

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Vision Statement

Arkansas Tech University will empower its students to pursue their dreams and unlock their full potential by providing a high-quality, challenging education, creating a path to personal and professional success across the Arkansas River Valley, the state, the nation and beyond.

Mission Statement

Arkansas Tech University is dedicated to student success and access by providing an education that will significantly impact social mobility, enabling students to reach their greatest potential. The University has an unwavering commitment to providing life-changing educational opportunities at all levels of higher education through partnerships, research and service initiatives that contribute to the economic, cultural and social well-being of the students and the region it serves. The University will cultivate a vibrant and welcoming community, encouraging students, faculty and staff to achieve their goals in a supportive environment.

Alma Mater

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
May we lift our eyes to thee,
May thy glory and thy honor
Be fore'er our destiny.
May the colors Green and Gold
Our loyal hearts fore'er enthrall,
And thy mem'ry live forever
In the hearts of us all.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Cherished beacon of our youth,
Radiant emblem, shining symbol,
Guide that leads us on to truth.
Down life's pathway beaming for us,
Lead us ever by thy light;
Should we falter, then restore us
By thy spirit's glorious might.

Fight Song

Fight on, Arkansas Tech,
Fight on to victory!
Breakthrough to run up the score,
Conference Champions once more!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
We'll back you all the way,
Cheering for triumph always!
Go! Fight! Green and Gold,
Wonder Boys, You're Number One!!!

Welcome from the President



Dear Student,

Thank you for choosing Arkansas Tech University. Our administration, faculty and staff are dedicated to providing you with an excellent experience in the classroom and beyond. We are glad that you are here for our journey through the 2026-27 academic year.

This handbook is a resource that will help you succeed at ATU. In it, you will find guidelines and information that help us maintain an environment that is conducive to learning and success.

You are here first and foremost to receive an education that will improve your life moving forward, but I also encourage you to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for fun and personal development that exist on campus and in our community. This should be one of the best times of your life. Don't miss out. Be engaged and participate in campus life. You will be glad you did.

Welcome to ATU. Let's have a great year in 2026-27!

Sincerely,

Dr. Russell Jones, President

Welcome from the SGA President



Dear Fellow Students,

My name is Courtney Mayberry, and I am incredibly honored to serve as your Student Government Association President for the 2026-27 academic year. I encourage you to use this handbook as a guide to success during your time here at ATU.

Arkansas Tech University is home to countless opportunities and resources that enrich the student experience. I encourage you to take advantage of what is available and to get involved in ways that matter to you. These experiences can lead to meaningful connections and help you grow both personally and academically.

The experiences you have during your time at ATU will play a major role in your growth. While challenges are a natural part of that journey, you do not have to face them alone. I encourage you to seek out support whenever you need it. You are surrounded by a community of faculty, staff, and students who truly care about your success and want to see you thrive.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about ATU, please reach out to the Student Government Association! We are here to represent you, and that means listening to your voice. You can contact us through email at sga@atu.edu or direct message us on Instagram @atusga. We meet every Wednesday at noon in the Travis Adams Leadership Room in the Ferguson Student Union, and all students are welcome to attend.

I hope you have an amazing year and make the most of your time here at Arkansas Tech University!

Fight on,

Courtney Mayberry, President of Student Government Association

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5 Essentials for Success at Arkansas Tech University (ATU)

1. Check Your Accounts:

Your ATU email and [OneTech](#) portal are the official communication channels in which ATU faculty and staff will send information to you. You are responsible for reading all messages and announcements. Please check your ATU email and the OneTech portal at least one time each day to ensure you are up-to-date and do not miss important information.

2. Use Support Services & Get Involved:

Your success depends on both taking advantage of the support services available to you and getting involved in the ATU community. Academic support comes from a variety of areas including [academic advising, tutoring](#), and the [Ross Pendergraff Library and Technology Center](#). Do not delay in joining a [Registered Student Organization](#), attending campus events, and enhancing your college experience with [campus involvement](#).

3. Get Help Early:

Everyone at ATU wants to see you succeed. Do not be afraid to ask for help. If you are not feeling well, physically or mentally, contact the [Health and Wellness Center](#). High quality, free, and confidential support is available. The same is true for other types of needs. If you have a question, ask an ATU employee. We will get you connected to the correct support staff member. Do not wait until a situation escalates.

4. Follow the Student Code of Conduct:

As a student at ATU, it is your responsibility to become familiar with all rules, regulations, and policies that shape the structure of our campus community. Your behavior matters anywhere it impacts the ATU community.

5. Stay Alert:

Keep your [ATU Alert](#) information updated. Emergency alerts are sent by text, email, phone, and more. Ensuring ATU Alert always has your accurate contact information helps keep you safe and informed.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency (Police / Fire / Medical)

Call 911 for any immediate emergency

Department of Public Safety (DPS) — Available 24/7

479-968-0222

dps@atu.edu

716 North El Paso Avenue

ATU's primary on-campus emergency and law enforcement contact

Health & Wellness Center (Medical + Counseling)

479-968-0329

hwc@atu.edu

Doc Bryan Student Services Center, Suite 119

Medical care, counseling, walk-ins, and crisis support

Title IX Coordinator (Sexual Misconduct Reporting & Support)

Stacy Galbo

479-964-0583 ext. 4714

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1605 Coliseum Dr. Russellville, AR

Doc Bryan Student Services Center, Suite 233

Handles reports of sex-based discrimination and harassment, including sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking, and sexual harassment

CARE Team (Behavior Intervention / Threat Assessment)

Dr. Tamika Harrel — CARE Team Chair

479-317-7168 ext. 4700

tharrel@atu.edu

Doc Bryan Student Services Center, Suite 233

[Submit a Report Online](#)

Provides support and intervention for concerning or threatening behavior

How to Use This Handbook

Purpose

This handbook provides general information and links to University policies, procedures, and resources. The official and most current versions of policies, procedures, contact information, and requirements are maintained on the linked University websites.

In the event of a discrepancy between this handbook and the information found online, the information on the linked website supersedes the handbook summary.

Hyperlinks throughout are indicated by **bold, underlined text, in a deep gold color.**

When to Use This Handbook

- Anytime you have a question
- To find resources and key information about ATU
- To understand academic expectations or requirements
- To understand your rights, responsibilities, or privacy protections
- When you need help finding support resources, either academic or personal
- When you need help reporting a concerning behavior
- To understand housing policies, conduct processes, or other important policies and procedures
- For information on how to connect with campus life opportunities and get involved

Staying Up-to-Date

- ATU may update policies during the academic year.
- The online version of the handbook is the most current and students are responsible for knowing and following the latest University rules.
- This handbook is not a contract. ATU may modify policies at any time.

How to Get Help?

Not sure where to go in the handbook? Start here:

- Struggling in class → *Academics section*
- Physical or mental health support → *Student Support & Well-Being section*
- Change of Name, FERPA → *Enrollment & Records section*
- Financial aid, billing, holds, refunds → *Financial Responsibilities section*
- Behavioral expectations, reporting violations → *Conduct & Community Standards section*
- Safety information, services offered → *Safety & Campus Services section*

Important Policies to Know

- **Student Code of Conduct**
- **Academic Integrity Policy**
- **Equal Opportunity, Harassment (Sexual Misconduct), and Nondiscrimination Policy and Procedures**
- **Alcohol and Drug Policy**
- **Residence Life & Housing Policies**
- **Electronics Communications Privacy Policy**
- **Tobacco-Free Campus Policy**
- **Parking and Traffic Regulations**
- **Hazing Prevention Policy**

Where to Get Help

Academic Support & Career Development

Sturgis Academic Advising Center & Norman Career Services
Rothwell 107
adviseme@atu.edu / career.services@atu.edu
479-964-0843

Tech Learning Center (Tutoring)
Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center 124
tlc@atu.edu

Health & Well-Being

Health & Wellness Center
Doc Bryan 119
hwc@atu.edu
479-968-0329

CARE Team
Doc Bryan 233
Report online
479-317-7168

Accessibility & Support

Office of Disability Services
Doc Bryan 141–151
disabilities@atu.edu
479-968-0302

Veteran Services — Major General William E. Harmon Office
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479-968-0445

Department of International Students & Scholars
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479-964-0832

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Brown Hall 307
registrar@atu.edu
479-968-0272

Financial Aid Office
Brown Hall 206
fa.help@atu.edu
479-968-0399

Office of Student Accounts
Brown Hall 241
business.office@atu.edu
479-968-0271

Campus Life & Living

Department of Residence Life
Doc Bryan 153
residence.life@atu.edu
479-968-0376

Department of Campus Life
Ferguson Student Union 224
campuslife@atu.edu
479-880-4455

Technology

Office of Information Systems (OIS) – Campus Support
Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center 150
campussupport@atu.edu
479-968-0646 (call)
479-348-2436 (text.)

