Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs maximizes each UA student’s learning experience. Each unit within the division fosters an environment that supports learning, healthy lifestyles, leadership and career development, personal growth and inclusiveness. In keeping with the University’s mission and heritage, the division works to provide students with the experiences and skills that lead to academic success and productive and fulfilled lives. To this end, the Division of Student Affairs complements and supplements the academic enterprise, maintaining both a climate on campus and range of programs that enhance student learning and personal growth.

Career Center

The Career Center is a vital part of the University community. Students do not necessarily need to select a major when they are freshmen, but they need to begin exploring academic majors and career options that can be available to them. Even students considering pursuing graduate or professional education when they complete college should discuss career and graduate school options with a career consultant. Students should visit the Career Center or one of the satellite offices during their first semester at the University. The Main Office is located at 330 Ferguson Center. A satellite office is in 250 Biggood Hall. The Career Center offers a comprehensive range of career development services and employment opportunities. All Career Center offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there is 24/7 online access to job postings, resume referrals and on-campus recruiting through Crimson Careers. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (205) 348-5848. Specific information on services is available at career.ua.edu.

Community Service Center

The Community Service Center educates students for service advocacy and leadership, civic responsibility and lifelong volunteerism by increasing awareness of community needs, resources and opportunities for social problem solving. The Community Service Center connects students to volunteer opportunities on campus, in the Tuscaloosa community and across the country. For more information, visit volunteer.ua.edu.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center helps students achieve academic success and personal growth through quality counseling, as well as psychological and consultative services. By providing short-term emotional health care services, the Counseling Center serves as a screening, intake and referral resource. The center can assist students in identifying needs and locating an appropriate resource if more help is needed. Among the services provided are individual, couple and group counseling; substance abuse counseling; crisis intervention; and medication referral services. For information and assistance, call (205) 348-3863 or visit counseling.ua.edu.

Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students is a starting place for students who have questions or concerns about their experience at the University. The office works with other offices in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to engage and support students during their experience at the Capstone. The mission of the Dean of Students office is to maximize each UA student’s learning experience by fostering personal development through opportunities for participation, involvement and engagement. The division of Student Affairs provides educational experiences outside the classroom that serve to develop students personally, socially and spiritually, helping them become responsible citizens of the world. The Dean of Students maintains contact with students and their families. The areas in the Dean of Students office include: the Women’s Resource Center, Greek Affairs, Student Judicial Affairs, Campus Ministries, Graduate Student Services, Parent Programs and the On-Call Dean program. For more information about programs and services, call (205) 348-3326 or visit dos.ua.edu.

First Year Experience

First Year Experience (FYE) is an area of the Division of Student Affairs committed to supporting the academic and social transition to The University of Alabama. We define a first-year student as any undergraduate student attending the University for the first time. FYE provides support, resources and programs for freshmen and transfer students. We help first-year students understand expectations associated with being a member of the UA family and educate them about support services on campus. To find out more about First Year Experience, call (205) 348-8404 or visit fye.ua.edu.

Housing and Residential Communities

Housing and Residential Communities provides safe, secure housing for undergraduate and graduate students, supporting their academic success. Campus housing provides leadership opportunities and avenues for campus involvement and engagement. For more information about campus housing, call (205) 348-6676 or visit housing.ua.edu.

National Student Exchange

The National Student Exchange (NSE) offers opportunities for students to broaden their educational experience through exchange programs with nearly 200 universities across the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through NSE, students may exchange to another member institution for a semester or academic year and pay that university’s in-state tuition rate. Students coordinate with their college registrar on course selection and credit transferability. Students should discuss their choice of courses with their adviser. Students must at least have sophomore standing and a 2.5 GPA or higher at the time of the exchange. Students receiving federally funded financial aid at UA can expect to receive similar aid from the host institution. With nearly 200 participating institutions and a 97 percent placement rate, students can generally find a location to meet both academic and personal objectives. However, a student’s first choice of a host school is not guaranteed.

