

ON TRACK

WHAT IS ON TRACK?

On Track is a co-curricular experience designed to enhance student development beyond the classroom setting, encourage students to network socially among peers, and to include students in traditional and signature university events. Each semester, a map of events and activities will be available to students categorized by interests.

COMPLETION

A student completes a track by fulfilling three (3) options offered as part of the track in any given semester. Most tracks will have over six (6) opportunities for fulfillment each semester. A student will have the most well-rounded experience by choosing different tracks to participate in each semester; however, criteria for each track does change every semester, so a student can get licensed in the same track more than once.

GET LICENSED

In order for a student to participate in the On Track co-curricular experience, they will need to get licensed. Before getting licensed, it is important for the student to view the Road Map and decide which track(s) they want to complete during that semester. A student must get licensed each semester to participate. There are no limits, therefore a student may get licensed for as many tracks as they wish each semester. Get Licensed on GOLD Cabinet's page on theLink under Forms.



Active Mind and Body is designed to assist students in

understanding wellness concepts. This track will offer students opportunities to learn about issues that contribute to overall wellness and experience activities that will help them develop habits to maintain a healthy mind and body.



Elevated Citizen is designed to enhance the collegiate

experience through philanthropic giving and civic engagement. Students who choose to participate in this co-curriculum will assist a number of charitable and service related causes and learn the importance of contributing in meaningful ways to their local communities upon graduation.



Aspiring Leader is developed specifically for freshmen and

sophomores. The purpose of Aspiring Leader is to help develop foundational leadership and social skills for the ensuing years of collegiate life.



Global Focus is designed to expose students to a variety of

situations and topics that they may encounter or be affected by as a member of a global population. Global Focus will offer programs that allow students to grow into more intelligent and aware individuals.



Unite is designed with the goal of connecting

students at Arkansas Tech with student involvement opportunities. Unite will offer students the opportunity to experience the organizations that Tech has to offer, while increasing involvement on campus and helping students become more diverse leaders.



Advance to Career is designed to navigate students further down the road

to success. This track will hone students' skills in preparation for the "real world" through career-focused programming. The goal of Advance to Career is to utilize the student involvement experience to articulate the abilities and skills that students have gained from participation on campus and teach them to express those qualifications to potential employers.



Leader Identified is designed for juniors and seniors to cultivate

leadership skills and reflect on experiences to prepare for future opportunities.



Graduate Scholar is designed to engage graduate students on

campus and to encourage scholarly development as well as provide opportunities for professional development.
(For Graduate Students Only)

ARE YOU ON TRACK TO... D.C.? SEATTLE, WA?

Undergraduate Student

Students, who choose to complete all seven (7) tracks, become eligible to apply for an all-expenses paid trip following the completion of the last track. For specific application details, please visit www.atu.edu/ontrack. Trips will be taken in May following graduation.

Destinations will vary from year to year in order to give students different opportunities to practically apply what they have learned while participating in On Track programs. Students, who are selected to travel, will be actively exposed to leadership practices, cultural heritage, community service, professional networking, and other college and university campuses that are part of the destinations they visit.

In May 2019, Arkansas Tech students who have gone above and beyond to participate in the co-curricular experience will be On Track to Washington, D.C. and Seattle, WA.

These cities are rich in opportunities and have a number of activities for students to immerse themselves in during their stay! Some popular attractions include:

Washington, D.C.

- Meeting with US Senator or US Representative
- Tour Capital Building
- Service Activity
- Tour national monuments
- Smithsonian Natural History Museum
- National Museum of American History
- Performance at Kennedy Center
- Newseum
- Arlington National Cemetery (Changing of the Guard)
- George Washington University
- Bus tour

Seattle, WA

- Meeting with professionals in various fields
- Pike Place Fish Market
- Space Needle
- Seattle Mariners game
- Service activity
- Seattle Opera
- Museum of Flight
- Discovery Park beach
- Seattle Great Wheel
- Olympic Sculpture Park
- University of Washington

Graduate Students

Graduate students, who complete the Graduate Scholar track and three other tracks of their choosing, become eligible to apply for payment of their graduate hood prior to their graduation. Tracks can be completed at any time while enrolled as a graduate student. To obtain a graduate hood, please complete the application by sixty (60) days prior to graduation (spring, summer, or fall). The form can be found on GOLD Cabinet's page on theLink.

For specific application details, please visit www.atu.edu/ontrack.

To Complete a Track:

- ✔ Step 1: Student must be licensed.
- ✔ Step 2: Student must attend three (3) events on the track selected and answer reflection question on theLink for each event.
- ✔ Step 3: Student must complete the Post Test after attending all three events.

**Getting licensed, completing reflection questions, and submitting the post test, should take no more than 15 minutes.*

To Get Licensed:

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- ✔ Step 1: Go to **thelink.atu.edu** and click Sign In.
- ✔ Step 2: Sign in with your OneTech username and password.
- ✔ Step 3: Click on the **Get Licensed** link in the yellow alert box on the homepage and complete the form.

