Student Services & Facilities

This page contains a list of facilities and services available to UAB students. For further information on these and other facilities and activities, contact the Information Desk, located at the Hill Student Center, or refer to the UAB student handbook, Direction, at https://www.uab.edu/students/ and on BlazerNET on the Student Resources tab.

University Recreation

UAB University Recreation (URec) provides fitness, wellness, and recreational opportunities for the UAB community and beyond. URec makes this possible by offering a variety of premier programs, facilities, and services, all in the heart of UAB's campus!

COVID-19 Re-entry Disclaimer

Please note that UAB URec is currently operating under modified operations and to view the most up to date information on what is currently offered, visit the UAB URec Website.

Campus Recreation Center

The 152,000 square foot facility covers three floors housing: four basketball/volleyball courts; four racquetball courts (one of which can be converted to squash and three for wallball); four aerobics studios (one dedicated to F45 - Functional Training); Studio V - functional fitness area; 18,000 square feet of weight and cardio-fitness areas and iron cave; a game room; an aquatics center with both lap and leisure components; a multi-purpose court used for indoor soccer, floor hockey, and badminton; an indoor track; and a climbing and bouldering wall.

Patrons can take advantage of the fitness and wellness services here at the Campus Recreation Center, which offer personal fitness assessments, massage therapy, and personal training. In addition, we have a Pro Shop in house. So if you forget something we've got you covered, along with the PowerZone to keep you fueled before and after your workout.

URec also offers a number of lockers available for rent in 12 month or 3 month options. Lockers are limited, so if you are interested, please contact us at 205-996-5038 or stop by our Member Services desk today! If you prefer not to purchase a locker, we have several areas in the facility, including the locker rooms, with day-use lockers available; just bring a lock, store your belongings while you work out with your own lock, and take it with you when you leave - free of charge! The Campus Recreation Center is located at 1501 University Boulevard, next to the Campus Green.

Campus Green & Intramural and Club Sports Complex

University Recreation is also responsible for the scheduling of the Campus Green and the full operation of the Intramural and Club Sports Complex on the north side of campus.

For more details on reserving any University Recreation space visit our Facilities website.

Aquatics

The Aquatics Center housed within the Campus Recreation Center provides a place for members to swim laps as well as meet their leisure aquatic needs by swimming laps, floating through the river or taking a dip in the hot tub. In addition, the aquatics program offers group swim classes, private lessons, lifeguarding certifications WSI (Water Safety Instructor) classes, and pool parties for special events. For details about pool party requests and/or other pool activities, please visit our website.

Fitness & Wellness Services

The Fitness and Wellness programs offered at the UAB Campus Recreation Center range from traditional Ufit (Group Exercise) classes and F45 classes to personal training packages to campus rec kitchen and wellness massage services. For more information on all of our fitness and wellness services or to schedule an appointment today, check out our FitWell page.

Ufit (In-person & Virtual) and F45 Classes

Ufit classes are FREE to anyone with an active URec membership. Feel free to drop in any time or day of the week to participate in the wide variety of classes available! If you are interested in participating in any of the F45 classes please register on our Mobile App.

We offer a wide variety of fitness classes, designed to fit your scheduling needs. From seasoned cyclers to those wanting to try yoga for the first time, Ufit has a class that will get you moving! Please visit our website to view our current schedule.

F45 - Functional Training

If high intensity interval training is something you are looking for, you will love F45 – Functional Training. The F45 program is uniquely developed to offer systemized training program that changes daily and is structured to build as the most effective workout method for burning fat and building lean muscle.

For more information about F45 and to view the current F45 schedule, visit the F45 website.

Rec On The Go

Rec on the Go is a program designed to cater to any recreation, health, and/or wellness topic to the UAB community. All programs are presented by a recreation professional and can be modified for your group's exact needs. Topics covered vary from fitness classes to chair massages and nutrition demonstrations. Departments have the opportunity to pick a topic to be presented at a staff meeting, lunch group, or any time of your choice! To find out more, please contact our Fitness team at fitness@uab.edu.

Complete Fitness Assessments

Fitness Assessments provide individuals with their baseline measurements of flexibility, endurance, blood pressure, muscular strength, body composition, and cardiovascular fitness. The results of these tests are reviewed by a certified Personal Trainer and are used to help personalize a tailored workout plan specifically for you. To schedule your Fitness Assessment please email our FitWell team at fitness@uab.edu and complete the Health History Questionnaire as well as the Fitness Assessment Form prior to the appointment.

Personal Training
Do you want to get back into shape or are you simply looking to kick start a new workout routine? Personal training is the right choice for you! URec offers a variety of Personal training packages for everyone. Check out our website now for complete pricing, packing, and details.