Departments & Services

This section connects you to the campus offices, services, and policies that support your academic success, well-being, and student experience. Use it to find resources, understand expectations, and know where to go for help.

Academics

Find resources to support your learning and academic success, including advising, tutoring, academic policies, and classroom expectations. If you're struggling in a course or have questions about your academic progress, start here. More details about academic programs are available on the [ATU Academics website](#).

View the Academic Calendar

Find important dates for the semester, including registration deadlines, add/drop dates, withdrawal deadlines, final exam dates, and official break information.

Don't Miss These Key Dates

Check the Academic Calendar for:

- Add/Drop deadlines
- Withdrawal dates
- Final exam schedules
- Semester start/end dates

Academic Policies and Procedures

The [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) catalogs address regulations and procedures regarding academic policies at ATU. Each student should read and understand these sections of the catalog.

Class Absences

Regular class attendance is an essential component of student success and academic engagement. Attendance expectations, including standards for participation, punctuality, and consequences related to absences or non-attendance, are established by the instructor and communicated in the course syllabus.

The University's official Class Attendance Policy, including provisions for online courses, instructor authority regarding attendance, course withdrawal due to excessive absences, and absences related to officially sanctioned University activities, is published in the ATU [Academic Catalog](#).

Students are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the attendance policies as outlined in the Catalog and individual course syllabi.

Undergraduate Student Academic Grievance Procedure

Academic grievances for undergraduate students, including appeals of academic course grades, appeals of academic program dismissal, and other academic grievances, are governed by University academic policy.

Detailed procedures, timelines, standards, and appeal steps are published in the ATU Academic [Undergraduate Catalog](#). Graduate students should refer to the [Graduate Catalog](#) for applicable academic grievance procedures.

Academic Integrity Policy

ATU expects the highest standards of academic integrity and ethical conduct from all students. Academic work must be your own and completed in accordance with University expectations.

Students are responsible for maintaining a respectful and productive learning environment in all classes, whether face-to-face, hybrid, or online. Faculty establish course expectations in the syllabus, and students are expected to follow those guidelines.

Academic integrity applies across all academic settings, including classrooms, laboratories, field experiences, and University technology resources.

Complete details, policies, and procedures, available on the [Academic Integrity website](#).

Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center (RPL)

The Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center serves as the academic heart of ATU. Professional librarians and staff support learning, research, and discovery across the campus community. Library resources play a critical role in student success by supporting coursework both on campus and online.

Additional information, resources, and services are available on the [Ross Pendergraft Library & Technology Center website](#).

Tutoring Services (Tech Learning Center)

The Tech Learning Center (TLC) provides academic support services designed to help students succeed in their coursework and develop effective learning strategies. Through tutoring, academic coaching, workshops, and individual consultations, the TLC supports students in strengthening academic skills and achieving their educational goals.

Tutoring Services

Peer tutoring is available at no cost to students and offers support in a wide range of undergraduate courses. Tutors assist students with course content, problem-solving, and study strategies in a collaborative learning environment.

Academic Coaching

Academic coaching is available to students seeking individualized support for academic success. Coaches work with students on goal setting, time management, study skills, and strategies for navigating college-level expectations.

Additional information about tutoring services, academic coaching, availability, and scheduling is available on the [Tech Learning Center website](#).

Athletics

ATU competes in intercollegiate athletics as a member of the Great American Conference and NCAA Division II. Students interested in trying out for a varsity team should contact the head coach for the specific sport. Men's intercollegiate sports include football, baseball, basketball, golf, and cross country. Women's intercollegiate sports include basketball, tennis, volleyball, cross country, golf, track and field, and softball.

All students who practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics must meet eligibility requirements established by ATU, the Great American Conference, and the NCAA Division II. More information available on the [ATU Athletics website](#).

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Conduct & Community Standards

Learn about community expectations, student conduct policies, and what to do if you're involved in or affected by a conduct concern. This section helps you understand your rights, responsibilities, and available resolution processes.

Student Code of Conduct

The [Student Code of Conduct](#) outlines the behavioral expectations for ATU students, and the processes used to address alleged violations of University policies.

Students are responsible for knowing and complying with [Student Code of Conduct](#) as a condition of enrollment. The complete [Student Code of Conduct](#), including definitions, jurisdiction, processes, sanctions, and appeals, is maintained online and is available on the [Student Conduct website](#).

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

ATU maintains an Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Programs and Policy that establishes standards of conduct, disciplinary sanctions, and expectations related to the unlawful or unauthorized use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcohol and other drugs. The policy also outlines the University's prevention and education programs, health risk information, available counseling and treatment resources, legal sanctions under federal and state law, and amnesty provisions intended to encourage reporting and assistance in emergency situations.

This policy is required under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and applies to all students, employees, and student organizations.

The Annual Notification; including required federal notifications, health risks, legal sanctions, and available resources, is maintained online and available on the [Annual Notification website](#).

Student Complaints & Grievance Procedures

ATU is committed to providing fair, prompt, and respectful resolution of student concerns. Students have the right to voice complaints and seek resolution regarding University policies, procedures, services, or actions that affect their educational experience. This section outlines how to submit complaints and the procedures for resolving non-academic grievances.

Types of Complaints

- Academic Concerns (grades, coursework, program decisions):
Follow the Academic Grievance Procedure in the appropriate Academic Catalog based on your student classification:
 - [Undergraduate Academic Catalog](#) – Academic Grievance Procedure
 - [Graduate Academic Catalog](#) – Academic Dishonesty/Academic Misconduct
- Non-Academic Concerns (services, staff, policies, campus environment):
Follow the procedure below.

Students unsure which process applies should contact [Student Affairs](#) for guidance.

How to Submit a Complaint

Complaints should be submitted in writing to the appropriate office or department. When appropriate, concerns submitted to Student Affairs will be referred to the responsible area.

For assistance, contact the Associate Dean for Student Conduct. Contact information and additional staff support is available on the [Student Conduct staff webpage](#).

Non-Academic Grievance Process

Step 1: Informal Resolution

Students are encouraged to address concerns directly with the individual or office involved.

Step 2: Escalation

If unresolved, students may elevate concerns to the appropriate supervisor or administrative head.

Step 3: Formal Review

If necessary, students may submit a written complaint for formal review. A decision will be issued following review of the concern.

Step 4: Appeal

Students may appeal the outcome to the appropriate University authority. Decisions at this level are final.

External Review

Students who have completed all institutional grievance procedures may submit a complaint to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE).

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education Grievance Form; including details and submission information, is maintained online and available on the [ADHE Website](#).

Enrollment & Records

Provides assistance with registration, class schedules, transcripts, academic records, and FERPA-related questions, as well as support for official enrollment actions and documentation requests.

Change of Name and Address

Students are required to notify the University of any address changes immediately. Address changes can be made online from within the [OneTech portal](#), or by visiting the Registrar's Office with a valid photo ID.

A student who no longer wishes to use his or her assigned ATU post office box must close the box at the [ATU Post Office](#) and provide a forwarding address.

A student wishing to change his or her name must submit to the Registrar's Office a completed [Name Change](#) form.

Directory Information

FERPA permits the University to designate certain information as "directory information," which may be released without the student's prior written consent unless the student requests that such information be withheld. Directory information may include items such as a student's name, contact information, academic program, enrollment status, dates of attendance, participation in recognized activities, and degrees or honors earned.

Students have the right to request that their [directory information](#) not be disclosed by notifying the University in accordance with FERPA. Requests to restrict the release of directory information remain in effect until formally rescinded by the student.

Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar coordinates registration and class enrollment activities, maintains the official schedule of courses, and manages academic records. The office also provides official academic transcripts and coordinates commencement and graduation-related processes.

Students should contact the Office of the Registrar for questions related to enrollment, academic records, transcripts, and graduation. Additional information, forms, and procedures are available on the [Office of the Registrar website](#).

Student Records and Privacy (FERPA)

ATU complies with the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974](#) (FERPA), which protects the privacy of students' education records. FERPA affords students the right to inspect and review their education records, request amendments to inaccurate or misleading information, and control the disclosure of information contained in those records, subject to certain legal exceptions.

In general, the University will not release information from a student's education record to third parties without the student's written consent. Students who wish to authorize the release of education record information to parents, guardians, or other individuals must complete the [appropriate authorization](#) through the Office of the Registrar.

Financial Responsibilities

This section helps you understand and manage the financial side of your enrollment. Find assistance with billing, tuition and fees, refunds, holds, and payment questions.

Financial Aid

ATU provides financial aid to eligible students to help cover the cost of attendance. Financial aid may include scholarships, grants, loans, and [student employment](#) opportunities. Students seeking financial assistance are responsible for applying for aid, meeting eligibility requirements, and understanding how financial aid impacts their student account.

The University participates in federal and state financial aid programs, with limited exceptions. Students receiving financial aid must comply with applicable academic and enrollment requirements to remain eligible.

Information about available aid programs, application processes, eligibility requirements, and academic policies related to financial aid is available on the [Student Financial Aid Office website](#).

Office of Student Accounts

The Office of Student Accounts manages tuition and fee billing, payment processing, refunds, and student account records. The office also administers payment plans, third-party billing, tax reporting related to educational expenses, and account-based services connected to student enrollment.

Students are responsible for regularly reviewing their student account, meeting published payment deadlines, and understanding how charges, financial aid, and payments apply to their account. Failure to pay by established deadlines may result in a financial hold, which can restrict registration and other University services.

Billing statements are issued electronically, and official University billing communications are sent to the student's University email account. Access to student account information by parents or other individuals requires authorization in accordance with FERPA.

Information regarding billing statements, payment options, refunds, account holds, tax forms, and identification cards, is available on the [Office of Student Accounts website](#).

Wonderbucks

Wonderbucks is a prepaid spending account linked to your student ID card and accepted at multiple campus locations. Balances do not expire and may carry over between semesters.

For complete details, including where Wonderbucks can be used, how to add funds, and refund policies, view Wonderbucks information on the [Office of Student Accounts website](#).

Safety & Campus Services

Access resources related to campus safety, emergency response, facilities concerns, parking, and transportation. Use this section if you feel unsafe or notice an issue that needs immediate attention.

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (Clery Act)

Information about campus crime statistics, fire safety, and related policies is available in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. See the Required Notices section of this handbook or the [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report website](#) for access to the report.

Bookstore

Text.book Brokers Russellville provides course materials for purchase or rental, along with school supplies, ATU apparel, and gift items for the campus community. Text.book Brokers Russellville is located in the Doc Bryan Student Services Center. Current hours, services, and contact information is available on the [ATU Bookstore website](#).

Campus Security and Facility Access

ATU is committed to providing a safe campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Academic and administrative buildings are generally open during normal business hours. Access to buildings after hours is limited to authorized individuals.

Residence halls are intended for the use of their residents and approved guests. Exterior doors to residence halls remain locked, and access is restricted to residents and authorized University personnel. Students are responsible for safeguarding their keys and access cards and for helping maintain the security of residential facilities.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) routinely patrols campus facilities and works in collaboration with Residence Life staff to monitor campus security and respond to safety concerns.

Office of Information Systems (OIS) Campus Support Center

The Campus Support Center provides technology resources and technical assistance to support students' academic and campus needs. Students may

contact the center for help with technology-related issues, including login problems, device connectivity, and access to campus systems.

Services may include:

- Campus computer labs and printing
- Academic software access
- Campus wireless and residential internet (ResNet)
- Technical support for University systems
- Technology support for online learning

For current services, hours of operation, technology policies, and contact information, visit the [Campus Support Center website](#).

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

ATU is committed to maintaining a safe and secure campus environment. Safety on campus is supported through a partnership between students, employees, and the ATU Department of Public Safety (DPS).

DPS is the University's campus law enforcement agency and is responsible for campus security, law enforcement services, emergency response, and crime prevention. Information regarding DPS authority, jurisdiction, emergency procedures, crime reporting, and contact resources is available on the [DPS website](#).

Students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to promptly report all crimes, emergencies, or suspicious activity. In an emergency, call 911.

Parking and Traffic Regulations

ATU regulates parking and traffic on campus to support safety and the academic environment. All students who park a vehicle on campus are required to display a valid parking permit. Parking and traffic regulations are administered and enforced by DPS.

A complete list of parking and traffic regulations is available on the [DPS website](#).

Emergency Alerts and Notifications

ATU uses coordinated communication systems and emergency procedures to help protect the campus community. The information below outlines how alerts are delivered, what actions to take during an emergency, and how students can stay informed and prepared.

What To Do in an Emergency

- Call 911 immediately for police, fire, or medical emergencies
- If you receive an alert, follow the instructions provided
- Seek shelter or evacuate as directed
- Do not ignore alarms or delay action

Emergency Procedures and Notifications

ATU is committed to the safety and well-being of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. In the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation, the University will issue timely notifications through the [ATU Alert system](#).

Emergency alerts may be delivered via text, message, email, phone, and other campus communication tools. Students are encouraged to keep their contact information up to date to ensure they receive alerts.

Detailed emergency procedures, including guidance for fire, severe weather, and other situations, are available on the [University's Emergency Management website](#). Students are encouraged to review this information in advance to be prepared to respond appropriately.

Personal Safety Guidelines

Students are encouraged to help maintain a safe campus by following these safety practices:

- Report crimes, emergencies, or suspicious activity promptly to DPS.
- Keep residence hall room doors, vehicle doors, and residence hall exterior doors closed and locked.
- Do not prop open secured doors.
- Walk in well-lit areas and remain alert to surroundings.
- Use a DPS escort when traveling alone on campus after hours by calling (479)-968-0222.
- Keep personal belongings secure and do not leave valuables unattended.

Reporting Concerns and Emergencies

Students are encouraged to report emergencies, safety concerns, or criminal activity to DPS. DPS is available 24 hours a day to assist students and respond to emergencies.

In an emergency, students should dial 911.

Non-emergency assistance is available by contacting DPS at 479-968-0222.

School Closings & Emergency Information

The primary source for emergency alerts and school closing information is the [ATU Alert](#) System. All students are automatically enrolled and receive notifications by text, phone call, email, and other campus communication tools.

Additional updates may be available on the [ATU website](#) and shared through local news and weather outlets. Students are encouraged to rely on ATU Alert and official University communications for the most accurate and timely information.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention

Campus safety is a shared responsibility. The University promotes a proactive approach to crime prevention by reducing opportunities for crime and encouraging members of the campus community to take reasonable steps to protect themselves and others.

DPS, in collaboration with other University departments, provides ongoing security awareness and crime prevention education throughout the year. Topics may include emergency preparedness, personal safety, alcohol awareness, sexual misconduct prevention, and related safety concerns.

Student Support & Well-Being

Connect with services that support your physical health, mental well-being, and overall success as a student. Whether you need care, support, or help for yourself or someone else, this is the place to start.

Campus Life

Campus Life at ATU enhances the student experience beyond the classroom by providing opportunities for involvement, leadership, recreation, service, and community connection. Through a wide range of programs and activities, Campus Life supports student learning, personal development, school spirit, and engagement at ATU.

Campus Life opportunities may include:

- [Student activities and campus events](#)
- [Registered Student Organizations](#)
- [Leadership development programs](#)
- [Campus recreation](#) and [outdoor recreation](#)
- [Fraternity and Sorority Life](#)
- [Civic engagement and service opportunities](#)
- [Student transition and first-year programs](#)
- [Spirit programs and campus traditions](#)

Students are encouraged to explore Campus Life programs to connect with others, develop leadership skills, and become engaged members of the ATU community. Additional information about programs, events, and involvement opportunities is available on the [Campus Life website](#).

