Your Gold & Blue PREVIEW

New Student Orientation 2019
Don’t miss anything!

But if you do...you can find this presentation in its entirety on our website uakron.edu/nso

Click Freshmen
Welcome to the UA family!

There’s a lot for your student to look forward to both on and off campus.

The University of Akron provides a variety of services that not only help students to be successful, but also create one-of-a-kind experiences!
Our Job

To get you excited about everything that makes your student (and you!) a Zip!
How it all works...

campus highlights

Need to knows

Akron Experience
Campus Highlights!

- In the classroom
- On your campus
- Campus traditions
UA’s learning environment

In the classroom

• 19:1 Student-Faculty ratio

• 72% of Faculty have a Doctorate Degree!

UA’s student body

• Over 5,000 degrees are awarded to students every academic year

• UA has a student body of over 25,000 students from over 45 U.S. States and 92 countries around the globe!
Taber Union serves as a hub of resources for students, faculty, staff and others!

- 300+ seat theatre – see a movie for **FREE**!
- Roo Lounge – our game room featuring pool tables, bowling, and gaming systems – all **FREE**!
- Seven retail food operations, including:
  - Chick-fil-A
  - Qdoba
  - Starbucks
- Barnes & Noble bookstore
- Charging stations
- PNC bank
- Copy and mail services – UPS shipping!
Student Recreation & Wellness Center

- Leisure pool
- 30-person spa
- 1/10-mile walking/jogging track
- 250 pieces of cardiovascular & strength training equipment
- 5 multi-function gymnasiums
- 2 group exercise studios
- 54-ft. climbing rock + bouldering cave
Zips Pride!

Track & Field
- Clayton Murphy took home the bronze medal in the 800m run at the 2016 Summer Olympics with the fifth fastest American time ever
- Track & Field also sent pole vaulters Annika Roloff & Shawn Barber to Rio

Women’s Swim & Dive
- The team has won 5-straight MAC Championships since 2014
Zips Pride!

**Akron Football**
- The Akron Zips won their first ever bowl game in 2015 with a 23-21 win over Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
- UA is the only MAC team to defeat Ohio State (12-6), led by the legendary John Heisman
- Former Zip Jason Taylor was inducted into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in 2017

**Men’s Basketball**
- UA has made 9 of the last 11 MAC championship games with 3 NCAA Tournament appearances
Zip Tip!

UA is one of the first 50 universities in the country to officially roll out varsity teams in...
eSports at UA

Varsity teams compete against other universities in League of Legends, Overwatch, Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Hearthstone, and Rocket League.

Club teams include the same games and even more titles such as Fortnite, Rainbow Six Siege, and Super Smash Bros. Melee.

Players are being recruited for varsity teams for Fall 2019, and scholarships are awarded to varsity team members!
Not a gamer?

- eSports is also looking for students in engineering, computer science, communications, health and wellness, and other fields! You could...
  - Help build eSports arenas
  - Broadcast games
  - Design materials
  - Assist with training and nutrition

- Interested? Visit uakron.edu/esports for more!
Campus Traditions

Cheering on the football team against their fiercest rival is one of the best ways to display your Zips pride!

Every year, the Zips take on Kent State for the rights to the coveted Wagon Wheel trophy.

Akron has won the trophy four years running!
Campus Traditions

Attend SpringFest!

Paint the class of 1880 rock!
Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  **FRIDAY**  Saturday  Sunday
What You Need To Know!

My Akron

Important services

your to-do list
The My Akron account

Or just type my.uakron.edu into your browser!

Make sure students have their UANet IDs and passwords ready to log in!
Regularly updated news and announcements will appear here!
English Composition I

The grades for paper #1 have been posted under Assessments -> Grades.

Dr. Smith

Students can download the Brightspace Pulse App to keep track of important updates! It brings news, deadlines, and grades together in one place.

Extended office hours Wednesday Feb 13

I will be holding extended office hours 2PM-4PM Feb 13th. Feel free to stop by my office if you have any questions.
Students should check their UA email every day!

- UANetID@zips.uakron.edu
- Email address their professors will have
- Forward it to their personal accounts at the UA Services icon
Get refunds faster!

- Free online service for direct deposit of any refund of financial aid disbursements or awards that exceed expenses
- Refunds can be deposited into a checking or savings account at your bank
- Checks take about three days, but eRefund gives access to the refund the day after it is computed
Housing and Meal Plans

- Students should apply for housing now if they haven’t and are planning to live on campus.

