended college preparatory courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
- Achieve a minimum overall high school grade point average of 3.0.
- Achieve a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT.

Admission under these guidelines does not guarantee that a student may be enrolled in a particular course. Individual university departments may restrict enrollment into specific courses.

Non-degree Seeking Students

Non-degree seeking status is available on a limited basis to students who wish to enroll in courses for personal enrichment or career development and do not plan to earn a certificate or degree at UALR. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for student financial aid or veteran's benefits, nor are they eligible to enroll in RHET 1311 Composition I, MATH 1302 College Algebra, or MATH 1321 Quantitative and Mathematical Reasoning.

Applicants must submit the following:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu.
- Proof of two MMR immunizations (required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957).

Post-baccalaureate Students

Students who already have a bachelor's degree and wish to take additional undergraduate courses may be admitted as post-baccalaureate students. Post-baccalaureate students are not eligible for some federal grants.

Applicants must submit the following:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu.
- Proof of two MMR immunizations. (Required of all applicants born after January 1, 1957.)
- Official transcript from the institution that granted the bachelor's degree with date of degree conferral.

Reapplicants

Students who have not enrolled at UALR for two years or longer must reapply for admission online at apply.ualr.edu and submit the non-refundable \$40 application fee. Students who have attended other institutions in the interim should apply as a transfer student.

Visiting Students

Students enrolled in an institution of higher education to which they intend to return and who wish to take courses at UALR can be admitted as a visiting student. This status is limited to one semester. Further enrollment in this status is not permitted until the student has returned to his or her original institution, attended another institution before returning to UALR, or applied as a degree-seeking student at UALR.

Applicants must submit the following:

- An application for admission and non-refundable \$40 application fee at apply.ualr.edu.
- Letter of good standing or official transcript from the institution in which they are enrolled.

Senior Citizens

Any Arkansas resident who is at least 60 years of age and has been admitted as a student at UALR shall receive a tuition waiver once proof of age has been provided to the Bursar's Office on a space-available basis. Students qualifying for the waiver will be permitted to register only on the last day of the regular and late registration periods each academic term. If a course section has no available slots and additional students are attempting to register, students receiving the waiver may be removed from that course section. Exceptions may be granted to students who agree to forgo the waiver of tuition.

Residency

UALR students are governed by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees' policy on student residency status. Those classified as nonresidents of Arkansas must pay non-resident tuition in addition to regular registration fees. Questions about residency status and requests for the written policy should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

Non-Native English Language Requirement

Applicants whose native language is not English (including refugees, immigrants, permanent residents, and citizens) must submit proof of English language and academic skill proficiency before admission to UALR. All other admission criteria must be met. Students may satisfy the English language requirement in one of four ways:

- Present a score of at least 525 (paper-based) or 71 (iBT) earned within the last two years on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (UALR Code is 6368); or
- Present a score of at least 6 on the IELTS earned within the last two years; or
- Present a passing score on the Michigan Test (formerly known as the Institutional English Language Test) administered on campus through the Intensive English Language Program. (Please call (501) 569-3467 for additional information.); or
- Successfully complete the UALR Intensive English Language Program through the final level. (Please call (501) 569-3467 for additional information.); or
- Present scores of at least 21 on both the English and Reading sections of the ACT test.

