Start Strong

Finish Stronger

Become a dreamer, maker, and action taker
The Road We Travel

Your journey is a commitment by many

- Relationships
- Engagement
- Exploration
- Commitment
- Your Story
Your journey is... RELATIONAL
Academic Advising
Roadmap to Degree Completion

- What’s happening with your student today?
- The role of the academic advisor
  - Assistance with clarifying policies and procedures
  - Oversee academic progress
  - Will be the “go to” person on campus
  - Connect campus resources and career information
- Importance of advisor-student relationship
- Connection to degree-granting college if major is identified
- Exploratory advising (Student Success Center)
Make Connections

- Orientation Leaders
- Faculty
- Campus Advisors
- Resident Assistants
- Peer Mentors, Tutors, Learning Assistants
- Peers in your classes
Your journey involves... ENGAGEMENT
the MAX Experience
My Akron Experience

- The Career Center
- Residence Life & Housing
- YOUR degree-granting college

...and many more!
Your journey requires... EXPLORATION
Learning Communities (LC) provide and create a common experience focused on a specific theme, academic major, or interest for a group of students.

- **Support**: Ease your transition into college
- **Connect**: Establish connections and form study groups
- **Experience**: Intentional designed activities and experiences
- **Explore**: Explore major or common interest with peers

- More than 40 Learning Communities to explore.
Depending upon admission status, a student may be required to participate in the course to support their academic success OR if a student partakes in a Learning Community in which an Akron Experience course is a part of the LC.

- Assist with and support the transition from high school to college.
- Connect with other students as well as faculty.
- Explore resources and opportunities at UA.
- Develop college-level success skills.
- Foundational 100 & 200 level courses
- Bierce Library - Writing Commons & Math Lab
- Polsky - Writing & Math Lab
- eTutoring

- Within the individual colleges - check with your academic advisor for details.
FIVE-STAR FRIDAYS

- **Practical, real-world learning** is one of the most important aspects of the Akron Experience.
- Classes will be held for most students on Monday through Thursday, while providing additional opportunities for real-world learning each Friday.
- **Opportunities such as:**
  - Internships
  - Labs & research
  - Community service
  - Study groups
  - Career planning
  - Speakers & programs
  - Meet with faculty
  - …and more!

You can see all of your opportunities at [uakron.edu/five-star](http://uakron.edu/five-star)
Need to Know: Campus & Sexual Violence Prevention

- UA promotes respect and civility in healthy relationships.

- All new students complete required online training “Think About It” prior to the start of the semester.

- Email invitations will be sent on July 23rd and multiple reminders will follow to ensure completion.

uakron.edu/title-ix
uakron.edu/sexual-respect
FERPA: Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974

- Under FERPA, higher education institutions are limited in the information they can reveal about students.
- FERPA also grants students certain rights, including the right to keep their education records private.
- Students must provide written consent to release their educational records to a third party.
- FERPA consent form identifies release of information for each UA Department (if checked).
Your journey is a shared... COMMITMENT
ZipAssist serves as the University’s student advocacy and support office.

Assist in navigating and connecting campus resources to best service students in order to ensure successful enrollment at UA.

Programs and services include:
- Informational & Celebratory Programming
- Off-Campus Living & Commuter Resources
- Help-A-Zip Referral Program
- Parent and Family Association
- U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility
- Ohio Residency
- …and more!
As a UA parent, you are automatically a member of the Parents & Family Association (PFA)...welcome!

UA is dedicated to student success by engaging parents and family members as active partners.

Resources:
- E-Newsletter
- PFA Advisory Board
- Social Media Accounts

Upcoming Events:
- Family Weekend & Homecoming
- Soccer Game Tailgate
- Winter Mixer

uakron.edu/pfa
pfa@uakron.edu
Students
Set the Standard

- Make it count! - College is an investment.
- Earning 15-16 credits increases the chances of graduating in a timely manner.
- Make school a priority.
- Need to work? Consider an on-campus job.
- Be proactive and ask for help!
Parents & Families
Support your student to stay on track

- Communicate with your students - set expectations.
- Be informed of resources and important deadlines.
- Discuss progress checks and interim grades.
- Encourage on campus involvement.
- Empower students with the responsibility for their educational journey.
Your journey is...

YOUR STORY
Be a...
DREAMER, MAKER, & ACTION TAKER