

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON FACT SHEET 2024-25

(All data through March 2025 unless otherwise noted)

UA MISSION

The University of Akron, a publicly assisted metropolitan institution, strives to develop enlightened members of society. It offers comprehensive programs of instruction from associate through doctoral levels; pursues a vigorous agenda of research in the arts, sciences and professions; and provides service to the community. The University pursues excellence in undergraduate education and distinction in selected areas of graduate instruction, inquiry and creative activity.

UA VISION

The University of Akron will be a leading public research university with an unsurpassed commitment to community engagement with a great American legacy city, Akron. We will:

- Be an opportunity university for all types of learners
- Be known as a willing and constructive partner for business, government and the non-profit sector
- Be an institution of innovation willing to invest in unique approaches that increase opportunity for students and reduce costs
- Sponsor an array of superb academic programs relevant to the future
- Make and keep promises to our students, ourselves and this community

BRIEF HISTORY OF UA

- Founded as Buchtel College in 1870 by Ohio Universalist Convention, including industrialist John R. Buchtel
- Buchtel College trustees transferred the institution and its assets to the city of Akron in 1913, name changed to The University of Akron in 1926
- World's first courses in rubber chemistry offered beginning in 1909. The Rubber Technical Institute is established in 1942
- In 1967 transitioned from municipal to state university
- A campus enhancement program in the 2000s resulted in 22 new buildings and 34 acres of new green space added to the now 218-acre campus
- Celebrated 150th anniversary in 2020

OVERALL STUDENT BODY PROFILE

	%
Freshman-sophomore retention (Fall 2023-Fall 2024)	72.86%
Students who graduate in 4/5/6 years	34.51% / 48.7% / 51.91%
Out of state	10.07%
International	3.84%
Female/male/non-binary	50.28% / 48.61% / 1.11% (five)

• RACIAL PROFILE OF STUDENTS:

- White **68.52%**
- African-American **10.39%**
- Two or more races **6.16%**
- Asian **3.92%**
- Non-resident alien **3.84%**
- Hispanic **3.9%**
- Unknown **6.91%**
- Native American/Alaska native **0.2%**
- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific **0.06%**

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

	%
Applicants admitted	59.72%
Children of UA alumni	1.51%
Living in UA housing	51.57%
Out of state	9.40%
Self-identified as first in their family to go to college	2.51%
Test scores	21 mean ACT, 1085 mean SAT

INSTITUTIONAL FINANCES

- **ENDOWMENT: \$328.4 million** (value on Oct. 23, 2024)
- **FY24 OPERATING BUDGET: \$281.5 million**

TOP RANKINGS AND POINTS OF PRIDE

- 2025 Princeton Review Best Regional Colleges (Midwest)
- Top 10 best colleges and universities in Ohio (academicinfluence.com)
- No. 1 university in North America for polymer science and plastics engineering (edurank.com)
- 2024 Best Value College in Ohio Award (research.com)
- Top 10% of world universities in the world for commitment to international students (studyabroadaide.com)
- No. 1 undergraduate business school in Northeast Ohio (Poets and Quants), No. 5 online MBA program in the U.S. (onlinemastersdegree.org)
- 28 current UA faculty in top two percent of scientists worldwide within their specialty areas (Stanford University)
- Only aerospace engineering bachelor's degree program of its kind in the U.S. outside the Air Force
- College of Business is in the 1% of schools worldwide offering business degrees that are doubly accredited in business and accounting, according to AACSB International
- World's first accredited emergency management and homeland security bachelor's degree program
- Home to the National Museum of Psychology, the only museum of its kind in the country
- No. 2 esports college program in the U.S. (dailygame.net)
- Three-time National School of the Year (National Association of College and University Residence Halls) for the outstanding achievements of UA residence hall organizations and affiliated groups
- Top 100 U.S. universities granted utility patents (National Academy of Inventors)

ACADEMICS

• PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

Undergraduate Majors - **227** Graduate Programs - **155**

• TOP 5 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT

- Nursing • Psychology • Mechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Science • Criminology and Criminal Justice

• TOP 5 GRADUATE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling • Business • Polymer Science
- Social Work • Nurse Anesthesia

• FACULTY - STUDENT RATIO - 17/1

• COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

- Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering and Polymer Science
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- The Graduate School
- School of Law
- Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honor College

ENROLLMENT

FALL 2024	HEAD COUNT
Undergraduate	12,606
Graduate	1,781
Law	426
Total	14,813

- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 569 students** (3.84% of student body) from **111 countries**

STUDENT LIFE

- **256 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, 11 INTRAMURALS**
- **TOP 50 GREAT COLLEGE GYMNASIUM AND RECREATION CENTERS**

EMPLOYEE HEADCOUNTS (AS OF NOV. 2024)