**Massage Therapy Services**
Celebrate a little YOU time by scheduling yourself a massage today! Appointments are available for 30 or 60 minutes and are performed by certified massage therapists. Choose from a variety of massage packages in order to customize the perfect relaxation for you. Massage therapy appointments are based upon the therapists’ schedules and availability. Please allow at least 48 hours of advanced notice of your preferred appointment time in order for us to best schedule your appointment.

For more information or to schedule your next appointment, please email a completed Health History Form and Massage Therapy Request Form for your appointment to fitness@uab.edu today!

**Competitive Sports**
The Competitive Sports program offers activities such as intramurals and club sports that involve individual and team competition, as well as other fun events.

**Intramurals**
All UAB students, staff, and faculty are eligible to participate in intramural sports. Faculty and Staff must adhere to the specific entrance policies if they are not campus recreation facility members. Individuals in any team league must have their campus card in possession to be eligible to participate. Every team league is offered in men’s, women’s and co-rec format. Each league will have a 4-week regular season followed by a single-elimination playoff. For more information please visit our website or contact intramurals@uab.edu.

**Club Sports**
A club sport is student organization established to promote interest in a sport and develop skills of its members in that sport. A club sport may be organized for recreational, instructional, performance, or competitive purposes. For more information please visit our website or contact clubsports@uab.edu.

**Outdoor Pursuits**
Outdoor Pursuits offers outdoor trips and clinics throughout the year including kayaking, backpacking, camping, climbing, canoeing, and whitewater rafting. Also offered are belay certification and lead climbing programs. Trips and clinics, such as the Wilderness First Responder training, are open to university students, faculty/staff, alumni, and the community. Contact outdoors@uab.edu or visit our Outdoor Pursuit page for more information on trips, clinics, and equipment rentals.

**Climbing Wall & Bouldering Wall**
Located on the mezzanine level of the Campus Recreation Center, the 36’ tall by 42’ wide climbing wall offers 1,512 square feet of climbing. The wall’s climbing surface is constructed of reinforced polymer concrete panels and imprinted to match the look and feel of natural rock. We also have a 12-foot bouldering wall for everyone to enjoy. Both are open to all URec members. The community may use the wall by private group rental.

**Team Building**
University Recreation offers many opportunities for team building initiatives, catering toward campus groups, corporate outings, school groups and more! Our enthusiastic and skilled facilitators will guide your group through fun activities focused on enhancing or developing vital workplace and life skills such as teamwork, cooperation, communication, and trust. Our program can accommodate groups of any size in both virtual and in-person settings. Initiatives work on developing or enhancing: communication, teamwork, trust, cooperation, team building, planning, and other common workplace functions. For more information, or to request team building, visit our website.

**Outdoor Equipment Rentals**
Planning a trip for the weekend but missing the gear? The Outdoor Pursuits Rental Center is here to save your adventure! We offer outdoor equipment for various events and the rental service is open to university students, faculty/staff, alumni, and the community. Whether backpacking, camping, or canoeing, the rental center has multiple rental time spans on the equipment you might need like sleeping bags, tents, backpacks, and cooking sets. To view the full list, pricing and to complete the rental request form, visit the Outdoor Pursuits Rental Center website.

**Campus Dining**
Dining on-campus gives you the advantage of never having to worry about keeping cash on hand and never losing your parking space. At UAB we have more than fifteen (15) restaurants on-campus. Just swipe your ONE Card and dine! For more information about Campus Dining, please stop by the UAB Campus Dining office located on the top floor of the Commons on the Green next to the Den, or call (205) 996-6567. You can also visit us online at https://www.uab.edu/students/dining/.

For a map of dining locations and updated hours of operation visit: www.uab.edu/students/dining/locations-hours.

**Meal Plans**
Your meal plan gives you the advantage of never having to worry about keeping cash on hand to eat on-campus. Just swipe your ONE Card and dine. For meal plan options and requirements visit www.uab.edu/students/dining/meal-plans.

**Dining Dollars**
Dining Dollars are funds that you receive from your campus dining fee. All full-time undergraduate students (those students taking twelve (12) or more credit hours on campus) will be assessed a $225 Campus Dining Fee during fall and spring semesters. This Dining Dollars fee is loaded onto a student’s OneCard and is used as a declining balance account accepted at all on campus dining locations. Dining Dollars are not part of a student’s meal plan.

**Libraries**
UAB Libraries hold more than two million volumes and provide access to thousands of relevant digital resources for information, instruction, and research in support of UAB’s vast academic and medical enterprise. The UAB Libraries system comprises Mervyn H. Sterne Library as well as Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, which includes Lister Hill Library at University Hospital and UAB Historical Collections’ Reynolds-Finley Historical Library, UAB Archives, and the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences. The faculty and staff of UAB Libraries provide the resources and essential expertise to support excellence in education,
research, patient care, and community outreach. Priorities for UAB Libraries include increased access to resources, seamless cloud-based single search capability, campus-wide digital asset management, and increased support for distance and international students and researchers.