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Event Space & Campus Facility Use

ATU provides access to indoor and outdoor spaces to support student engagement, programming, and community activities. Use of these spaces is subject to University policies and approval processes.

Maximum Capacity Visitor (MCV) Days

The University designates certain high-traffic days as Maximum Capacity Visitor (MCV) Days (e.g., move-in, preview events, major campus programs).

During these events:

- Select parking areas may be reserved for visitors only
- Access to certain campus locations may be limited
- Parking restrictions may begin the day prior and extend through the event day

Students and employees are responsible for reviewing event communications and planning accordingly.

Event Classifications

Campus events are categorized as follows:

- Structured Events: Planned programs with a defined agenda (e.g., meetings, speakers, performances)
- Unstructured Events: Informal gatherings (e.g., socials, mixers)
- Closed Events: Limited to members, invited guests, or the University community
- Open Events: Open to both the campus community and general public
- Late Night Events: Events held outside normal operating hours; additional approval and staffing may be required
- Tabling: Outreach activities using designated tables for engagement and promotion

Eligibility for Space Use

The following groups may request use of approved campus spaces:

- Registered Student Organizations
- University Departments
- University-supported organizations
- Individual students for academic or organizational development purposes
- Approved external or affiliated groups (fees may apply)

Outdoor Space Use

Groups utilizing outdoor spaces must:

- Obtain any required approvals prior to use

- Ensure setups do not damage University grounds
- Remain present with all event materials and equipment

Amplified Sound and Noise Regulations

To minimize disruption to campus operations:

- Outdoor events may not exceed 70 decibels without prior approval
- Amplified sound is generally permitted between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Speakers must be directed away from academic buildings
- Events may be restricted during final exam periods

DPS may monitor sound levels and require adjustments or event closure if guidelines are not followed.

Tabling Guidelines

Tabling is permitted in designated areas for student organizations and departments. Groups are responsible for:

- Reserving space in advance
- Ensuring pedestrian pathways remain unobstructed
- Managing setup and removal of materials

Freedom of Expression

The University supports lawful freedom of expression on campus. Refer to the Freedom of Expression policy for additional guidance.

Commonly Reserved Campus Facilities

The following campus facilities are commonly used for student engagement, meetings, events, dining, and support services. Reservation processes and services vary by location.

Ferguson Student Union

The Ferguson Student Union serves as the central hub for student engagement, involvement, and campus activity. The facility offers a wide range of spaces and services, including student organization meeting spaces, lounge areas, dining options, recreation opportunities, and fitness facilities.

Students can take advantage of features such as an e-sports gaming lab, basketball courts, outdoor recreation equipment checkout, and cardio and strength training areas. The campus recreation center is available to all in-person students in Russellville with no additional fee.

The Ferguson Student Union also provides flexible space for Registered Student Organizations and campus departments to host meetings and events.

For information on Ferguson Student Union spaces, services, and reservations, visit the [Ferguson Student Union website](#).

Event & Conference Facilities (Office of Events)

Certain campus facilities support larger events, conferences, and University functions and are scheduled through the [Office of Events](#). These spaces may have additional requirements related to setup, staffing, and fees.

Baswell Techionery (Baz-Tech)

Baz-Tech is a central student hub offering a food court, lounge areas, an outdoor patio, and meeting spaces for studying, socializing, and gatherings.

Chambers Cafeteria

Chambers Cafeteria provides dining services for residential and commuter students.

Doc Bryan Student Services Center

The Doc Bryan Student Services Center serves as a central hub for student support services, including Student Affairs, Residence Life, Testing and Disability Services, Health and Wellness, Veteran Services, and more. The building also includes lounge areas and reservable meeting spaces.

Space reservations and current hours available on the [Office of Events website](#).

Ferguson Student Union

The Ferguson Student Union offers gathering, lounge, and meeting spaces for students.

Hull Building

A multipurpose facility providing gymnasium and large event space that may be used for recreation, classes, and special events when scheduled.

Dining Services

Dining services are operated by Sodexo. Meal plans are required for certain residential students, and optional plans are available for others. Accommodations are available for dietary needs and scheduling conflicts.

Note: Food service hours may vary; updates are communicated through Dining Services.

Registered Student Organizations

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) provide opportunities for students to connect with peers, develop leadership skills, and engage in co-curricular experiences that support academic and personal growth. ATU offers more than

100 RSOs across a wide range of interests, including academic, professional, cultural, recreational, service, and student governance organizations.

Students who participate in campus organizations are more likely to stay engaged and successfully complete their educational goals. RSOs operate through student leadership, advisor support, and University oversight to ensure a safe and productive environment.

Registration & Oversight

RSOs must complete an annual registration process through Campus Life and [theLink](#) to remain active. Organizations are responsible for maintaining current officer and advisor information, submitting required documentation, and adhering to University expectations.

General Expectations

RSOs and their members are expected to:

- Comply with all University policies and the [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- Conduct activities in a lawful and responsible manner
- Maintain academic priorities and student well-being
- Follow all operational and organizational requirements established by Campus Life

Events, Travel, & Activities

RSOs must comply with all University policies and procedures when hosting events, traveling, fundraising, or conducting organizational activities.

- All events and activities must be approved through Campus Life via [theLink](#)
- Alcohol is not permitted at any on-campus event
- Off-campus events involving alcohol must comply with all applicable laws and University requirements
- RSOs are responsible for the conduct of their members and guests
- [Travel](#), fundraising, and solicitation activities require advance approval and must follow University policies.

Hazing Prohibition

ATU maintains a zero-tolerance policy for hazing. Hazing in any form is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action, including potential removal of organizational recognition. Individuals and organizations are expected to report suspected hazing activity. Definitions, reporting requirements, and full policy details are available on the [Hazing Prevention Information website](#).

Additional Organizational Oversight

Some RSOs, including Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) organizations, are subject to additional policies, standards, and oversight through their respective governing offices.

Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)

FSL at ATU provides leadership, community engagement, and personal growth opportunities through membership in nationally affiliated organizations.

Greek-letter organizations are RSOs and operate under the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, with additional expectations established by both the University and their inter/national governing bodies.

Students and organizations are responsible for complying with all applicable policies, including those related to [hazing prevention](#), [alcohol](#), and [student conduct](#), as well as any supplemental organizational or governing council requirements.

Complete information regarding FSL membership, event requirements, and organizational expectations is available on the [Fraternity and Sorority Life website](#) or in the [FSL Policies and Procedures Handbook](#).

Student Organization Resources

Campus Life provides support for:

- *Organization registration and management*
- *Event planning and facility reservations*
- *Leadership development and training*
- *Funding and resource access*

Complete information about registration, policies, event planning, and available resources can be found on the [Registered Student Organizations Resources website](#), or via the [RSO handbook](#).

University Supported Organizations

Two RSOs are supported by student activity fees and provide leadership and engagement opportunities for the campus community.

Student Government Association (SGA)

[SGA](#) serves as the official governing body of the student population and acts as a liaison between students and University leadership. SGA advocates for student interests, supports campus initiatives, and promotes student involvement.

Students are encouraged to attend meetings and engage with **SGA** to share ideas, concerns, and feedback related to the student experience.

Shared Governance

Approved by the Campus Council April 23, 2026

Arkansas Tech University subscribes, in policy and practice, to high standards of shared governance. The complex variety of tasks performed by institutions of higher learning require interdependence amongst the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty, the staff, and the students. The faculty, represented by the Faculty Senate, has primary responsibility for advice and recommendations in such fundamental areas as curriculum, research, faculty status, and aspects of student life that relate to the educational process. Responsibility for faculty status includes making recommendations for appointments, promotions, tenure and termination. Advice and recommendations in these matters are made through established procedures outlined in the Faculty Handbook. The staff, represented by the Staff Senate, has primary responsibility for advice and recommendations regarding policies and procedures related to non-faculty employees, including their professional development, welfare, and operational environment. Advice and recommendations in these matters are made through established procedures outlined in the Staff Handbook. Students, represented by the Student Government Association, have primary responsibility for advice and recommendations related to campus life, student services, and student organizations. Advice and recommendations in these matters are made through established procedures outlined in the Student Handbook. When recommendations from the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate or the Student Government Association are not followed, the administration shall provide a written response articulating why the recommendation was not followed. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to individual personnel decisions regarding University employees.