EMPLOYEES

	#
Full-time faculty/professional staff/staff/graduate assistants	521 / 639 / 406 / 0
Part-time faculty/professional staff/staff/graduate assistants	586 / 18 / 248 / 381
Total	3,075

FACULTY

	%
Tenure	26.28%
Female/male/undisclosed	48.14% / 51.21% / .09%
Terminal degree	35.68%

UA PHYSICAL PLANT

• UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CAMPUSES

- Akron campus
- Wayne College campus, Orrville

FINANCIAL AID / AFFORDABILITY

- Bachelor's degree estimates in-state/out-of-state (Fall 2024 estimates before scholarships for two semesters):

	Ohio Residents	Non-Ohio Residents
Tuition & Fees	\$13,135	\$20,815
Room & Board	\$11,904	\$11,904
Total	\$25,039	\$32,719

RATES PER CREDIT HOUR

Tuition	\$447.32
General Fees	\$100
Non-resident surcharge	\$320

- **STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID - 83.31% (2023-24)**
- **AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS - \$11,565 (2023-24)**

ATHLETICS

- UA competes in the NCAA Division I, Mid-American Conference (MAC), Big East (men's soccer) and Great America Rifle Conference (GARC)
- UA football competes in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS)
- Mascot: Zippy the kangaroo (she/her/hers)

• SPORTS OFFERED:

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| - Baseball | - Lacrosse (women) |
| - Basketball (men and women) | - Rifle (co-ed) |
| - Cross country (men and women) | - Soccer (men and women) |
| - Football | - Softball |
| - Golf (women) | - Swimming and diving (women) |
| - Indoor and outdoor track and field (men and women) | - Volleyball (women) |

LIBRARY HOLDINGS

- **TOTAL PHYSICAL/ELECTRONIC HOLDINGS: 2,763,390**

UA ACCREDITATION AND RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION

- UA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Carnegie Institute research classification
 - Main Campus RU/H: Research Universities (high research activity)
 - Wayne College Assoc/Pub2in4: Associate's -- Public 2-yr colleges under 4-yr universities
- Carnegie Community-Engaged Campus Elective Classification

WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- Official website: **www.uakron.edu**
- Facebook: **@UniversityofAkron**
- LinkedIn: **@the-university-of-akron**
- YouTube: **@uakron**
- Threads: **@uakron**
- X/Twitter: **@uakron**
- Instagram: **@uakron**
- Snapchat: **@uakron**
- TikTok: **@uakron**

QUICK FACTS ABOUT CITY OF AKRON

- Population: **190,469 (2020 U.S. Census)**
- Founded in **1825**

REGIONAL PROXIMITY

MILES

Cleveland	31
Pittsburgh	91
Columbus	125
Cincinnati	232

- Birthplace of the rubber tire, processed cereal, Alcoholics Anonymous, K-12 school system, airship development
- Home of the All-American Soap Box Derby
- Famous Akronites include athletes Stephen Curry, LeBron James and Thurman Munson; musicians The Black Keys, Devo, Chrissy Hynde and James Ingram; actors Angie Everhart and Melina Kanakaredes; Pulitzer Prize-winning poet laureate Rita Dove; late Challenger astronaut Judy Resnik

UNIVERSITY OFFICERS updated 03/2025

- **R.J. NEMER, PRESIDENT (19TH PRESIDENT)**

• VICE PRESIDENTS

- Dr. John Wiencek, executive vice president and provost
- Dr. Gwen Price, senior vice president and provost and interim dean of the Graduate School
- Kimberly M. Cole, vice president, advancement and executive director, The University of Akron Foundation
- Tammy Ewin, vice president, strategic communications
- Sarah Kelly, vice president, human resources and chief human resources officer
- Dr. John A. Messina, vice president for student affairs
- Dr. Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, vice provost, student pathways and dean, Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honors College
- Dr. Sheldon Wrice, vice president of community engagement, opportunity and belonging
- Dr. Suzanne Bausch, vice president for research and business engagement
- Misty Villers, interim vice president and chief financial officer
- Mia Yaniko, vice president and general counsel

• ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- Dr. Aimee L. deChambeau, dean of University Libraries
- Dr. Heather A. Howley, director of regional campuses
- Emily Janoski-Haehlen, dean of School of Law
- Dr. Dan Friesner, dean of College of Health and Human Sciences
- Dr. Craig Menzemer, dean of College of Engineering and Polymer Science
- Dr. Mitchell S. McKinney, dean of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. James B. Thomson, interim dean and senior associate dean, College of Business

CAREER OUTCOMES

(Based on 71% of bachelor and associate degree Spring 2023 graduates reporting)

- **94%** reported full- or part-time employment, participation in a program of voluntary service, U.S. Armed Forces service or continuing education.
- **89%** reported having participated in an experiential learning opportunity including internships, co-ops, practicums, assistantships, student teaching, undergraduate research, field experiences, clinical work, volunteer work related to major, on-campus student employment or other career-related employment and study abroad.