**Mervyn H. Sterne Library**

The Mervyn H. Sterne Library houses a collection of more than one million items and numerous electronic resources that support teaching and research in the arts and humanities, business, education, engineering, natural sciences and mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences. The library is located at 917 13th Street South and online at https://library.uab.edu/locations/sterne. The website is the gateway to all library services and collections including the Undergraduate Research Toolkit, subject- and course-specific Library Guides, and a list of FAQs. Services include research assistance, citation consultations, workshops and faculty-requested classes, assistance with locating materials, and interlibrary loan.

Named in memory of the late Birmingham philanthropist and civic leader Mervyn H. Sterne shortly after it opened in 1973, the library has seminar rooms, study rooms, lockable study carrels, computers, printers, scanners, copiers, and seating for 1,350 users. The first floor of the library was renovated in 2010 to make it even more user-friendly and houses the University Writing Center and a Starbucks. Due to student requests, Sterne Library has extended hours, opening 24 hours a day for five days a week except during holidays and summer terms. For more information on resources and services, visit the Sterne Library website at https://library.uab.edu/locations/sterne, call General Inquiries at (205) 934-6364 or request help by email, text, or chat at here.

**Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences**

The Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, the largest biomedical library in the state, provides services and resources for UAB students, research and teaching faculty, and clinicians in medicine, nursing, optometry, dentistry, public health, health professions, and joint health sciences. The library was established in 1945, and then dedicated in 1971 in honor of Senator Joseph Lister Hill, a champion for health care and library legislation.

Lister Hill Library, located at 1700 University Boulevard, provides collaborative and group study space on the first floor and quiet study space on the second floor. Lister Hill Library’s website at www.uab.edu/lisher provides 24/7 access to databases, electronic journals, ebooks, LHL Guides, FAQs, and recorded classes and tutorials. Services include consultations for conducting searches, guidance for citing resources, assistance with locating materials, and interlibrary loan services. For more information on resources and services, visit the Lister Hill Library website at www.uab.edu/lisher, call (205) 934-2230, or request help by email, text, or chat at www.uab.edu/lisher/ask.

The Lister Hill Library at University Hospital, located in the West Pavilion, provides onsite support for education, research, and patient care. Access the resources and services for clinicians through the LHL@UH website at www.uab.edu/lhluh or call (205) 934-2275 for more information.

The UAB Historical Collections, located on the third floor of Lister Hill Library, includes the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library, UAB Archives, and the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences. The Reynolds-Finley Historical Library contains rare books, pamphlets, and manuscripts in the history of medicine, science, and health-related fields. This collection dates from the mid-14th century to the early 20th century and includes a core of world-renowned medical classics with important concentrations on medicine in the Civil War, the South, and early Americana. UAB Archives is the official repository for the permanent records of the University and for archival collections held by UAB. One collecting area for manuscripts is the history of the health sciences, but the repository preserves collections with a wide variety of topics. The Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences preserves over seven hundred years of medical history with instruments, specimens, equipment, and pharmacology used by health care professionals throughout the world, with a special emphasis on material used on and around the University of Alabama at Birmingham campuses. Please call (205) 934-4475 for more information on the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library or the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences. Call (205) 934-1896 for more information on UAB Archives.

**The UAB Bookstore**

The UAB Bookstore is located at 1400 University Boulevard inside the new Hill Student Center. The bookstore posts official lists of UAB courses and stocks the textbooks and all other items necessary for successful UAB coursework. Most textbooks can be purchased new or used. The option to rent textbooks is also available for most courses. The bookstore carries study aids, reference materials, school and office supplies; medical instruments, lab coats, and scrubs; and the largest assortment of UAB logo apparel and gifts available. Contact the UAB Bookstore at (205) 996-2665 or visit the store online at www.shopuab.com

**University Writing Center**

Located on the first floor of Mervyn Sterne Library, the University Writing Center (UWC) is UAB students' go-to place for writing assistance, whether the task at hand is a Freshman Composition paper, a lab report, or a graduate school application essay. In a friendly and professional one-on-one setting, UWC tutors teach students to use writing to discover, apply, and communicate knowledge in all disciplines. Students commonly visit to get help with understanding a writing assignment; brainstorming ideas; developing outlines and claims; understanding and applying instructor feedback; and revising and editing complete drafts. While UWC tutors do not edit for students, they can help students identify their common errors and develop stronger editing processes.

In addition to one-on-one sessions in the Sterne Library location, the UWC offers online consultations for students enrolled in online courses; Ask-a-Tutor, an email service for short writing questions; and regular workshops on topics of common interest. To make an appointment, visit the UWC’s website and log onto the online scheduling system with your Blazer ID and password. Like the UWC’s Facebook page and follow the UWC’s Twitter page to stay in touch and find out about upcoming workshops.