- If needed, students can change their meal plans through the first four weeks of the semester.
We have three important tasks for all students to do over the summer!
Pay the first bill

The UA bill is **THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY!**

Students will receive an email to their UA email accounts when their bills are ready to be viewed

- At that time, students should log on to My Akron and go to the Finances section of their Student Center to pay their bills
  - **Students can also set up parent/authorized user access for payment at the same place**

Bills are due in early August! **Failure to pay results in students being dropped from their courses.**

Send any questions to cashier@uakron.edu
Get textbooks

- UA has 2 Barnes and Noble bookstores on campus, located in the Student Union and the Polsky Building.
- Receive official textbook needs from professors.
- Budget $300-$500 per semester.
- Price match policy with other book stores!
- Book buy back at the end of the semester.
Zip Tip!

Renting your textbooks is a great way to save!
Request parking permit

- Parking permits at UA are covered by the student fees included in tuition.
- Financial Aid/Scholarships can be used to help cover the cost if there is enough left after tuition is covered.
- **Students are responsible for requesting their permit through your My Akron portal (click the Parking icon)!** The permit will be mailed to them about 2 weeks before the start of the semester.
- Tickets start at $25/infraction, so request the permit now!
Zip Tip!

Don’t have a car? Don’t want to walk? Utilize the Roo Express & DASH Metro Bus!
The Roo Express Shuttle Service

Provides free transportation to:

• University Buildings in the downtown area, neighborhoods near campus, and the parking lots on all sides of campus.

• During the Fall and Spring Semesters the shuttle also services students on the weekends to and from the downtown area! **Utilize the DASH bus during the week!**

MetroZip
• Use any Metro route bus free of charge with your Zip Card

Students can track the Roo in real time! Download the Roo Express tracking app at [akron.doublemap.com](http://akron.doublemap.com)
All they need to ride are their Zip Cards!
Other Uses for the Zip Card

• Official UA identification card
• Use to enter Residence Halls
• Holds meal plan
• Use for access to the Rec Center
• Library card
• Zip Print at campus computers and Kiosks
• Can hold money for the All Campus account
  • Great if you don’t want students to carry cash!
  • Works just like a debit card anywhere Zip Cards are accepted
  • Add money at uakron.edu/zipcard

330-972-2911

Make sure students don’t leave today without it!
The UA Mobile App

DO MORE FROM YOUR PHONE

• View class schedules, including instructors, meeting times, and the location on the map
• Access Brightspace
• Faculty/staff directory
• Campus map
• Track the Roo Express in real-time
• Access the UA Gmail account
• Keep track of athletic schedules
• See what’s happening on campus

Download the app for free today from your app store!
Services for students

**Student Health Services in the Rec Center**
- Your student’s doctor’s office on campus!
- General primary healthcare provided by certified nurse practitioners and registered nurses
- Provides care for uncomplicated illnesses and injuries
- Can administer vaccines, conduct physicals, and provide women’s health care
- $15 for a clinic visit, to be paid at the time of the visit

**Tutoring Services in Bierce Library and the Polsky Building**
- Free tutoring on a wide variety of General Education courses
- Math and writing labs in both locations
- Online eTutoring available in select subjects

**Office of Multicultural Development**
- Peer mentoring
- Programming and outreach
- Learning communities

**The International Center**
- Global and multicultural programming
- Education Abroad opportunities
ZipAssist

The central information hub of campus, intentionally designed to share available resources and provide support and assistance to help students be successful

- Located in the Simmons Hall Lobby
- Help-A-Zip
- Financial Wellness
- Passport Acceptance
- Off-Campus Living
- Parent & Family Association
- Any question or issue, the best starting point to get it answered or resolved!

uazipassist@uakron.edu
Support Your Roo

The Counseling Center in Simmons Hall
- Provides confidential personal, career, and educational counseling for a range of concerns
- No charge for current students other than fees associated with and necessary testing
- Students are usually seen within several days of the first contact
- [www.uakron.edu/counseling](http://www.uakron.edu/counseling)

The Office of Accessibility in Simmons Hall
- Provides reasonable accommodations and a supportive, well-resourced environment to students with disabilities in order to promote student success in the university environment
- Students register with the office and request services online
- [www.uakron.edu/access](http://www.uakron.edu/access)
The CARE Team (Crisis – Assessment – Referral – Evaluation: Helping Students in Crisis)

• UA’s CARE Team provides guidance and assistance to students who are experiencing crises, displaying odd or unusual behaviors, or are engaging in other behaviors that may be perceived as being harmful (either to the student individually, or to others)
• The CARE Team accepts referrals and responds to students (and their families, faculty, and staff) when concerns for a student’s health, welfare, and safety are identified
• www.uakron.edu/careteam

Help-A-Zip Referral Program

• Referral service for students who are struggling with:
  • Academics (missed assignments; poor grades on exams, assignments, and projects; repeated absences from class)
  • Mental health (depression; anxiety; substance dependence)
  • Finances (unexpected financial hardship; cost of textbooks; FAFSA; financial account holds; grants/loans; eviction notice)
  • Personal/social adjustment (relationships; social contentedness; roommate compatibility; homesickness)
• When a referral is submitted, a member of the Help-A-Zip Team will contact the student and the team will work to address the issue(s) in the referral
• www.uakron.edu/referral
From now until even after students graduate, they can take advantage of UA's Career Services, completely free!