Student Activities Board (SAB)

SAB enhances campus life by planning and implementing a variety of programs and events for the student body. Activities may include entertainment, social events, and community-building programs.

Students are encouraged to participate in **SAB** as team members or attend events to stay engaged with campus life.

Additional information about SGA, SAB, and other student organizations is available on the **Campus Life website** or via **theLink**.

CARE Team

The CARE Team is a multidisciplinary group that supports the health, safety, and well-being of the University community by responding to concerns about students who may be experiencing distress or engaging in concerning behavior. The CARE Team focuses on early identification, support, and intervention to help students connect with appropriate resources.

Anyone may submit a [CARE Team report](#) if they are concerned about a student's behavior, well-being, or potential risk to themselves or others. Reports are reviewed and addressed using a coordinated, proactive approach.

To submit a concern or referral, complete the [CARE Team Reporting Form](#) available on the [CARE Team website](#).

Center for Academic Advising and Career Development

The Center for Academic Advising and Career Development supports students in planning their academic pathways and preparing for life after graduation. Through professional academic advising and career development services, the Center helps students explore majors, understand degree requirements, and make informed educational and career decisions.

Students typically work with professional advisors in the early stages of their academic careers and may transition to faculty advising within their academic department once they begin major-level coursework.

Sturgis Academic Advising Center

The [Sturgis Academic Advising Center](#) provides professional advising support for students who are exploring majors or navigating the early stages of their academic programs.

Norman Career Services

[Norman Career Services](#) supports students and alumni in preparing for careers and graduate opportunities through career coaching, job and internship exploration, resume and interview preparation, employer engagement, and professional development programs.

Additional information about advising services, career resources, and advising pathways is available on the [Sturgis Academic Advising Center](#) and [Norman Career Services websites](#).

Disability Services

ATU is committed to providing equal access to educational opportunities for qualified students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Students who may need reasonable accommodations are responsible for registering with Disability Services and engaging in an interactive process to determine appropriate accommodations. Disability Services reviews

information provided by the student to evaluate accommodation requests and determine reasonable and appropriate access measures.

Approved accommodations are communicated to students and instructors or other ATU employees with responsibility in the area for which the accommodation is approved. Students are encouraged to work with their instructors regarding implementation. Students are not required to disclose the nature of their disability to faculty or staff but should be ready to participate in discussions about how the accommodation will be implemented.

Academic accommodations must be requested each semester. Additional information about eligibility, documentation, and the accommodation process is available on the [Disability Services website](#).

Health and Wellness Center (HWC)

The HWC supports the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of ATU students. The Center provides confidential medical and counseling services focused on prevention, education, and short-term care for illness, injury, stress, and personal concerns.

Services may include medical care for minor illnesses and injuries, health education, referrals to community providers, and counseling support for concerns such as stress, anxiety, adjustment to college, relationships, and overall well-being.

The HWC services are confidential and provided by licensed medical and counseling professionals. Additional information about available services, eligibility, and how to access care is available on the [HWC Website](#).

International Students and Scholars

The Department of International Students and Scholars is here to support international students throughout their experience at ATU. We offer programs, services, and activities that help students succeed academically, connect socially, and feel at home on campus.

Through cultural events, engagement opportunities, and ongoing support, the department encourages cross-cultural learning and understanding while celebrating the backgrounds represented within the ATU community. More information is available on the [International Students and Scholars website](#).

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New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is a required program for all first-time and transfer students, where new students will meet new people, discover resources customized for their success, connect to leadership and involvement

opportunities, and become immersed in the culture and traditions of ATU. More information is available on the [New Student Orientation website](#).

Residence Life & On-Campus Living

The Department of Residence Life supports student learning and development by providing safe, inclusive, and well-maintained on-campus living environments. Residence Life works to foster community, encourage academic success, and support personal growth within residential settings.

Residence Hall Living & Housing Overview

Living on campus is a great [way to connect, get involved](#), and make the most of your ATU experience. Residence Life offers a variety of [living options](#), from traditional residence halls to apartment-style living, designed to support your success and help you feel at home at ATU.

Residence Life staff are here to support you and help make campus feel like home. Professional and student staff work together to maintain safe, welcoming residence halls, support student success, and build strong communities. Live-in student staff, like Resident Assistants, are often your first point of contact and are available to answer questions, address concerns, and connect you to campus resources. Facilities and support teams help keep residence halls clean, comfortable, and well maintained. Information about the Residence Life staff is available on the [Residence Life Staff website](#).

Residence Life manages University [housing applications, contracts](#), room assignments, housing exemptions, and residential programming. Students living in University-owned housing are responsible for understanding and complying with all housing policies and community standards.

Russellville campus students between the [ages of 18 and 21](#) are expected to live on campus during their [first two college years](#). Ozark campus students are welcome to live on campus if space is available. To live on campus, students must be enrolled and in good standing with the University. Housing options, meal plans, and residency expectations are managed through the Department of Residence Life.

Additional information about housing options, application processes, and policies is available on the [Residence Life website](#). On-campus residency requirements, housing eligibility, and related expectations are outlined in [The Residence Life Guide](#) and the [Residence Life housing contract](#).

Residence Life Services

Residence Life provides services that support a safe, comfortable, and inclusive residential experience. [On-call staff](#) are available after hours to assist with urgent concerns, and essential services such as laundry, internet access, health and safety checks, and climate control are included as part of on-campus living.

- **Health & Safety Checks:** Conducted at least once per semester in all residence halls; 24-hour advance notice provided.
- **Air Conditioning & Heating:** All halls are air conditioned; in 2-pipe systems, cooling is adjusted seasonally based on nighttime temperatures with prior notice to residents. 4-pipe systems allow each room/unit to choose their own mode, no seasonal change over needed.
- **Laundry Services:** Washers and dryers are available in every hall at no additional cost; high-efficiency detergent is recommended.
- **Service & Emotional Support Animals:** Must be registered with [Disability Services](#) and comply with University policies.
- **Maintenance & Work Requests:** Report issues promptly through the online [work request system](#).
- **Mail Services:** P.O. Box service is included but requires semester reservation; mail is not delivered to halls and improperly addressed items are returned. More information available on the [ATU Post Office website](#).
- **Housing Technology (Wi-Fi & Network Access):** ResNet provides Wi-Fi and Network access in all residence halls. Wired connections are available in most halls (except Caraway) and require device registration. More information available on the [ResNet website](#). For technical assistance, visit the [Campus Support Center website](#) or email campussupport@atu.edu. Students are also required to enroll in Duo multi-factor authentication; setup information is available on the [Duo information webpage](#).
- **Parking:** Students relocating must update their parking hangtag to match their new zone by contacting the Department of Public Safety.

For more information about resources and forms visit the [Residence Life Resource website](#).

Housing Contract & Meal Plan

Your [housing contract](#) secures your place in the ATU residential community for the academic year. On-campus living includes room and board, and most residents are required to have a meal plan unless living in an apartment with a full kitchen. [Meal plans](#) are selected through the housing portal and provide convenient dining throughout the semester.

Room Assignments

Roommates

Students sharing a residence hall room are required to complete and follow a roommate agreement. This agreement helps establish shared expectations and may be enforced as policy if conflicts arise.

Roommates should communicate openly about shared space, including cleanliness, noise, study habits, personal belongings, and visitors. All students have the right to a clean, safe, and respectful living environment, including the ability to study, sleep, and maintain personal privacy without interference.

When concerns arise, roommates are expected to address issues directly with one another first. If a resolution cannot be reached, students should contact

their Resident Assistant for assistance. Ongoing concerns may be referred to the building's Resident Director for further support. Violations of roommate agreements or residence hall policies may result in disciplinary action.

Room Consolidation

Students who are in a non-paid single room may be subject to the room consolidation process. Information will be sent to the students that are involved in the process. However, the University reserves the right to make and alter the student assignment and roommate assignments.

Check-In & Check-Out Procedures

Students are expected to follow all official check-in and check-out procedures each semester. Failure to do so may result in fines, fees, or disciplinary action. Detailed instructions for move-in, check-in, and check-out are published each semester by the Department of Residence Life.