**One Stop**

**What if you could get answers to your questions about your student account, financial aid and registration all in one place?**

Stop running from office to office and make the One Stop your first and possibly your only stop! If we can’t help you on the spot, we’ll do the legwork for you or connect you to the appropriate resource.

Contact us by email, phone, or in person. **One Stop Student Services**, Room 103 of the Hill Student Center, 1400 University Blvd onestop@uab.edu (205) 934-4300.
Information Center

Information regarding programs, services, and activities at UAB is available at the UAB Information Center. Referrals to the appropriate department, office, or person may be made for more specific information. The Information Center is located just inside the 14th Street entrance of the Hill Student Center, 1400 University Blvd.

For additional information, call (205) 934-8000, or see the Web page at https://www.uab.edu/studentaffairs/studentcenter/

UAB Career Center

The UAB Career Center, in the Division of Student Services, assists undergraduate and graduate students in selecting appropriate fields of study, furthering their education, learning effective job searching strategies, and making connections with employers.

Career Consultants and Peer Career Advisors are available to meet one-on-one with students to explore career or educational options, review résumés and cover letters, hone interviewing techniques, conduct searches for internships and full-time jobs, and ready themselves for interviews with employers.

The UAB Career Center is now providing UAB students with the opportunity to enhance career readiness through Canvas modules focused on key career components and resources. These modules can be completed as a series or individually. The modules are designed to walk you through various aspects and tasks to ensure you are ready for your career journey.

In addition, students may utilize Handshake, UAB Career Center's career management platform to do the following:

- Search and apply for internships
- Search and apply for full-time jobs
- RSVP for events
- Sign-up for Interviews
- Upload resumes cover letters and more
- Connect with Students
- Make Appointments with Career Consultants
- Explore Resources

The mission of the UAB Career Center to engage and empower members of the UAB community through meaningful career and experiential learning opportunities, to revolutionize the future of work. Over 25,000 employers use the UAB Career Center to connect with students. The UAB Career Center hosts a number of events throughout the year to further connect students and employers, including career fairs, employer meet-ups, and on-campus interviews.

Location

Hill Student Center, Suite 307
1400 University Boulevard

Contact

Website: https://www.uab.edu/students/cpd/
Office Number: 205.934.4324
Office Email: careercenter@uab.edu

Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services (DSS), located in the Hill Student Center, serves as the central campus resource for students with disabilities.

The goal of DSS is to provide a physically and educationally accessible university environment that ensures an individual is viewed on the basis of ability, not disability. DSS staff members work individually with students to determine appropriate accommodations. To be eligible for services, students need to complete an application, submit documentation of their disability and meet with a DSS staff member.

For more information, contact Disability Support Services at (205) 934-4205 (voice) or 934-4248 (TTY) or http://www.uab.edu/students/disability/ E-mail contacts are welcome at dss@uab.edu.

Physical Address

Hill Student Center
1400 University Boulevard

Mailing Address

UAB One Stop
1400 University Blvd., Hill 103
Birmingham, AL 35294

Office of Education Abroad

Contact Education Abroad

Mission

The mission of the UAB Office of Education Abroad (UABEA) is to administer, establish, and send UAB students on high-quality education abroad opportunities to prepare them for success in the globalized world.

Education Abroad

The Office of Education Abroad is a member of the Forum for Education Abroad (Forum), Institute of International Education, and Association of International Educators (NAFSA). The Office of Education Abroad strives to meet the Forum’s Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad, 6th Edition and Code of Ethics.

UAB Education Abroad administers, establishes, and sends UAB students on high-quality education abroad opportunities to prepare them for success in the globalized world.

Pursuant to our mission, UABEA engages in the activities described below.

- Study Abroad: Take courses for which academic credit is received and transferred to UAB on our supported study abroad programs. This includes academic credit for student exchanges, UAB affiliate programs, and faculty-led programs that feature traditional classes, research, service learning, internships, volunteerism, shadowing, clinical rotation, and observations.
- International Internships, Research & Service-Learning: Take courses for which academic credit is received and transferred to UAB on our supported study abroad programs. These opportunities are designed to enhance your resume with hands-on experiential learning abroad and offer credit-bearing outcomes.
Virtual/COIL Experiences: UAB students may participate in a variety of virtual/remote learning experiences, which vary from COIL courses, group internships, part/full time internships, and remote academic courses. Explore these opportunities to immerse yourself in a virtual remote experience while earning academic credit at UAB.

Student Organizations Abroad: Travel abroad as part of a UAB student organization; including Outreach Abroad, Outdoor Pursuits, artistic performances, athletic activities, or other student organization travel. Our office can help students register travel with the university, obtain the necessary education abroad insurance, and prepare for travel.

Student Conference Travel Abroad: Present at or attend a conference that takes place abroad as a UAB representative. Our office can help students register travel with the university, obtain the necessary education abroad insurance, and prepare for travel.