*Once you have been granted a license for the track(s) you requested, you will notice a **Path** section on your home page in the lower right part of your screen when you sign in to your account on theLink.*

How to Check Your Progress:

- ✔ Step 1: Go to **thelink.atu.edu** and click Sign In.
- ✔ Step 2: Sign in with your OneTech username and password.
- ✔ Step 3: Look at the **Path** section in the lower right part of the home page. Click on the path you would like to see.

The **Paths** page is a progress log that identifies which items have been completed and credited to a student's account. If a student is participating in multiple tracks, the **Paths** page will display a drop down box, which the student may use to view his/her progress for any track for which they are licensed. The map will also display items that have not been completed and the fulfillment details of each item.

- ✔ Step 4: You are now on your **Paths** page. Select the track you wish to see from the drop down menu. The progress for this track will be displayed.
- ✔ Step 5: Click the gray bar with the name of your track to expand the information. The options to fulfill the track requirements are listed.
 - *To learn about events that fulfill that item, click on it and view the **Fulfillment Options**.*
- ✔ Step 6: Answer any reflection questions for the event(s) you have attended. Events requiring reflection questions will have an orange exclamation point. Click on the icon. Click on **Additional Information Required**. Answer the question and click **Submit**. The item will now have a green check mark.
- ✔ Step 7: After attending three (3) events and answering the reflection questions, complete the Post Test. Click on the item that is marked **Required**. A link to a form will be displayed. Complete the form. This information will be processed by Campus Life, and credit will be issued within three (3) business days.
- ✔ Step 8: Click **Print View** to see your On Track Progress Report (path report) for the selected track. You can print or save as a pdf.

Still have a question? Contact Campus Life at 479.968.0276 or campuslife@atu.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How do I enroll?

We call it **Get Licensed**. To Get Licensed, you will need to go to thelink.atu.edu and **Sign In** with your OneTech username and password. Click on the **Get Licensed** link in the yellow alert box on the home page, and complete the form.

2. What does it mean if more than one event is listed under one main event (for example, football games)?

If there are multiple events listed under one main event, this means attending only one event will count towards your credit.

You may attend all events, if you like, however, you will only receive one credit towards your three events to complete your track.

3. How do I answer reflection questions?

Scroll down on your homepage on theLink. You will see a section that says **Paths**. Click on the path you are trying to complete. The progress for this track will be displayed. Click the gray bar with the name of your track to expand the information. The options to fulfill the track requirements are listed. Answer any reflection questions for the event(s) you have attended. Events requiring reflection questions will have an orange exclamation point. Click on the icon. Click on **Additional Information Required**. Answer the question and click **Submit**. The item will now have a green check mark.

4. How do I get to the post test?

To answer the post test, you will locate the item that says **Track Name-Post Test- Current Semester** on your **Paths** page. Click on the item that is marked **Required**. A link to a form will be displayed. Complete the form. This information will be processed by Campus Life, and credit will be issued within three (3) business days.

5. How do I see my progress?

Go to thelink.atu.edu and click **Sign In**. Sign in with your OneTech username and password. Look at the **Paths** section in the lower right of the home page. Click on the path you are trying to complete. You are now on your **Paths** page. Select the track you wish to see from the drop down menu. The progress for this track will be displayed. Click **Print View** to see your Progress Report for the selected track.

6. Can I print off my On Track Progress Report (path report)?

You can print or email your On Track Progress Report (path report) by clicking **Print View** on your **Paths** page.

7. I attended several events at the beginning of the semester before I knew about On Track. Can those events count towards track completion?

Yes! theLink allows for event attendance to be retroactively added to a student's account. You have to get licensed and theLink will sync your account with past event attendance. This is only available on a semester basis. For example, a student attends events in the fall semester, and tries to get licensed for the previous fall semester in the spring semester. This does not work.

8. I attended an event, and it isn't showing up on my Paths page on theLink. How do I get credit?

Contact Campus Life. Sometimes life happens, and the staff member hasn't updated their attendance yet or staff swiping at the event made a mistake. The Campus Life staff can adjust attendance as needed.

9. I attended an event, and I wasn't able to swipe my ID. How do I get credit?

Contact Campus Life. The Campus Life staff can adjust attendance as needed. If you attended an event and you aren't able to swipe your ID at the event, take a picture of yourself at the event and send it to us. It's a quick and easy way to verify your attendance.

10. Undergraduate Students: How do I apply for the trip?

Applications for the On Track Trip can be found on **GOLD Cabinet's** page on theLink, under **Forms**.

11. Graduate Students: How do I get a graduate hood?

To obtain a graduate hood, please complete the Graduate Student On Track Graduate Hood application by sixty (60) days prior to graduation (spring, summer, or fall). The form can be found on GOLD Cabinet's page on theLink.

12. If I am having issues, who can I contact?

You can come visit us in **Doc Bryan Suite 233**, call us at **479.968.0276**, or email all questions, comments, concerns to campuslife@atu.edu.