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
  - Clarify policies and procedures
  - Oversee academic progress
  - Available “go to” person on campus
  - Connect campus resources and career information
- Required Advising Appointments
- 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
Akron Beginnings
First Year Program Series

Helps to acclimate new students through the start of their Akron Experience with targeted programs and connections to campus resources.

A comprehensive first year program series utilizing events, programs and resources provided across campus.

- Academics
- Personal
- Social
- UA Traditions
- Transitional Support
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.
Akron Experience

University 101

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.
Tutoring Resources

- 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.
At UA, most students take courses Monday through Thursday, leaving Friday dedicated to hands-on, real-world experiences.

LEARN - Academics  
WORK - Career Preparation  
JOIN - Campus Involvement  

THRIVE - Health and Wellness  
SERVE - Community Service  

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

- UA promotes respect and civility in healthy relationships.
- All new students are required to complete online training prior to the start of their first semester.
- Email invitations will be sent mid-summer and multiple reminders will follow to ensure completion.

uakron.edu/help
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).
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Your journey is a shared... COMMITMENT
Stay on Track
Keeping your focus on the finish line

• Earning 15-16 credits increases the chances of graduating in a timely manner.

• Need to work? Consider an on-campus job.

• Discuss progress checks and interim grades.
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!
Staying Informed
Parent and Family Association

- 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

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