Passport Office: Apply for a passport conveniently on campus. As an official U.S. Department of State Passport Acceptance Facility, we are happy to accept passport applications for students, employees, and members of the community. Our passport service is open to the public.

Eligibility
To be eligible to apply for our programs, one must:

1. be an enrolled UAB student;
2. be 18 years of age or older (or have parental permission); and
3. be in good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing with UAB.

Some programs have additional eligibility requirements, such as GPA minima, listed on the individual program webpages.

Students may petition to the Director of Education Abroad for a possible exception to the eligibility criteria.

Grade Posting
All grades earned while abroad will be posted to the student's UAB transcript and included in GPA calculations. Letter grades are used rather than pass/fail marks. In all cases, students must participate fully in all course activities and meet all stated course requirements. Auditing of any course abroad is not permitted. The process of grade posting varies depending on the program type:

UAB Exchanges
Students earn direct UAB course credit. Courses taken on student exchanges will begin with IN ("International" indicating that the course took place at an international UAB exchange location) and a two-letter subject code such as ME (Mechanical Engineering), GN (German), SP (Spanish), etc. to indicate the subject that was studied. Additionally, each of the courses are numbered. All courses are variable in the number of credit hours students can receive based upon their enrollment at the host university. INxx courses are repeatable. INxx courses include:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INAB</td>
<td>Study Abroad Arabic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INAH</td>
<td>Study Abroad Art History</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INAN</td>
<td>Study Abroad Anthropology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INAR</td>
<td>Study Abroad Art Studio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INAT</td>
<td>Study Abroad Astronomy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INBE</td>
<td>Study Abroad Biomedical Engineering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INBU</td>
<td>Study Abroad Business</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INBY</td>
<td>Study Abroad Biology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INCH</td>
<td>Study Abroad Chinese</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INCM</td>
<td>Study Abroad Communication Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INCS</td>
<td>Study Abroad Computer &amp; Information Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INCY</td>
<td>Study Abroad Chemistry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDC</td>
<td>Study Abroad Digital Community</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INEC</td>
<td>Study Abroad Economics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INED</td>
<td>Study Abroad Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INEE</td>
<td>Study Abroad Electrical Engineering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INEH</td>
<td>Study Abroad English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INES</td>
<td>Study Abroad Earth Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INEV</td>
<td>Study Abroad Environmental Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFN</td>
<td>Study Abroad Finance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFR</td>
<td>Study Abroad French</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INGN</td>
<td>Study Abroad German</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INHY</td>
<td>Study Abroad History</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INIS</td>
<td>Study Abroad International Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INIT</td>
<td>Study Abroad Italian</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INJP</td>
<td>Study Abroad Japanese</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INJS</td>
<td>Study Abroad Justice Sciences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INMA</td>
<td>Study Abroad Mathematics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INME</td>
<td>Study Abroad Mechanical Engineering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INMG</td>
<td>Study Abroad Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INMK</td>
<td>Study Abroad Marketing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INMU</td>
<td>Study Abroad Music</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INPC</td>
<td>Study Abroad Physics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INPE</td>
<td>Study Abroad Physical Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INPH</td>
<td>Study Abroad Philosophy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INPS</td>
<td>Study Abroad Political Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INPY</td>
<td>Study Abroad Psychology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INSC</td>
<td>Study Abroad Sociology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INSP</td>
<td>Study Abroad Spanish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTH</td>
<td>Study Abroad Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTL</td>
<td>Study Abroad Special Topics</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For all other programs, visit UAB Education Abroad's website for details.

Residency
Courses taken on UAB Exchanges, USAC programs, ISA programs, CISAbroad programs, U.S. - UK Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes, U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Program, Clinton Scholarship at the American University in Dubai, UAB Faculty-Led Programs, and UAB Internship/Practicum Courses Abroad will satisfy the UAB residency requirement. Students must contact UABEA to ensure their Graduation Planning System records are noted accordingly.
Changes of Grades

Requests for grade changes to UAB Engineering must be accompanied by official documentation sent directly from the host university.

International Student and Scholar Services

ISSS provides immigration compliance expertise and cultural events for international students on F-1 and J-1 visas. Specifically, we issue and extend federal immigration documents (Forms I-20 and DS-2019), help students apply for OPT and OPT work authorization, issue letters necessary to obtain Social Security cards and driver licenses, offer assistance filing taxes, and hold annual events such as Coffee Hour, International Barbecue, International Thanksgiving, and global holiday celebrations. Our vision is to provide cutting-edge immigration advising and programming to UAB and its international community, preserving the integrity of our programs while advocating for the unique needs of international students and scholars, leading to enriched educational and research opportunities, broadened cultural perspectives, and ease of adjustment to life in the US. ISSS shares space with INTO UAB on the second floor of Mervyn H. Sterne Library, located on the corner of 9th Avenue and 13th Street South. Drop by the Welcome Desk any time between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or book an appointment online at https://www.uab.edu/global/students/international-students/book-an-appointment.

