

University of Alabama Info Guide

School Type:

The University of Alabama is a public university in Tuscaloosa, Alabama that focuses on teaching, research, and service.

School Size:

In the school year 2020-2021, the University of Alabama enrolled around 38,000 students that are comprised of:

- 33,000 undergraduate students
- 5,000 graduate students
- As of the past school year, 44% of the students were male and 56% were female
- UA's student diversity is as follows:
 - Asian: 1%
 - Black/African American: 11%
 - Hispanic: 5%
 - White/Caucasian: 75%
 - Other: 8%
- The student to faculty ratio at the University of Alabama is 20:1

Academics:

The University of Alabama comprises 13 colleges and schools to offer students a broad range of pathways to pursue. These colleges/schools include:

- College of Arts and Sciences:
 - The College of Arts and Sciences has over 9,800 undergraduates enrolled, 22 faculty-led study abroad programs, and awards over 2,000 scholarships each year.
 - The College of Arts and Sciences offers 30+ majors and minors and is led by the Dean, Dr. Joseph P. Messina.

- College of Communication and Information Sciences:
 - The University of Alabama's College of Communication and Information Sciences values and focuses on personal and professional excellence, diversity and appreciation of differences, curiosity, collaboration, and unity.
 - The C&IS takes a special interest in honoring outstanding contributions to the field of communication. These extraordinary students are chosen by the Executive Council and the dean, Dr. Mark Nelson.
- College of Continuing Studies:
 - The College of Continuing Studies focuses on providing flexible educational opportunities and applied research in order to create ways to make a difference and improve our world.
 - Some of the College of Continuing Studies programs are listed below:
 - UA Early College is an online program that allows prospective students to gain college credit in high school.
 - Military Education is a virtual course that offers programs and services that are designed to help members of our nation's armed services get the education they are looking for.
 - UA's New College Life Track allows adults the opportunity to earn their undergraduate degrees through a flexible schedule along with more specific courses of study.
 - Even after the above programs, the College of Continuing Studies offers even more programs and opportunities.
- College of Engineering:
 - The University of Alabama was one of the first schools to offer instruction in engineering giving them over 175 years of experience in providing an engineering education.
 - The College of Engineering offers a variety of engineering departments such as:
 - Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics
 - Chemical and Biological Engineering
 - Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
 - Computer Science

- Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
- Honors College:
 - The Honors College aims to recruit and retain high-performing and high-potential students and inspire them to connect with others within their chosen fields of study.
 - The Honors College offers eight honors programs across numerous fields of study:
 - The University Honors Program focuses on providing an academic experience that fulfills the Honors vision.
 - The Randall Research Scholars Program pairs academically elite students with leading research professors.
 - The University Fellows Experience prepares students for a life of leadership and service.
 - The Blount Scholars Program includes a small, and integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum leading to a minor in Liberal Arts.
 - The McCollough Institute for Pre-Medical Scholars prepares the country's future medical leaders.
 - The STEM and CREATE path to MBA allows high-achieving STEM students to earn an MBA one year beyond the completion of an undergraduate degree.
 - The EPIC Scholars Program includes a diverse network of engineering and computer science leaders.
- School of Law:
 - The University of Alabama's School of Law curriculum offers students the ability to study in both traditional and emerging areas of the law.
 - UA's School of Law includes a number of programs such as The Business of Being a Lawyer, Legal Writing, Cross-Disciplinary Legal Studies, and more.
 - The School of Law also offers Career Services which is designed to teach career planning, job search skills, and other helpful skills related to a student's career after college.
- School of Social Work:

- o The University of Alabama's School of Social Work focuses on preparing scholars and researchers to help end detrimental social conditions and promoting social well-being.
 - o The School of Social Work specializes in three initiatives: child welfare, office for military families and veterans, and awards and traditions.
- Culverhouse College of Business:
 - o The Culverhouse College of Business offers ten specialized majors including accounting, tax accounting, applied statistics, business analytics, economics, finance, management, management information systems, marketing, and operations management.
 - o Culverhouse includes their Career Center where they help students progress their careers, the Career Center is a place to discover internships and opportunities, create your resume, and expand your network.
- College of Community Health Sciences:
 - o UA's College of Community Health Sciences offers post-graduate fellowships in behavioral health, emergency medicine, geriatrics, hospital medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics, rural public psychiatry, and sports medicine
 - o This college focuses on improving and promoting the health of individuals and communities in Alabama and the surrounding area.
- College of Education:
 - o The University of Alabama's College of Education offers a number of academic courses to include different types of education their students will be teaching before and after graduating. A few of these diverse courses include:
 - Special Education
 - Educational Research
 - Reading Specialist
 - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Elementary Education
 - Instructional Technology and many other courses that are available for students to take
- The College of Human Environmental Sciences:

