

## Fall 2009

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March 30 - April 3	Early Assigned Time Registration
April 6 - May 31	Early Fall Registration
July 27 - Jul 31	Assigned Time Registration
August 3 - August 17	Open Registration I
August 17	Book Discussion
August 18	Classes Begin
August 18	Financial Aid Disbursement
August 18 - August 25	Registration After Classes Begin
August 25	Last Day to Drop/Add
August 25	Last Day to Submit Undergraduate Application for Degree
August 26	Early Alert Begins
August 27	First Payment Deadline
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 29	Final Payment Deadline
October 7	Early Alert Ends
October 14	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
October 15 - October 18	Fall Break
November 25	No Classes Held
November 26 - November 29	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 3	Last Day of Class
December 3	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
December 4	Weather Make-up Day
December 5 - December 11	Final Exams
December 12	Commencement
December 12	Diploma Date
December 15	Grades Available Online

## Spring 2010

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November 2 - November 6	Assigned Time Registration
November 9 - January 5	Open Registration
January 6	Classes Begin
January 6 - January 13	Registration After Classes Begin
January 13	Last Day to Drop/Add
January 13	Last Day to Submit Undergraduate Application for Degree
January 14	Early Alert Begins
January 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 26	Early Alert Ends
March 5	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
March 14 - March 20	Spring Break
April 26	Last Day of Class
April 26	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
April 27 - April 28	Weather Make-up Day
April 29 - May 5	Final Exams
May 8	Commencement
May 8	Diploma Date
May 9	Grades Available Online

## Summer 12-Week Session 2010

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March 29 - April 2	Assigned Time Registration
April 5 - May 9	Open Registration
May 10	Classes Begin
May 10 - May 17	Registration After Classes Begin
May 17	Last Day to Drop/Add
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
June 21	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
July 4 - July 5	Independence Day Holiday
July 30	Last Day of Class
July 30	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
July 31 - August 6	Final Exams
August 7	Diploma Date
August 10	Grades Available Online

## Summer May Session 2010

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March 29 - April 2	Assigned Time Registration
April 5 - May 9	Open Registration
May 10	Classes Begin
May 10 - May 11	Registration After Classes Begin
May 11	Last Day to Drop/Add
May 19	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
May 26	Last Day of Class
May 26	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
May 27	Final Exams
August 7	Diploma Date

## Summer 9-Week Session 2010

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March 29 - April 2	Assigned Time Registration
April 5 - May 31	Open Registration
June 1	Classes Begin
June 1 - June 8	Registration After Classes Begin
June 8	Last Day to Drop/Add
June 8	Last Day to Submit Undergraduate Application for Degree
June 9	Early Alert Begins
June 30	Early Alert Ends
July 4 - July 5	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
July 30	Last Day of Class
July 30	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
July 31 - August 6	Final Exams
August 7	Diploma Date
August 10	Grades Available Online

## Summer A Session 2010

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March 29 - April 2	Assigned Time Registration
April 5 - May 31	Open Registration
June 1	Classes Begin
June 1 - June 3	Registration After Classes Begin
June 3	Last Day to Drop/Add
June 17	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
June 29	Last Day of Class
June 29	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
June 30	Final Exams
August 7	Diploma Date

## Summer B Session 2010

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March 29 - April 2	Assigned Time Registration
April 5 - May 31	Open Registration
July 1	Classes Begin
July 1 - July 6	Registration after Classes Begin
July 4 - July 5	Independence Day Holiday
July 6	Last Day to Drop/Add
July 16	Last Day to Withdraw (Undergraduate)
July 30	Last Day of Class
July 30	Last Day to Withdraw (Graduate)
August 2	Final Exams
August 7	Diploma Date
August 10	Grades Available Online

[Academic Calendar](#)

## General Information

In a brief period of time, UAB has evolved from an academic extension center into an autonomous, comprehensive urban university and academic health center within the University of Alabama System. UAB has established wide-ranging programs in six liberal arts and professional schools and six health-professional schools, with graduate programs serving all major units. Annual UAB enrollment exceeds 16,000 students. Classes are offered seven days a week.