For additional information, visit https://www.uab.edu/global/students/international-students/current-students.

ONE Card

The UAB ONE Card serves as the official student ID and offers access to a variety of services and resources on and around campus. Students use their ONE Card to enter residence halls and the Campus Recreation Center, attend UAB athletic and cultural events and check out materials from UAB libraries. With their ONE Card, students can enjoy discounts on tickets to a wide variety of on and off-campus events through the UAB Ticket Office. The ONE Card also functions as a debit card, allowing students a convenient and secure way to pay for goods and services at a variety of on-campus and local area merchant locations.

General information about the UAB ONE Card, including a list of carding locations, is available at www.uab.edu/onecard.

Questions about ONE Card services can be directed to onestop@uab.edu or (205) 934-4300.

Note: A photo ID is required to have your initial ONE Card made.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is located in the central business district of Birmingham offering multiple transportation options. On-campus and nearby housing make walking, bicycling, and on-campus transit convenient. Public transit, private transportation providers, and personal automobiles make longer trips accessible. Regional and national transportation options help expand connections to much of the world and planned innovative transportation projects are increasingly making it easier to get to, from, and around UAB regardless of your travel preferences.

On-Campus Transportation

Walking and Bicycling

With a relatively flat, compact campus, many popular destinations are convenient to UAB and most trips to and from classes will be made on foot. In the United States, the average pedestrian commute is one-mile with the average bicycle commute approximately three miles. The UAB campus footprint is about 1.5 miles wide. UAB Housing and Residence Life and Off-Campus Student Services are able to assist students in identifying nearby on- and off-campus housing options. Apps such as Rave Guardian and other services below help make walking and bicycling easier and safer. Students and employees wishing to register their bicycle for free will also receive a bicycle helmet and u-lock.

Blazer Express

Blazer Express provides transit service throughout the University campus. With a valid UAB One Card, students, employees, and authorized visitors can enjoy fare-free bus transportation along designated routes. Buses are ADA-accessible and can seat up to 35 riders. Bus service is provided Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Routes, stops, and real-time location of buses may be found online at through the DoubleMap smartphone app.

Blaze Ride and Safety Escort

For trips within the UAB footprint, Blaze Ride offers daytime transportation for students and employees with limited mobility, while Safety Escort provides late-night service to all students and employees. Safety Escort service is available seven days a week from 9:00 p.m.-5:30 a.m. by calling (205) 934-8772. Access to Blaze Ride is limited to students gaining eligibility through Disability Support Services and employees registering with the AWARE Program. Blaze Ride is available from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. by calling (205) 975-7432. Riders for both services may also be requested through the TapRide smartphone app.

Public Transit and Other Providers

Public transit is provided by MAX Transit, Birmingham On-Demand, and CommuteSmart. Other transportation providers include micromobility, ride-hailing and carpool ride-matching apps, which support innovative transportation innovations such as bus-rapid transit are planned to launch.

MAX Transit

Local public bus service is provided by MAX Transit. Discounted passes are available from the UAB One Stop with over thirty bus routes serving the metro Birmingham area. Real-time bus tracking is available from myStop Mobile app with trip planning available from most major mapping apps.

Birmingham On-Demand

The City of Birmingham has partnered with Via to provide the shuttle van service, Birmingham On-Demand. These trips are similar to other ride-hailing apps except using branded vans, paid drivers and with lower-priced trip costs and a more limited service area.

CommuteSmart

CommuteSmart, a program of the Regional Planning Commission, provides a subsidy for vanpooling and incentives to anyone choosing to walk, bicycle, take the bus, carpool, or work from home. Carpool participants can receive online ride-matching and all participants must log their commutes to receive incentives. Visit CommuteSmart for more information about vanpooling, ride-matching, and incentives.
Micromobility (Bicycle & Scooter Sharing)

Shared electric bicycles and scooters, known as micromobility, are provided by multiple vendors for on- and off-campus trips. These vehicles are best for short trips and may be rented through smartphone apps. Users should familiarize themselves on where they are permitted and how to safely operate them around UAB. Information on using the shared micromobility vehicles is available through the UAB Transportation website, which includes a tool to report their unsafe usage or improper parking.

Regional/National Transportation

The City of Birmingham is served by the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) with direct and indirect flights connecting to most domestic and international destinations. Ride-hailing and taxi apps are available for transportation to and from BHM. Groome Transportation offers airport shuttle service picking up at Blazer Hall and dropping off at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Other regional transportation providers include Amtrak train service and bus service from Greyhound and Megabus, all accessible from the Birmingham Intermodal Facility.

Other Providers and Upcoming Innovative Options

Innovative transportation options are consistently launching in the city. Ride-hailing and similar taxi apps operate in and around the Birmingham area. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is due to launch in 2022 under the name, Birmingham Xpress. BRT offers the comfort of light rail train service at a lower cost. Partially running on dedicated lanes with signal priority, BRT is expected to make traveling across the city faster and more efficient.