- o The College of Human Environmental Sciences includes studies in textiles, consumer sciences, public health, athletic training, human development and family studies. All of these areas of study are learned through experiential learning, creating opportunities to help prepare students for after graduation.
- o The three main focuses of this college are to provide students with intellectual curiosity, to provide for the general education and intellectual growth of the students, and to contribute to their foundation of knowledge to help all students succeed.
- Capstone College of Nursing:
 - o The main focus of the Capstone College of Nursing is to prepare graduates for the professional practice of nursing. The college partners with nearby care facilities to provide hands-on experience that helps ease the graduates into a working world.
 - o The Capstone College of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and a Registered Nurse program.

List of Majors:

- Undergraduate Majors:
 - o Accounting, BS
 - o Addiction and Recovery, BS
 - o Advertising, BA
 - o Aerospace Engineering, BS
 - o African American Studies, BA
 - o American Studies, BA
 - o Anthropology, BA
 - o Apparel and Textiles, BS
 - o Architectural Engineering, BS
 - o Art History, BA
 - o Biology, BS
 - o Chemical Engineering, BSChE
 - o Chemistry, BS

- o Civil Engineering, BS
- o Communication Studies, BA
- o Communicative Disorders, BA
- o Computer Engineering, BS
- o Computer Science, BS
- o Construction Engineering, BS
- o Consumer Sciences, BS
- o Creative Media, BA
- o Criminology and Criminal Justice, BA
- o Cyber Security, BS
- o Dance, BA
- o Early Childhood Education, BS
- o Early Childhood Special Education
- o Economics, BA
- o Economics, BS
- o Educational Neuroscience, BS
- o Electrical Engineering, BS
- o English, BA
- o Environmental Engineering, BS
- o Environmental Science, BS
- o Finance, BS
- o Food and Nutrition, BS
- o Foreign Languages and Literature, BA
- o General Business, BS
- o Geography, BA
- o Geography, BS
- o Geology, BA
- o Geology, BS
- o Geology, BSG
- o History, BA
- o Hospitality Management, BS

- o Human Development and Family Studies, BS
- o Human Environmental Science, BS
- o Interdisciplinary Studies, BA
- o Interdisciplinary Studies, BS
- o Interior Design, BS
- o International Studies, BA
- o Kinesiology, BSE
- o Management Information Studies, BS
- o Management, BS
- o Marine Science/Biology Major, BS
- o Marine Science/Chemistry Major, BS
- o Marine Science/Geology Major, BS
- o Marketing, BS
- o Mathematics, BS
- o Mechanical Engineering, BS
- o Metallurgical Engineering, BS
- o Microbiology, BS
- o Multiple Abilities Program, BSE
- o Music Composition, BM
- o Music Education, BSE (Certification in Instrumental Music)
- o Music Education, BSE (Certification in Vocal/Choral Music)
- o Music Performance, BM
- o Music Theory, BM
- o Music Therapy, BM
- o Music with a concentration in Arts Administration, BA
- o Music, BA
- o Musical Audio Engineering, BS
- o News Media, BA
- o Nursing (RN to BSN)
- o Nursing, BSN
- o Operations Management, BS

- o Philosophy, BA
- o Physics, BS
- o Political Science, BA
- o Psychology, BA
- o Psychology, BS
- o Public Health, BS
- o Public Relations, BA
- o Religious Studies, BA
- o Secondary Education, BSE
- o Social Work, BSW
- o Spanish, BA
- o Studio Art, BA
- o Studio Art, BFA
- o Theatre with a Musical; Theatre Concentration, BA
- o Theatre, BA
- o Theatre, BFA

Clubs and Organizations:

The University of Alabama has over 500 clubs and organizations and more than 70 of them focus on diversity and inclusion. Many of these clubs are sports-related such as water polo, volleyball, golf, tennis, wrestling, kayaking, and many more. But there are also plenty of clubs that are focused on academic purposes such as the rocketry association, the chem e-car team, language clubs, medical and diagnosis clubs, and more. UA offers a huge range of clubs that can satisfy almost any interest that a prospective student might have and if a student cannot find a club that they like they are free to create one of their own.