Official check-in includes completing required forms, verifying emergency contact information, and receiving room keys. Official check-out requires removing all belongings, cleaning the room, returning keys, and completing required paperwork by the designated deadline.

Students must vacate their residence within 24 hours of their last final exam, unless approved for an extended stay. Improper or late check-out may result in additional charges.

Full procedures and deadlines available on the [**Residence Life website**](#).

Safety, Support, & Community Living

ATU is committed to providing a safe, well-maintained, and respectful residential environment. Students living on campus are expected to follow Residence Life policies, respond appropriately in emergencies, and take responsibility for their shared community.

Residents are expected to respect community standards related to safety, behavior, noise, visitors, prohibited items, cleanliness, and use of University property. Violations of Residence Life policies or failure to comply with University officials may result in disciplinary action.

[**Emergency procedures**](#) are accessible via QR code in each residence hall room and apartment. Students should familiarize themselves with evacuation routes and follow instructions from University officials at all times. Residence Life staff and DPS (479-968-0222) are available 24/7 for safety, security, and urgent facility concerns. Residence Life staff contact information is available on the [**Residence Life staff website**](#).

Fire

When a fire alarm sounds, all residents must evacuate immediately using the nearest exit or stairwell, do not use elevators. Follow posted

evacuation plans and directions from University officials. Failure to evacuate during an alarm may result in disciplinary action.

Tornado

Tornadoes can occur in Arkansas at any time. A tornado watch means conditions are favorable; no shelter is required. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted or detected and residents must seek shelter immediately.

During a warning, go to the lowest floor, stay away from windows, and move to a reinforced interior area if possible. Remain sheltered until you receive an all-clear via **ATU Alert**.

Arkansas Nuclear One Warning

If an emergency occurs at Arkansas Nuclear One, a steady siren will sound in the Russellville area (the siren is tested weekly at noon on Wednesdays). Emergency information will be broadcast through local media. ATU is located in Zone H, which evacuates to Morrilton High School. Evacuation maps are available in Student Affairs in the Doc Bryan Student Services Building.

For emergencies, call 911.

Insurance

ATU is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.

Many homeowners' insurance policies cover students while living on campus. Students are encouraged to confirm coverage with their family or insurance provider. Low-cost insurance options are available through the **Residence Life website**.

Living Learning Communities (LLCs) & Residential Engagement

LLCs are residential programs that connect students through shared academic or co-curricular interests. These communities provide opportunities to engage with peers, faculty, and staff while supporting academic success and community development.

For complete information about available communities, program requirements, benefits, and application details, visit the **Living Learning Communities website**.

Housing Advisory Board (HAB)

HAB is a student leadership organization within University housing. Members meet bi-weekly to provide feedback, recommend programming, and support community development within the residence halls.

Residence Life Employment

Residence Life offers student employment opportunities that support the residential community and provide leadership development experience.

Positions such as Resident Assistants and other student staff roles help foster community, support residents, and promote a safe living environment.

Student staff work closely with professional staff and receive training to assist with programming, operations, and community engagement. A variety of positions are available throughout the academic year.

A complete list of positions, role descriptions, and application information, is available on the [Residence Life employment website](#).

Community Standards & Residence Hall Policies

Residents are expected to follow all University policies, the [Student Code of Conduct](#), and applicable local, state, and federal laws. These standards help maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive residential environment.

Residents are responsible for their behavior and the behavior of their guests. Failure to comply with University officials, including Residence Life staff, may result in disciplinary action. Residents must remove themselves from situations involving policy violations and may be held accountable for remaining present.

Safety & Security

- Residence halls are secured 24/7; do not prop doors or allow unauthorized access
- Carry your keys and ID at all times
- Do not tamper with fire safety equipment; all alarms require immediate evacuation.
- Open flames, candles, incense, and flammable materials are prohibited. For a full list of prohibited items visit the [On-Campus Living Policies website](#)
- Weapons, explosives, and hazardous materials are prohibited

Health & Well-Being

- Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited in all residence hall facilities, regardless of age
- Marijuana is not permitted on campus in any form
- Tobacco use, including vaping, is prohibited
- Harassment, threats, and physical abuse are not tolerated

Facilities & Property Use

- Keep rooms and shared spaces clean and free of hazards
- Do not store personal items in hallways or common areas
- Do not remove, misuse, or damage University property
- Decorations must not damage surfaces or create fire hazards
- Residents are financially responsible for damage to rooms and common areas; shared charges may apply when responsibility cannot be determined.

Behavior and Community Living

- Respect quiet and courtesy hours; excessive noise is not permitted
- Musical instruments and speakers must not disrupt others
- Residents are responsible for maintaining a respectful living environment

Quiet Hours: 11 p.m.–11 a.m. (Sun–Thur) and 11 p.m.–1 p.m. (Fri–Sat)

Courtesy Hours: Outside of quiet hours, noise should not be heard beyond the immediate living space

Guests & Visitation

- Residents are responsible for their guests at all times
- Guests must be escorted within residential facilities
- Guests must comply with all University policies
- Overnight guests are limited and require roommate approval
- Visitation hours and policies must be followed

Access, Keys, & Security

- Do not share keys or ID cards
- Report lost keys immediately; replacement charges may apply
- Lockouts and misuse of access may result in fees and/or conduct action

Transportation & Outdoor Items

- **Bicycles must be registered** and stored in designated areas
- Motorized vehicles may not be stored inside residence halls
- Grills are only permitted in designated outdoor areas

Animals

- Pets are not permitted in University housing
- Service and Emotional Support Animals in University Housing must be approved through **Disability Services**
- Service Animals accompanying students in classrooms or other public campus spaces are not required to have prior approval; however, they must comply with University expectations for behavior and control.

For full details, please refer to the University's **Service Animal** and **Emotional Support Animal** policies.

Accountability & Administrative

Violations of Residence Life policies may result in disciplinary action, fines, or removal from housing. Damage, theft, or vandalism will result in financial and/or conduct consequences.

The University reserves the right to modify these policies as needed to support safety, operations, and community standards.

Detailed policies, procedures, and resources, available on the **Residence Life website**.

Student Support Services (TRIO)

SSS is a federally funded TRIO program designed to support eligible students pursuing their first bachelor's degree. The program provides individualized academic support, mentoring, and resources to help students persist, succeed, and graduate.

SSS serves students who are first-generation college students, demonstrate financial need, and/or have documented disabilities. Program services and resources are provided at no cost to participants and supplement, but do not replace, academic advising or financial aid services.

Participation in SSS is limited and requires an application and eligibility determination. Additional information about program services, eligibility criteria, and the application process is available on the [Student Support Services website](#).

Testing Services

The Office of Testing Services provides secure and reliable proctoring for a variety of academic and professional examinations. Testing Services supports the administration of placement, correspondence, make-up, standardized, and certification exams in accordance with University and testing agency requirements.

Students may utilize Testing Services for approved exams associated with coursework, academic placement, and professional preparation. Information regarding available examinations, eligibility, registration procedures, and testing policies is available on the [Testing Services website](#).

Title IX and Harassment (Sexual Misconduct)

ATU is committed to preventing harassment (sexual misconduct) and supporting students through education, awareness, prevention initiatives, and access to resources. The University offers ongoing programming related to healthy relationships, bystander intervention, consent, and campus safety throughout the academic year.

Students who experience or witness sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, stalking, or sexual harassment are encouraged to seek support and consider reporting the incident. Supportive measures, counseling services, medical assistance, and reporting options are available regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed.