Parking

For those choosing to bring a vehicle, a permit is required to access student parking. Permits are purchased through the UAB Transportation website with a limited number available each semester. Incoming students may purchase permits as soon as they have been accepted by UAB and created a Blazer ID. Students unable to purchase a permit will need to develop their own transportation arrangements from the options above or other parking providers around town. Once purchased, permits are mailed to the address provided by the student. As such, it is important to regularly update your contact information in the parking system. Parking spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis to vehicles with the proper permit displayed. Designated spaces are offered for motorcycles, carpooling, and ADA-accessible parking. Students requiring temporary or permanent ADA accessible parking must provide state-issued documentation in the student’s name. A full list of parking policies and regulations are available on our website. Please note that metered street spaces are operated and enforced by the City of Birmingham.

Motorist Assistance (MARS)

Motorist Assistance Roadside Service (MARS) is a free service available to all visitors, students, and employees parking on campus who need help with a dead battery, air in a flat tire, keys locked in a car, or empty gas tank. The service is available weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., except holidays. For help, call 205-975-6277.

UAB Transportation Contact

608 8th Street South • Telephone (205) 934-3513 • E-mail: transportation@uab.edu • Website: http://www.uab.edu/transportation/

Student Health & Wellness Center

The Student Health & Wellness Center (SHWC) provides a comprehensive and integrated program of services to meet the medical, counseling and wellness needs of UAB’s undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Creating a healthy campus and promoting student wellness are essential to supporting student learning and success. The SHWC is staffed by a group of committed medical providers, counselors, nurses, clinicians, wellness promotion professionals, and support staff who embrace the opportunity to meet your wellness, medical and counseling needs. Those services and resources are available in the state-of-the-art Student Health & Wellness Center located at 1714 9th Ave. South (LRC building), Birmingham, AL 35294-1270. Blazer Express has convenient drop-off and pick-up locations near the Student Health & Wellness Center. Patient and client parking is available at the South entrance to the building.

Health Services

Student Health Services offers comprehensive primary care services including acute and chronic care, women’s health, a Registered Dietitian, mental health evaluation and treatment with an on-site psychiatrist and mental health Nurse Practitioner, immunizations, allergy immunotherapy, and treatment of minor emergencies. SHS provides COVID-19 vaccines, both Moderna and Pfizer and COVID-19 testing, symptomatic and asymptomatic, at no cost to the student. A dedicated Sports Medicine and Sexual Health Clinic and Eye Care Clinic are also available, as well as Certified Athletic Trainers located in the UAB Recreational Center. Medical Clearance/Immunizations and Insurance Department are also available to assist students. On-site lab and x-ray services are available. After-hour’s consultation is provided through provider on call coverage, 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year. To ensure convenience and access, Student Health Services operates under an open-access appointment scheduling system. Go to www.uab.edu/students/health for more information or to schedule an appointment through our patient portal. You may also call (205) 934-3580 to schedule an appointment or for general information. All currently enrolled UAB undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for services at a low to no out-of-pocket cost under the student benefit. Many carriers have agreed to waive copays for these services. A more complete listing of low to no out-of-pocket cost services and those services available, but at additional cost, can be accessed at http://www.uab.edu/students/health/services.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services assists in developing students’ potential in physical, academic, spiritual, psychosocial, emotional, and vocational areas. Common presenting concerns include depression, anxiety, grief, relationship concerns, stress management, eating disorders, alcohol or substance abuse concerns, identity, conflict, gender transition and trauma. In addition to individual and couples counseling, services include wellness programs, group opportunities, and educational resources. Confidential counseling services are available to all currently enrolled UAB students at no cost. For more information or to schedule an appointment call (205) 934-5816 or visit http://www.uab.edu/students/counseling/.

Wellness Promotion

Wellness Promotion provides students with programs, education, and resources to promote personal wellness in the areas of interpersonal violence prevention; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse prevention; and self-care. Wellness Promotion offers honest conversations, provides
accurate information, and develops skill-building activities to help students navigate decisions outside the classroom that can impact their personal and academic success.

Wellness Promotion also supports the Promoters of Wellness peer health education program. Promoters of Wellness (POW) are undergraduate and graduate students who are nationally Certified Peer Educators and work as student health educators. POW peer health educators seek to positively influence the campus by providing workshops, outreach and events. They also serve as a catalyst for healthy norms within the student campus culture. Additional information about the POW program can be found at www.uab.edu/students/wellness.

You can get involved with Wellness Promotion and become eligible to apply for a POW position by taking CHHS 426: Wellness Promotion Peer Education. This 3-credit hour course provides the national Certified Peer Educator credential, focuses on participant self-care, and teaches in-depth information on topics that are relevant to college students.