Greek Life:

- The University of Alabama's Greek Life community is made up of over 10,000 students
- Greek Life comprises 33% of the undergraduate student body

- 67 Greek-letter organizations:
 - 4 co-educational fraternities
 - 39 fraternities
 - 24 sororities

Opportunities:

The University of Alabama offers a multitude of opportunities to assist students in pursuing and progressing their future careers

- The Career Center:
 - Mock Interviews are offered at the career center, and they are highly suggested for students that have an upcoming interview for an internship, full-time job, or a position on campus.
 - The career center also supplies interview rooms for students where they can conduct an interview in a private and peaceful room with a potential employer.
 - At UA, the career center hosts career fairs where students have an opportunity to explore their interests and see how their qualifications can relate to different internships, full-time positions, or jobs on campus.
- Internships:
 - The University of Alabama offers 90+ different internship opportunities through their College of Communication and Information Sciences. They offer internships in categories such as advertising, government, and politics, healthcare, sports and entertainment, public relations, nonprofits, and more.
- Double Majors:
 - The University of Alabama offers dual majors that allow students to complete two majors in less time than it would take to earn them separately by having a highly condensed schedule of classes.

Surrounding Area:

The University of Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where the university is the heart of the town. For the people of Tuscaloosa, the most popular thing to do during the fall is to

watch their favorite football team play at the Bryant Denny Stadium. Alabama's football team has claimed 16 national titles and is one of the best-known college football programs in the country. Because of their success in football, another great attraction in the city is the Paul W. Bryant Museum, well worth the visit for a football lover. For music lovers, a visit to Tuscaloosa Amphitheater would be a fun place to stop. It has a variety of bands and performers that make an appearance and a capacity of over 7,000 people. There is something for everyone in Tuscaloosa, amazing football games for the sports lovers, an enormous amphitheater for the music lovers, and you can even take a tour of the Mercedes Benz factory for the car lovers.

Application Information:

The University of Alabama employs a holistic admissions process, this means that they require the submission of both academic and non-academic material. The academic components include a high school GPA, performance in core subjects, academic honors, and standardized test scores (if the prospective student chooses to submit them). Non-academic components include leadership experience, volunteer experience, extracurricular activities, employment, and non-academic honors.

- Deadlines:
 - Fall Semester (August-December) – May 1st
 - Spring Semester (January-May) – October 1st
 - Summer Semester (June-August) – March 1st
- Cost:
 - The direct cost for in-state students is about \$25,500
 - The direct cost for out-of-state students is about \$45,000
 - \$40 application fee
 - These costs do not include the number of grants and financial aid scholarships that UA offers.

Selectivity:

The University of Alabama is not a difficult college to get into with an acceptance rate of 83%. Of the 38,505 students that applied, 31,835 students were accepted into the college as of the 2020 school year.

- An SAT range between 1080 to 1340
- Reading: 550-660
- Math: 530-680
- An ACT range between 23-31
- English: 23-33
- Math: 21-29
- An average GPA of 3.6-4.0

Unique Features:

UA offers programs such as the Blount Initiative, the Honors College, the Fellow's Experience, and other programs and colleges to give students the ability to find like-minded people to help with networking, studying, and socializing. UA also offers a large university with a small college feel. Being one of the largest schools in the SEC many people are worried that they may just be treated as a number, but the University of Alabama makes sure that all of their students have the opportunities and assistance they need to become successful and unique individuals.

School Strengths:

- The University of Alabama has many strengths and has accomplished a number of things over the years including:
- UA made Forbes' list of the Best Employers for New Graduates 2021.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked The University of Alabama's School of Law No. 9 among public universities.
- UA's Capstone Agency was awarded Best Student-Run Firm by the Public Relations Student Society of America for the third time in 2020.
- Thirty-six current UA faculty have received NSF CAREER Awards, the nation's most prestigious recognition of top-performing young scientists, in disciplines ranging from nanoscience and engineering to biological sciences

- UA continues to be a leader among public universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars. The 2020 freshman class includes 221 National Merit Scholars. Currently, UA has almost 800 National Merit Scholars enrolled.

Core Curriculum/Requirements:

At the University of Alabama, students are required by the Core Curriculum Oversight Committee (CCOC) to take one of the offered courses in five different categories. The classes selected by a student must be submitted to the CCOC by October 1st to be approved and incorporated into the student's schedule. If the CCOC does not approve of your selected class, they will give a reason as to why the class was denied and a suggestion for a class that matches up with the student's selected major and coursework. The five categories that students must choose a class from are listed below:

- Computing
- Mathematics and Natural Science
- Humanities, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, and Literature
- Social & Behavioral Sciences and History
- Writing

Housing:

The University of Alabama offers 17 living communities on campus that house up to 8,400 residents. These resident halls offer multiple different floor plans and living styles to accommodate students based on their preferences. All UA residence halls come with 24/7 security desks and live-in staff.