UAB is situated near downtown Birmingham and the historic Five Points South district. The campus stretches across 70 square blocks and occupies more than 100 primary buildings. UAB is the city of Birmingham's largest employer and the second largest in the state, with an estimated annual operating budget of more than \$1.7 billion [budget, including hospital] and with more than 18,000 employees, including faculty, staff, and support personnel.

## Role Statement

UAB's undergraduate instructional programs are broad-based and designed to serve the needs of a diverse student body without sacrificing a strong general education foundation. Programs range from the liberal arts and sciences to professionally oriented studies, including business, education, engineering, and the health disciplines. UAB's baccalaureate offerings are shaped by its location in the state's largest metropolitan area, by its mandate to serve a large and heterogeneous constituency, by its responsibility to contribute to the economic and professional development of Birmingham and the state, and by its role of providing support to a nationally recognized academic health sciences center.

At the graduate level, programs serve the career needs of educators and business leaders, as well as those involved in advancing the frontiers of the health sciences. Training for health professionals is available through programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional degree levels.

UAB also has the primary responsibility for meeting the state's health professional needs. It offers a comprehensive range of programs which encompass both basic preparation and sophisticated graduate and specialty training in medicine, dentistry, optometry, nursing, the health related professions, and public health.

As one of the nation's leading research institutions, UAB emphasizes both basic and applied research. Although the majority of the university's research effort is in the biomedical sciences and related areas, all instructional programs are expected to participate in research activities. UAB's urban setting necessitates the development of research programs that are responsive to the city's economic, social, and cultural needs. Much of the research conducted at UAB is interdisciplinary in nature and is organized through centers that bring together experts in a number of related fields to concentrate on a particular problem or issue. UAB attracts more than \$350 million in training and research grants each year. According to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, UAB is a Doctoral/Research-Extensive University.

As the senior public doctoral-level institution in the state's major urban area, UAB is also committed to providing comprehensive programs in continuing education consistent with the quality and diversity of its other offerings. The university's faculty, staff, and students also serve as resources to the area through activities related to professional, economic, and cultural growth and development.

## Cultural Opportunities

UAB's urban location offers students unique cultural opportunities. Located within walking distance of the campus is the Five Points South district, where ethnic-style restaurants, shops, art galleries, and music clubs are located. Not far from campus are the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Civil Rights Institute, the historic Alabama Theater, and the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. Other nearby sites include Sloss Furnace, a post-Civil War iron foundry which has been converted into a museum and informal music hall, and Oak Mountain Amphitheater, an outdoor facility that features music-industry headliners during the spring and summer concert season. Each spring the city of Birmingham hosts "City Stages," a three-day musical extravaganza staged in the heart of the city, featuring both national and local artists and performers.

UAB also has a flourishing arts program. As many as 30 major music events are produced each season at UAB, in addition to numerous theater productions and student and professional art exhibitions. The Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center is a state-of-the-art facility which now houses a 1,400-seat concert hall, a 350-seat theater, and a 150-seat recital hall, and eventually will house a fine arts computer center, a band room, electronic music laboratories, practice rooms, and rehearsal hall. The Center regularly schedules nationally and internationally known artists and orchestras and features faculty and student productions and concerts.

## Student Life

UAB offers a rich variety of student life activities through its many academic organizations, honor clubs, fraternities and sororities, and volunteer groups. The university houses more than 200 campus organizations, including 30 national honoraries, more than 100 professional clubs and interest groups, cheerleaders, the Golden Girls dance team, intramural and recreational sports, and an established student government organization. Interested students can also participate in producing any of three student publications: Kaleidoscope, Phoenix, and Aura.