**Student Insurance Coverage (Mandatory and Optional)**

All full-time students enrolled in a degree seeking program have a mandatory requirement to have major medical health insurance to ensure coverage for hospital, emergency room, specialty physician care and diagnostic testing. For more information on the mandatory insurance coverage requirement go to the SHWC website https://www.uab.edu/students/health/insurance-waivers.

Information regarding the Student Health Insurance Plan for full-time registered undergraduate students taking a minimum of 9 credit hours and full-time graduate students taking a minimum of 6 credit hours can be found at https://www.uab.edu/students/health/insurance-waivers/insurance-requirement-overview. All students enrolled in a clinical program that has a mandatory health insurance requirement will continue to have the same requirement regardless of the number of credit hour of enrollment.

To learn more about services available through the Student Health and Wellness Center, please visit any of the following website:

- Student Health Services: http://www.uab.edu/students/health/
- Student Counseling Services: http://www.uab.edu/students/counseling/
- Wellness Promotion: http://www.uab.edu/students/wellness/

You can also contact us at one of the following phone numbers for assistance.

Call Health Services at (205) 934-3580 or schedule/cancel an appointment through the patient portal.

Call Counseling Services at (205) 934-5816 for questions or to schedule an appointment. Appointments can be canceled through the patient portal. Appointments cannot be scheduled through the patient portal.

Call Wellness Promotion at (205) 996-0834 for appointments. Office hours vary for this department.

**Office Hours**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday - Friday</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**UAB Testing Services**

UAB Testing Services provides testing services for UAB students, prospective students, and the community at large. Assessments include, but are not limited to, MAT, LSAT, PRAXIS, DSST, and CLEP. For more information, visit www.uab.edu/testing.

**UAB Ticket Office**

The UAB Ticket Office is an excellent source for discounted tickets to local and regional attractions along with on-campus events. Discounted tickets are available for AMC and Regal Cinemas, and to most major theme parks across the southeast, Georgia Aquarium, Birmingham Zoo and McWane Science Center. Additional perks can be found at TicketsAtWork.com with the discount code UABTICKETS for cooperating attractions. First-class postage stamps are also available for purchase.

For additional information, contact the UAB Ticket Office, located inside One Stop Student Services in Room 103 of the Hill Student Center, 1400 University Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35294-1150 Telephone: (205) 934-8001.

Visit our website: https://www.uab.edu/one-stop/student-resources/ticket-office.

**Veterans Services**

UAB Veterans Services (UAB-VS) assists veterans, reservists, guardsmen, and dependents of disabled or deceased veterans to access their educational benefits. UAB-VS serves as a liaison between the student and the local and federal agencies, including the State Department of Education, Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The office staff assist students in applying for educational benefits, securing tutorial assistance and obtaining veterans work-study positions. For further information, contact UAB Veterans Services, Hill Student Center, Room 313, 1400 University Blvd., Telephone (205) 996-0404 or read about our programs and services at www.uab.edu/students/veterans.

**VA Complaint Policy**

Any VA Complaint against the school should be routed through the VA GI Bill Feedback System by going to the following link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Feedback.asp. The VA will then follow up through the appropriate channels to investigate the complaint and resolve it satisfactorily.

**Choice Act**

The University of Alabama at Birmingham in the State of Alabama complies with section 702 - Tuition under Veteran's Access Choice and Accountability Act of 2015, providing for resident (in-state) tuition and fees for the following:

- A Veteran using educational assistance under either chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty Program) or chapter 33 (Post 9/11 G.I. Bill), of title 38, United States Code, who lives in the State of Alabama while attending a school located in the State of Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the
school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service;

• Anyone using transferred Post – 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in the State of Alabama while attending a school located in the State of Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active duty service;

• A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311 (b) (9) who lives in the State of Alabama while attending a school located in the State of Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service.

• Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or death described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States code.

Veteran Student Resident Tuition Rates

The University of Alabama at Birmingham complies with veteran student regulations regarding tuition rates. The following individuals shall be charged a rate of tuition not to exceed the in-state rate for tuition and fees purposes:

• A Veteran using educational assistance under either chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty Program) or chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill), of title 38, United States Code, who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

• Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor’s discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

• Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or release described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.

• Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence).

• Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Alabama while attending a school located in Alabama (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.

• Anyone using educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment (VR&E), also be charged the resident rate. Effective for courses and terms beginning after March 1, 2019, a public institution of higher learning must charge the resident rate to chapter 31 participants, as well as the other categories of individuals described above. When an institution charges these individuals more than the rate for resident students, VA is required to disapprove programs of education sponsored by VA.

• The policy shall be read to be amended as necessary to be compliant with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) as amended.

V.A. Education Benefits

Effective 8/1/2019 - (PL 115-407 Sec. 103)

Students utilizing VA education benefits shall not be charged a penalty, including assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries or other institutional facilities, or be required to borrow additional funds because of the individual’s inability to meet their financial obligations due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.