UA residence halls offer several different types of floor plans as listed below:

- Typical Unit
 - Includes an extended twin bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and 3-drawer dresser
 - Combination microwave and refrigerator
 - Bathroom shared by four residents
 - 1 shower and 2 sinks
- 1 Bedroom Suite

- Includes a full-size extra-long bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and 6-drawer dresser
- 1 bathroom for one resident
- 1 shower and 1 sink
- The living room includes 1 sofa, 1 lounge chair, 1 coffee table, 1 entertainment unit, and one dining table
- The kitchenette includes a mini-fridge, sink, and microwave
- 2 Bedroom Suite
 - The bedroom includes a full-size extra-long bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and a 6-drawer dresser
 - Bathroom shared by two residents
 - 1 shower and 1 sink
 - The living room includes 1 sofa, 1 lounge chair, 1 coffee table, 2 entertainment units, and one dining table
 - The kitchenette includes a full refrigerator, sink, and microwave
- 3 Bedroom Suite
 - Includes a full-size extra-long bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and 6-drawer dresser
 - 2 bathrooms shared by three residents
 - 2 showers and 2 sinks
 - The living room includes 1 sofa, 2 lounge chairs, 1 coffee table, 2 entertainment units, and one dining table
 - The kitchenette includes a full refrigerator, sink, and microwave
- 4 Bedroom Suite
 - Includes a full-size extra-long bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and 6-drawer dresser
 - 2 bathrooms shared by four residents
 - 2 showers and 2 sinks
 - The living room includes 1 sofa, 2 lounge chairs, 1 coffee table, 2 entertainment units, and one dining table
 - The kitchenette includes a full refrigerator, sink, and microwave

- Single Unit
 - Includes an extended twin bed and mattress, a desk, desk chair, and 2 under bed 2-drawer dresser w/shelf
 - Combination microwave and refrigerator
 - Bathroom for one resident
 - 1 shower and 1 sink
- 2 Person Unit
 - Includes a standard twin bed and mattress and a built-in wardrobe
 - Communal bathroom style
 - Furniture shared by residents includes a desk, 2 desk chairs, a built-in desk, and a built-in 10 drawer dresser
 - Combination microwave and refrigerator
- On-Campus Residence Halls:
 - Blout
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit
 - North campus
 - Bryant
 - Gender – men
 - Floor Plan – 2 bedroom suite, 3 bedroom suite, and 4 bedroom suite
 - East campus
 - Bryce Lawn
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit
 - East campus
 - Burke
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit, 3 bedroom suite, and 4 bedroom suite
 - South campus
 - Harris
 - Gender – Men and women

- Floor Plan – typical unit
 - South campus
- Highlands
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit
 - North campus
- John England Jr. Hall
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit, single unit
 - North campus
- Lakeside
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 1 bedroom suite, 2 bedroom suite, and 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Parham
 - Gender – men
 - Floor Plan – typical unit, 2 bedroom suite, and 3 bedroom suite
 - South campus
- Paty
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – typical unit
 - North campus
- Presidential Village I
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 2 bedroom suite and 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Presidential Village II
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 2 bedroom suite and 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Ridgecrest East and West

- Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Ridgecrest South
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 2 bedroom suite and 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Riverside
 - Gender – Men and women
 - Floor Plan – 1 bedroom suite, 2 bedroom suite, and 4 bedroom suite
 - North campus
- Tutwiler
 - Gender – women
 - Floor Plan – 2 person unit
 - South campus
- The University of Alabama also has some immensely popular options for off-campus living, such as:
 - Riverfront Village
 - Tradition on the 50
 - Hub on Campus Tuscaloosa
 - Green Bear Lofts
 - The Preserve at Tuscaloosa
 - Crimson Place
 - The Village at Brook Meadows

Food:

The University of Alabama has a number of places to eat on campus, all of which are included in the meal plan that students can purchase at the start of the semester. The dining options at UA are scattered across campus and include:

- Lakeside Complex – Dunkin Donuts, Lakeside Dining Hall, Sola
- John England Hall – The Market

- The Fresh Food Company
- Science and Engineering Company – Convenience Market
- Ferguson Center – Panda Express, Subway, Wendy’s, Starbucks, Union Market
- Lloyd Hall/Stewart’s Corner – Chick-fil-A
- Gorgas Library – Java City
- Burke Hall – Mary B’s
- Tutwiler Hall – Julia’s Market, Boar’s Head Deli, Bento Sushi
- Law School – Convenience Market
- Presidential Terrace – Market, Deli, Coffee, Bento Sushi, Fruited
- Bryant Drive – Starbucks Drive-thru

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