Students meet to enjoy recreational activities, lectures, and films at the Hill University Center. The center also provides meeting space for organizations and a cafeteria. Hill University Center houses the Student Life offices, the Undergraduate Admissions Office, the Office of Registration and Academic Records, the Graduate School, the Financial Aid office, the Women's Center, the Center for Counseling and Wellness, the Division of General Studies, the Blazer Bookstore, and the student publications office.

UAB's athletic program is a Division I member of the NCAA and a founding member of Conference USA. UAB athletes participate in 17 intercollegiate sports and have earned championships in baseball, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's basketball, and men's golf. In 1996, the UAB Blazers football team became a NCAA Division I-A team and was accepted into Conference USA. In addition, UAB offers a wide selection of both men's and women's intramural sports.

## The University of Alabama System

The University of Alabama was foreseen in the Constitutional Convention in Huntsville, Alabama Territory, on July 5, 1819. At the second session of the General Assembly, December 18, 1819, an act was passed establishing a seminary of learning "to be denominated the University of Alabama." The university opened for admission of students on April 18, 1831, in Tuscaloosa. All public buildings except the observatory were burned by federal cavalymen on April 4, 1865. Erection of new buildings began in January 1867 and classroom instruction resumed in April 1869.

During the first half of the twentieth century and in addition to its regular educational programs at the Tuscaloosa campus, the university began to offer additional educational opportunities to residents in urban communities throughout Alabama. Extension centers, offering both day and evening classes, were established in Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery, Mobile, Dothan, and Gadsden. The Birmingham and Huntsville centers evolved into new university campuses, which were established in addition to the Tuscaloosa campus.

In September 1966, all university operations in Birmingham were designated as the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) by the University of Alabama Board of Trustees. This action established the University of Alabama in Birmingham as one of the three major campuses of the university. The University of Alabama in Huntsville had been initiated as a four-year school in 1964.

In June 1969, the campuses were given autonomy within the framework of the University of Alabama System, each having its own administrative structure with a president as the chief executive officer. A chancellor was appointed in June 1976 as chief administrative officer of the system. In 1984, the name of the University of Alabama in Birmingham was changed to the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Schools, Degrees, and Majors

## Schools, Degrees, and Majors

This catalog contains information about programs in the Schools of Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, Engineering, Health Related Professions, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Information on the Graduate School and the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, and Public Health is available from the specific school's catalog.

Most UAB students are working toward a degree; however, some have other educational goals. Degrees are usually characterized by the level (baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral) and the principal subject area (known as the "major") in which the student specializes.

Students pursuing undergraduate degrees with majors in the Schools of Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, or Social and Behavioral Sciences will find complete information in this catalog beginning on page 97.

### School of Arts and Humanities

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Art, Communication Studies, English, Foreign Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Art

**Master of Arts**

English, Art History <sup>(1)</sup>, Communication Management

**School of Business****Bachelor of Science**

Accounting, Economics, Finance, Industrial Distribution, Information Systems, Management, Marketing

**Master of Accounting****Master of Business Administration****Doctor of Philosophy**

Administration/Health Services

**School of Education****Bachelor of Science**

Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Education, High School Education, Physical Education, Special Education

**Master of Arts in Education**

Arts Education, Early Childhood Education, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education, Health Education, High School Education, Physical Education, Special Education

**Master of Arts**

Counseling

**Educational Specialist**

Educational Leadership, Education

**Doctor of Education**

Educational Leadership <sup>(1)</sup>

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Early Childhood Education, Educational Leadership <sup>(1)</sup>, Health Education Promotion <sup>(1)</sup>

**School of Engineering****Bachelor of Science**

Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

**Master of Science**

Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering <sup>(5)</sup>, Computer Engineering <sup>(6)</sup>, Electrical Engineering <sup>(3)</sup>, Environmental Health Engineering, Materials Engineering <sup>(1)</sup>, Mechanical Engineering <sup>(3)</sup>, Materials Science <sup>(4)</sup>

