Student Life

Graduate students at UAB have many opportunities to become involved in the life of the university. Information about additional groups, both on and off campus, can be found in the UAB Student Handbook, Direction at http://www.uab.edu/handbook/

UAB Student Experience would like to invite you to complete your UAB experience by becoming involved in the many activities and organizations available to you as a student. Events range from relaxing at free movies or comedy shows, involvement in student governance, cheering on the Blazers, writing for the Kaleidoscope student newspaper, rappelling down a cliff, hiking the Grand Canyon and so much more. Each semester brings new events, new organizations, opportunities to make friends, get physically fit, learn, socialize, relax, and have a good time becoming a part of the Blazer community! We want you to get involved!!

This section of the catalog contains an alphabetical list of many of the activities and organizations and activities available to students.

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Black Graduate Student Association
The Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) was founded in 1993 and is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and social and political awareness with respect to African-Americans at UAB.

The BGSA sponsors social events, pertinent forums dedicated to issues of interest in the African-American community at our Black Lecture Series “Meeting of the Minds,” activism opportunities, and an annual conference. For detailed information about the BGSA, visit the Web site at http://www.uab.edu/bgsa/.

Graduate Student Government

UAB graduate students are represented by the Graduate Student Government (GSG), which works closely with the Graduate School and other offices of the university administration in formulating policies and meeting student needs. All graduate students are automatically members of the GSG, and the GSG Senate is composed of student representatives from the various graduate programs. The GSG provides partial funding for graduate student travel to professional meetings. The organization co-sponsors a variety of services and activities, including the Honors Convocation, Graduate Student Research Days, and Graduate Student Orientation. Information on the Graduate Student Medical Assistance Fund and travel grants may be obtained on the GSG Web site (www.uab.edu/gsg (http://catalog.uab.edu/graduate/studentlifeactivitiesorgs/www.uab.gsg))

Graduate Student Research Days

Graduate Student Research Days (GSRD) is an annual competition in which graduate students present their original research in an open forum. Information regarding participating in the GSRD competition is available at the GSRD Web site (www.uab.edu/graduate/researchday).

UAB Graduate Career Awareness Trends

The UAB GCAT, previously called the Industry Roundtable, is sponsored by the UAB Graduate School. The GCAT is a student-initiated and student run informal discussion group open to all graduate students and dedicated to fostering a greater awareness of career opportunities outside academia. Its goals are to provide a forum for networking with industry representatives; establish an interface between academia and industry; introduce students to the process of making industry contacts; encourage students to comment, ask questions, and seek advice from non-academics; stimulate students to begin career development early in their educational experience; and provide information to students about career opportunities outside academia. More information regarding the GCAT can be found at http://www.uab.edu/gcat/.

Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct

The Office of Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct aims to provide developmental learning, holistic engagement, and preventative education to every member of the UAB community.

The Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct staff aims to:

- Work with students to help identify and overcome barriers to success
- Help students get connected to campus and community resources
- Serve as advocates to help students navigate the university system
- Provide referrals for longer-term care
- Conduct outreach and education to students and other campus community partners on relevant issues students may face
- Serve in consultation with staff, faculty, students, and families
- Interpret and uphold the University Non-Academic Code of Conduct to provide a safe and inclusive campus community environment

For more information, contact the Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct, sarc@uab.edu (205) 975-9509, or uab.edu/sarc
You're not alone; we are here to help

Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct is committed to nurturing, protecting, and providing for its students. If you or someone you know is the victim of a physical or sexual assault or domestic violence, please remember; you are not alone. It is not your fault. UAB departments such as Counseling Services, Student Health and Wellness, and Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct are here to offer assistance. Within Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct, we have Case Managers to work closely and confidentially with undergraduate and graduate students. We will help you report a crime, receive medical attention, or get you connected to the right resources. If you or someone you know is struggling with depression, thoughts of suicide, or alcohol or drug abuse, we have assembled a list of medical professionals, counselors and support agencies, both on and off campus, to aid in your success at UAB. Visit the Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct web site at: uab.edu/sarc.

Title IX

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Student Experience oversees the University's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Office works with students, University administration, departments, faculty, staff, campus police, and other support services to ensure that University policies and programs foster a campus community free of illegal gender discrimination and from all forms of violence, including sexual misconduct, examples of which can include acts of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and gender based discrimination. Visit the Title IX Website at: uab.edu/titleix

UAB CARE Team

When you are concerned about a student, know that the CARE Team is here to help. The UAB CARE Team (Communicate, Assess, Refer, Educate) helps find solutions for students experiencing academic, social, and crisis situations, including mental health concerns. Members of the University community can report a concern for a student who might benefit from services. We review these reports to understand each student issue and the on and off campus resources that may guide them to success.

The CARE Team steps in to connect students with relevant campus resources and outside agencies. Most times, we may need to communicate with the reporting party to help accurately assess the needs of the student. The CARE Team will also reach out to the student to understand his/her situation and develop a plan of action leading towards his/her success.