Career professionals can help construct resumes, find internships, prepare students for job interviews, or even find a job before graduation!

Career Services boasts an ever growing job database, two Career Fairs a year and many more resources that help current Zips find their career and succeed in it!

Visit Career Services on the 2nd Floor of the Student Union!

Engineering majors can receive these same services through the Co-op and Placement Office!

Visit them on the 2nd floor of ASEC!
Working on Campus

• On-campus jobs give students a great chance to become more connected to UA, and they work around their class schedules!
• Find out about on-campus jobs online at: uakron.edu/student-employment
• Any position on campus can help enhance leadership skills, but here are a few examples...
  • Being a peer mentor for incoming students
  • Working as a tutor for general education and major specific classes
  • Becoming an Orientation Leader!
Zip Tip!

Want to be famous before you even graduate?!
WZIP & ZTV

WZIP is one of the most-listened to student-run radio stations in the country! Gain experience in:

- DJing
- Music programming
- News
- Production
- Promotions
- Sports
- Underwriting

ZTV needs writers, hosts, reporters, production crew members, directors, and producers!

Points of pride:
- 5 Emmy Awards
- 22 Emmy nominations
- Telly Awards
- Communicator Awards
- Signature Station of the Year
Get Involved!

UA has more than 300 organizations — focused on academics, the arts, athletics, science, music, leadership, service and more. Plus new ones are forming all the time. Joining a student organization is a great way for students to meet some terrific people with whom they share a common interest.

Find out more through the My Akron account!

Click on the OrgSync/RooConnect icon.
Volunteerism

UA Sponsored Days of Service:
Make a Difference Day
Super Service Saturdays
MLK Day of Service
World AIDS Day

Longer Experiences & Clubs:
Alternative Spring Break
Relay for Life
Up Til’ Dawn
UA’s Dance Marathon
Zips for Haiti

Interested in these organizations? Sign up for OrgSync/RooConnect in My Akron
Get Active!

Another great way for students to get involved is to get active with the Outdoor Adventure Services and Intramural Sports Office (OASIS)

**Intramurals**
- Have fun and make friends by signing up for one of the many sports offered
- Form a team or join one as a Free Agent
- **Sign up on My Akron by clicking the Intramurals icon!**

**Outdoor Adventures**
- Take a hike, rent a canoe, or go camping. Many of the Outdoor Adventure programs are free or inexpensive, but all are a blast!
- Students can always climb the rock wall for free right on campus!
Zip Tip!

Did you know students can experience one of these Outdoor Adventure trips this summer?
Akron Adventures
UA’s Freshmen Outdoor Experience

• Get to the forefront of your Akron Experience with an exclusive pre-enrollment opportunity for incoming freshmen

Trip Options for 2019
• Stand Up Paddle Boarding
• White Water Rafting
• Ziplining & Hiking

Why go?
• Meet current students, other new students, and make connections
• Create a lasting bond with others who will be on campus in the fall
• Give yourself a new and exciting challenge with personal fulfillment

Visit uakron.edu/goadventure for more information & sign-ups!
Explore Akron

Students are lucky to go to a university that’s in the heart of the city!

In downtown Akron, you can...

- Go to an Akron RubberDucks baseball game at Canal Park
- Eat out at one of our downtown restaurants... some even take you Zip Card!
- Visit Lock 3 for music in the summer and fall or ice skating in the winter
- Explore the Akron Art Museum
- Hang out with the animals at the Akron Zoo!
New Roo Weekend – August 24 & 25
Purpose

• To get comfortable with campus right before classes begin
• Meet current students and other incoming freshmen
• Discover ways to get involved on campus
• Get important campus information that you need before the start of the semester

Weekend Highlights

• Choose breakout sessions focused on an area of your interest on campus
• Hear an uplifting and energizing message from UA’s first year speaker
• Explore UA’s student organizations
• Walk your class schedule with a current student
• Discover downtown Akron and see what the city has to offer
Zip Tip!

New Roo Weekend seems awesome! How do students get involved?
Watch their UA email accounts in early August for invitations and how to RSVP!