**School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics****Bachelor of Science**

Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Science, Physics

**Master of Science**

Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Mathematics, Physics

(1) Jointly with the University of Alabama, (2) Certification program, (3) Cooperatively with the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama in Huntsville, (4) Jointly with the University of Alabama and the and the University of Alabama in Huntsville, (5) Jointly with the University of Alabama in Huntsville, (6) Shared with the University of Alabama in Huntsville, (7) Cooperatively with the University of Alabama

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Applied Mathematics<sup>(4)</sup>, Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Physics

### **School of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Anthropology, Economics, History, International Studies, Political Science, Sociology

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work

#### **Master of Arts**

Anthropology <sup>(7)</sup>, History, Sociology, Psychology

#### **Master of Public Administration**

#### **Master of Science in Criminal Justice**

#### **Master of Science in Forensic Science**

Computer Forensics <sup>(2)</sup>

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Psychology, Medical Sociology

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### **School of Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences**

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

African American Studies

## **Additional Programs**

### **Nursing and Health Professions**

Students working toward baccalaureate degrees with majors in the Schools of Nursing or Health Related Professions will find information on at least the first one or two years of their programs in this catalog. For information on completion of the degree programs, see the catalog of the specific school.

### **Honors Academy**

#### **University Honors Program**

For students who desire an advanced baccalaureate program, UAB provides an opportunity for independent research, close contact with faculty and community members, and innovative learning opportunities within an interdisciplinary context. For complete information on the Honors Program, as well as honors tracks in specific disciplines.

#### **Early Medical Schools Acceptance Program (EMSAP)**

The Early Medical Schools Acceptance Program (EMSAP) offers superior high school seniors the assurance that after completing undergraduate studies at UAB, they will enter the UAB School of Medicine, Dentistry, or Optometry. EMSAP students can complete an excellent undergraduate program and reserve their place in world-renowned medical programs.

#### **Global and Community Leadership Honors Program**

Joining UAB's Honors Academy in 2007, the Global and Community Leadership Honors Program is designed for students who are searching for a deeper understanding of global and community issues and a way to relate those issues academically to their own values and life goals. Faculty mentoring,

specially designed courses, service learning courses and experiential learning in international and community settings prepare students to be leaders and global citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For information on the Global and Community Leadership Honors Program, see page 494 of this catalog.

### **The Science and Technology Honors Program**

The Science and Technology Honors Program at UAB revolutionizes the undergraduate experience. Acceptance to the program places students in the company of fellow scholars and world-renowned researchers. Science and Technology Honors students take part in unique academic and research experiences specifically designed to give them a head start on a scientific or technical career.

This unique program is the only one of its kind in Alabama. It is designed for the best and brightest students whose academic and extracurricular achievements demonstrate intellectual curiosity, energy, creativity, and leadership abilities. As a graduate of the Science and Technology Honors Program, a student is well prepared for graduate and doctoral study

### **Experiential Learning Scholars (ELS) Program**

The newest honors option in UAB's Honors Academy, Experiential Learning Scholars Program is designed for students who are searching for a way to intentionally enhance their academic course work with applicable, real-life experiences. In the Experiential Learning Scholars Program, students will thoughtfully construct learning plans suited to their unique academic, personal, and career aspirations. Overall, a unique combination of faculty mentoring, specially designed courses, service learning courses, undergraduate research opportunities and experiential learning in international and community settings will allow students to create a unique educational opportunity to meet their academic, career and personal goals.

### **Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, or Law**

Students wishing to pursue careers in medicine, dentistry, optometry, or law complete a program of undergraduate study (usually culminating in a baccalaureate degree) before entering the appropriate professional school. "Pre-medicine," "pre-dentistry," "pre-optometry," and "pre-law" are not majors.

### **Individually Designed Majors**

Students whose educational objectives are not well served by any of the regular majors may propose an individually designed major. Such program proposals require approval of the appropriate dean.

### **ROTC**

UAB has Army and Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) units in which Birmingham-area college students may participate.

### **Cooperative Education Program**

UAB's Cooperative Education Program helps students identify work opportunities that combine practical experience with academic studies. Some academic departments give credit for carefully structured work experiences.