If Something Happens: Sexual Misconduct or Other Title IX Concerns

Get to a safe place first. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Consider medical care

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible, even if you are unsure about reporting

- Preserving evidence may be important. If possible, avoid showering, changing clothes, or cleaning the area
- Evidence collection is most effective within 72 hours, but medical care is still available after that time
- Evidence collection exams performed within 96 hours of an assault are paid for by the state of Arkansas. More information about medical options available on the [Title IX website.](#)

Know your reporting options

- [Title IX Coordinator](#)
Contact to learn about your rights, supportive measures, and options for filing a formal complaint. More information is available on the [Title IX website](#)
- [Department of Public Safety](#)
Report for immediate assistance or to pursue criminal action
- [Confidential Resources](#)
Speak with counselors or health services staff without automatically initiating a University report. Contact information is available on the [Health and Wellness Center website](#)

What to expect

- You may receive supportive measures such as academic accommodations, housing adjustments, or no-contact directives
- You decide whether to move forward with a formal complaint, and your decision will be respected whenever possible
- University staff will explain available resources, rights, and next steps

Information regarding prevention programs, reporting options, medical assistance, and support resources is available on the [Title IX website](#) and via the [Equal Opportunity, Harassment \(Sexual Misconduct\), and Nondiscrimination Policy and Procedures.](#)

Veteran Services

The Major General William E. Harmon Office of Veteran Services supports veterans, service members, and eligible dependents by assisting with the certification of enrollment for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits. The office works to ensure compliance with VA requirements and helps students understand their responsibilities while using VA education benefits.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® or other VA education benefits must request certification for each enrollment period and are encouraged to consult with Veteran Services before making changes to their enrollment or program of study, as such changes may affect benefit eligibility or payment.

Additional information regarding eligibility, certification procedures, enrollment changes, and VA education benefits is available on the [**Veteran Services website**](#).

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)

VUB is a federally funded TRIO program designed to support veterans and service members who are preparing for or pursuing postsecondary education. The program focuses on building academic skills, increasing educational readiness, and supporting successful access to college or other educational opportunities.

VUB provides academic and personal support through instruction, tutoring, mentoring, and counseling to help participants strengthen foundational skills and navigate the transition to postsecondary education. Services are provided at no cost to eligible participants.

Participation in VUB is limited and requires an application and eligibility determination. Additional information about program services, eligibility criteria, and participation is available on the [**Veterans Upward Bound website**](#).

Required Notices

ATU provides the following notices in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. These notices are intended to inform students of key institutional policies, rights, and responsibilities. Full details are available through the links provided.

Alcohol and Other Drugs (Drug Free Schools and Communities Act)

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, Arkansas Tech University provides an Annual Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Notification to students and employees. The annual notification includes:

- Standards of conduct related to alcohol and other drugs
- Applicable federal and state legal sanctions
- Health risks associated with alcohol and drug use
- Available prevention, counseling, and treatment resources
- Disciplinary sanctions for policy violations
- Results of the [**University's biennial review**](#)

The complete Annual Notification of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Program and Policy is available on the [**ATU Jerry Cares website**](#). This notification includes detailed information on legal consequences, health risks, and prevention programs, in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (Clery Act)

ATU publishes an Annual Security and Fire Safety Report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. This report includes campus crime and fire

statistics for the most recent three-year period, as well as institutional policies related to campus security, fire safety, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Each ATU campus maintains a separate report. The most recent reports are available on the [DPS website](#).

Student Disability Access Policy

In accordance with federal and state law, the University provides equal access to programs, services, and activities for students with disabilities. The Student Disability Access Policy outlines the process for requesting accommodations, student rights and responsibilities, and institutional obligations.

Students seeking academic, housing, or other accommodations must work through Disability Services.

Full details, including a plain language version of the policy and a list of potential accommodations, are available on the [Student Disability Access Policy website](#).

Title IX

ATU prohibits sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Information regarding rights, reporting options, supportive measures, and resources is available on the [Title IX website](#) and via the [Equal Opportunity, Harassment \(Sexual Misconduct\), and Nondiscrimination Policy and Procedures](#).

Policies

The following policies are established by ATU and are presented in their official form. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with all University policies. Full versions and updates are available on the appropriate University websites.

Bicycles, Skates, Skateboards, and Hoverboards

All individuals using bicycles, skates, skateboards, electric scooters (e-scooters), electric bicycles (e-bikes), hoverboards, or other micromobility devices are expected to use the equipment in a manner which is appropriate, considerate of others and of University property. Individuals who use the equipment recklessly or without care of others and University property will be confronted, documented, and addressed through the provisions in the Student Code of Conduct.

Individuals are prohibited from engaging in tricks (sliding, grinding, jumps, etc.) anywhere on University property which includes stairs, steps, railing, benches, and entrances to buildings. Loitering or "sessioning" in these areas for the purpose of attempting tricks or stunts is strictly prohibited and will be confronted and dealt with through the Student Code of Conduct.

Furthermore, the use of bicycles, skates, skateboards, electric scooters (e-scooters), electric bicycles (e-bikes), hoverboards, or other micromobility devices inside of campus buildings, including the residence halls, is strictly prohibited. Bicycles and e-bikes must be secured in designated bicycle racks or approved exterior storage locations. Skateboards must be carried while inside campus buildings. Skates must be removed before entering campus buildings.

Micromobility devices may not be operated within any campus building. The campus should be maintained as a safe and beautiful environment for everyone. Reckless behavior which is defined as actions which endanger individuals and property should not be undertaken. It should be noted that the use of these items, in themselves, involves an assumption of personal risk. Persons who use them are personally liable for their actions.

There are numerous safety concerns associated with the possession, storage, charging, and use of battery-powered micromobility devices, including but not limited to hoverboards, electric scooters (e-scooters), electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric skateboards, and other similar devices. These concerns include, without limitation, battery failure, leaking fluids, excessive heat, sparking, smoke, fire, and explosion. National safety organizations, including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), have identified hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries commonly used in these devices.

In response to these safety concerns, the University prohibits the possession, storage, charging, or use of battery-powered micromobility devices inside Arkansas Tech University buildings and facilities, including the Russellville campus, Ozark campus, and all auxiliary locations, except as otherwise required by law for approved mobility or accessibility devices. This prohibition includes all residential facilities and is intended to support the University's fire prevention and life-safety initiatives.

Consensual Relations Policy

The University recognizes that dating or sexual relationships between students and employees who have authority over them present inherent risks and may compromise a student's ability to provide voluntary consent. The University therefore restricts such relationships and requires employees to disclose and resolve potential conflicts of interest.

Students who have concerns about professional boundaries or believe they may be impacted by such a relationship are encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator, Dean of Students, or other appropriate University officials.

For full definitions, employee responsibilities, and reporting obligations, see the University's Policy on [**Consensual Relations**](#).

Electronic Communications Privacy Policy

Arkansas Act 1799 (2003) mandates that all higher education institutions adopt an Electronic Communication Privacy Policy. This policy applies to emails and other digital messages sent or received by students, faculty, or staff over the University network. Full policy [here](#).

Freedom of Expression Policy

Arkansas Tech University recognizes and supports the rights of the members of the campus community and visitors to speak in public and to demonstrate in a lawful manner in outdoor areas of campus or any non-academic and publicly open portion of a facility that Arkansas Tech University has traditionally made available to members of the campus community for expressive purposes.

"Outdoor areas of campus" means the generally accessible outside areas of an Arkansas Tech University campus where members of the campus community are commonly allowed, including, without limitation: (i) grassy areas; (ii) walkways; and (iii) other similar common areas. "Outdoor areas of campus" does not include outdoor areas where access by the majority of the campus community is restricted.

Expressive activities protected under this policy consist of speech and other conduct protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including without limitation:

1. Communicating through any lawful verbal, written, or electronic means;
2. Participating in peaceful assembly;
3. Protesting;
4. Making speeches, including without limitation those of guest speakers;
5. Distributing literature;
6. Making comments to the media;
7. Carrying signs; and,
8. Circulating petitions.

In order to maintain safety, security, and order, and to ensure the orderly operation of the campus, Arkansas Tech University reserves the right to limit such activities by the following regulations regarding time, place, and manner of such activities:

- Arkansas Tech University will remain neutral as to the content of any public demonstration, debate, speech, or other form of expression.
- Expressive activities occurring in the outdoor areas of campus shall occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- There must be no obstruction of entrances or exits to buildings or classrooms or offices (to enable regular operations).
- There must be no interference with educational activities inside or outside of buildings.