For further information, visit nse.ua.edu, call our NSE coordinator at (205) 348-6114, or come by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership at 355 Ferguson Center. The deadline for applications for each academic year (beginning with the fall semester) is February 1.

Parent Programs

The Office of Parent Programs supports the successful academic and social transition of new students into The University of Alabama community, as well as promotes continuous relationships among our students’ parents, families and the University. Parents of students can also find the answers to questions and learn how to best support their student’s education and outside-of-the-classroom experiences. For more information about parent programs, including Family Weekend in the fall, call (800) 392-2777 or visit parents.ua.edu.

Student Involvement and Leadership

The mission of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is to provide opportunities for co-curricular experience as well as service to the University and the community. This office helps students customize and enhance their educational experience to fit personal goals and interests. To find out more about the many ways to get involved on campus, visit leadership.ua.edu or call (205) 348-6114.

Student Media

The Office of Student Media provides UA students with direct, hands-on, real-life experience, preparing them for careers and success after graduation. Student Media offers out-of-classroom opportunities through The Crimson White, a 15,000-circulation daily newspaper; Corolla, a 115-year-old yearbook; WVUA, a non-commercial radio station at 90.7 FM; Marr’s Field Journal, an undergraduate literary/art journal; Black Warrior Review, a graduate-level national literary journal; Southern Historian, a graduate-level research journal; and a Digital Media unit that develops content and services for the web. For more information, visit osm.ua.edu or call (205) 348-7257.

University Recreation

University Recreation conducts sports and fitness programs for the University community that strengthen well-being, learning and personal growth. Areas include intramural sports, sport clubs, outdoor recreation, personal training, fitness testing and consultations, group exercise classes, non-credit instructional classes, aquatic services and informal (open) recreation. Facilities available include the ultramodern, award-winning Student Recreation Center, University Aquatic Center, outdoor fields complex, outdoor pool complex and tennis courts. For more information on these facilities and programs, call (205) 348-3994 or visit urec.sa.ua.edu.

University Union

The University Union supports, supplements and complements the overall academic, research and service mission of The University of Alabama by offering a variety of high-quality services, collaborative programming and leisure-time activities. The University Union’s Ferguson Center serves as the center of the campus community and is open more than 340 days per year, seven days per week and at least 15 hours per day to serve the needs of the campus community. The Ferguson Center is the site of many University offices, including the Career Center and the Community Service Center, as well as other offices dedicated to serving students. Conference and meeting room reservations for the Ferguson Center, Student Services Center and Ferguson Plaza are also made through the Ferguson Center.
Reservations and Event Planning Office. For more information and to access the Online Room Reservation Form, please visit ferguson.ua.edu or call (205) 348-2827.

Women’s Resource Center

The Women’s Resource Center empowers women on campus through programs on leadership, women’s issues, peer education, volunteer opportunities and support. The center provides students with counseling and advocacy services when dealing with issues of dating violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse or stalking. The mission of the Women’s Resource Center supports the values of social justice, community, safety, leadership, mentoring, education, diversity and research.

There are opportunities to get involved through ongoing programs, such as the Women Involved in Learning and Leading program (WILL); the Young Women Leaders program (YWLP); the Men Against Violence program (MAV); and Unscripted, the peer-educator program. Additionally, there are opportunities to be involved with special events and programming sponsored and co-sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center, such as the Brown Bag Lunch Series, book clubs, conferences and awareness event activities.

For additional information about programs and services, contact the Women’s Resource Center at (205) 348-5040 or visit wrc.ua.edu.

Veteran and Military Affairs

The mission of The Center for Veteran and Military Affairs is to provide, facilitate and coordinate programs and services to meet the special needs of veterans, service members, dependents and survivors in order to ease their transition to college life and fulfill their educational goals. To find out more about the Center for Veteran and Military Affairs, call (205) 348-0983 or visit vets.ua.edu.