- There must be no impediment to normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other disruptions of University activities, including sidewalks, roads, and parking areas all of which must remain unobstructed.
- There must be no interference with scheduled University ceremonies, events, or activities.
- Additional tables, chairs, and/or other special accommodations for use in locations will not be provided by the University.
- There must be no true threats or expression directed to provoke imminent lawless actions and likely to produce it.
- There must be no harassment. For purposes of this policy, harassment is defined as expression that is so severe, pervasive, and subjectively and objectively offensive that it effectively denies access to an educational opportunity or benefit provided by the University.
- There must be no material or substantial disruption. The phrase “material or substantial disruption” means a disruption that occurs when a person, with the purpose or knowledge of significantly hindering the expressive activity of another person or group, prevents the communication of a message of another person or group, or prevents the transaction of the business of a lawful meeting, gathering or procession by:
 1. Engaging in fighting, violence, or other unlawful behavior; or
 2. Physically blocking or using threats of violence to prevent any person from attending, listening to, viewing, or otherwise participating in an expressive activity.

“Material and substantially disrupts” DOES NOT INCLUDE conduct that is protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, §§4, 6, and 24, which includes without limitation:

- (i) lawful protests in an outdoor area of campus that is generally accessible to members of the campus community, except during times when the area has been reserved in advance for another event; or (ii) Minor, brief, or fleeting non-violent disruptions of events that are isolated and short in duration.
- Any display materials must be completely removed at the conclusion of the event.
- When display materials are used, a representative must be present at all times.
- Damage or destruction of property owned or operated by the University, or damage to property belonging to students, faculty, staff or guests of the University is prohibited. Persons or organizations causing such damage may be held financially responsible.

- Persons or organizations responsible for a demonstration, debate, speech, or other form of expression event must remove all signs and litter from the area at the end of the event.
- There must be compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and University policies, rules, and regulations.
- Use of sound and/or voice amplification is not permitted while classes are in session.
- No open flames.
- Any non-University informational flyers or posters must be posted in the approved areas set forth in the Student Handbook.
- Overnight camping and related camping items including, but not limited to, tents, sleeping bags, tarps, and other temporary shelters, are not permitted.
- No structures may be erected and no items may be staked or inserted into the ground.

Any individual violating these regulations regarding time, place, and manner will be subject to immediate eviction or removal from the campus, without further warning, by appropriate University agents or officials and may be subject to appropriate legal action. Students or Registered Student Organizations violating these regulations may be subject to action as described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Nothing in this policy is intended nor should it be understood as an endorsement or approval by Arkansas Tech University of any speech or demonstration, an invitation or license to speak or demonstrate or the granting of any right or permission to speak or demonstrate on campus beyond the right existing under federal and state law.

Freedom of Association

Arkansas Tech University campuses shall not deny a student organization any benefit or privilege that is available to any other student organization or otherwise discriminate against an organization based on the expression of that organization.

"Student organization", as that phrase is used in this policy, means an officially recognized group at a state-supported institution of higher education or a group seeking official recognition, composed of admitted students that receive or are seeking to receive benefits through the state-supported institution of higher education.

Pet Policy

In order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all persons on property owned or controlled by Arkansas Tech University, the following guidelines are established to control domestic animals on University property. Domestic animals are defined as any dog, cat, or other animal, including reptiles, that are intended to be a pet or companion for a person.

Domestic animals are not be permitted within the buildings or on property owned or controlled by Arkansas Tech University, with the exception of domestic animals specifically trained and certified to provide assistance to persons with disabilities. These animals must be registered with the Office of Disability Services. The only exception to this policy is for Jerry the Bulldog, official campus ambassador for Arkansas Tech University.

Selling and Soliciting

Arkansas Tech University has an institutional policy prohibiting solicitation on the campus or in any University-owned facility. Students are requested to promptly report any incident of soliciting to Student Affairs. Members of Registered Student Organizations should consult the Solicitation portion of the Student Handbook that specifically addresses RSO provisions.

Publicity

Publicity done by or for a Registered Student Organization and/or a University department is subject to the Student Code of Conduct, and permitted on campus under the following guidelines:

- A. **Flyer and Poster Display.** Flyers and posters may not be displayed any sooner than two (2) weeks prior to the event. All expired flyers/posters will be removed by Student Affairs. Student Affairs can assist with posting flyers in eleven (11) campus buildings. In Residence Halls, with coordination from the Department of Residence Life, flyers may be posted in thirty-five (35) designated locations. Posters can be displayed in the following two (2) locations: Baswell Techionery and Doc's Place.
 - i. Flyers may be no larger than 8.5x11 inches and must be identified as an active Registered Student Organization or University department responsible for their display with a contact email. Flyers must include date, time, and location
 - ii. Posters must not exceed the dimension of 36 inches wide by 48 inches in length and must be identified as an active Registered Student Organization or University department responsible for their display with a contact email. Posters must include date, time, and location
 - iii. Any flyer/poster which promotes a Registered Student Organization's event cannot be posted until the event is fully registered and approved on theLink
 - iv. Any Registered Student Organization which wishes to place a poster, flyer, or any other display in any other location must have permission from Student Affairs or the Department of Campus Life. Some exceptions are allowed at specific times, such as during Welcome Week, Homecoming, etc., and at certain designated locations. Proper recognition and

guidelines for such expectations are obtained from Student Affairs or, for residence halls, from the Department of Residence Life.

- B. **Table Tent Display.** Table tents may not be displayed any sooner than one (1) week prior to the event. Table tents must be removed after the event by the Registered Student Organization or University department sponsoring the event. Advertising through the use of table tents may be permitted under the following guidelines:
- i. If a Registered Student Organization event, the event must be fully registered and approved on theLink prior to placing table tents and include and contact email.
 - ii. No more than two (2) table tents are permitted at any one (1) table at any given time. Placement is on a first come, first served basis.
 - iii. The table tent may not be any larger than six (6) inches wide by eight (8) inches in height.
- C. **Handbill Marketing.** Distribution of flyers and/or handbills by a Registered Student Organization or a University department is permitted under the following guidelines:
- i. The flyer and/or handbill must clearly identify the Registered Student Organization and/or University department sponsoring the event.
 - ii. The flyer and/or handbill must include an Arkansas Tech University valid email address identifying a contact person or organization.
 - iii. The Registered Student Organization or University department is responsible for collecting any trash resulting in the distribution.
- D. **Chalking.** Advertising events with chalk on sidewalks (termed as "chalking") by Registered Student Organizations or University departments may be permitted in the Hindsman Quad (area between McEver Hall and Dean Hall), Chambers Cafeteria Sidewalk, Baswell Techionery sidewalk, and the Wilson Hall sidewalk (see the **Event Planning Guide** for map and specific locations) under the following guidelines:
- i. If a Registered Student Organization event, the event must be fully registered and approved on theLink prior to chalking.
 - ii. The chalking area used for the advertisement shall not be bigger than four (4) feet by four (4) feet.
 - iii. The sponsoring Registered Student Organization or University department must be clearly identified in the chalking area.
 - iv. Chalking is prohibited prior to 7 a.m. on the first day of classes and must cease on Reading Day of the fall and spring semesters.

- v. Chalking may not occur more than five (5) business days prior to an event.
 - vi. Only washable sidewalk chalk may be used. Spray chalk is not permitted.
 - vii. Placement is on a first come, first served basis.
 - viii. Chalking must be removed 24 hours after event.
 - ix. Chalking may be removed by Student Affairs.
- E. **Open Posting Locations.** Bulletin boards located in the Doc Bryan Student Services Center and Chambers Cafeteria are designated as open posting areas and may be utilized by other entities. These bulletin boards will be cleared on the 1st and 15th day of each month.
- i. Open flyer posting locations are located in Doc's Place, the Doc Bryan Student Services Center (on the bulletin board at the base of the stairs) and in two locations in the hallway entrance of Chambers Cafeteria.
 - ii. Flyers may be no larger than 8.5x11 inches.

Student Use of University Space

ATU centrally schedules campus facilities to ensure the efficient use of University resources while prioritizing academic instruction and student success.

The use of campus space is coordinated through the Office of Events and designated campus partners, including the Ferguson Student Union.

- **The Office of Events** manages University-wide event scheduling, including large-scale events, conferences, external groups, and events requiring coordination across multiple campus services.
- **The Ferguson Student Union** supports student-focused events, meetings, and activities within the Ferguson Student Union programming spaces.

All campus events must follow established reservation and approval processes. RSOs must follow established processes for reserving space and scheduling events. RSOs are required to submit event requests through **theLink** and receive approval prior to planning, promotion, or hosting.

Students interested in hosting events through an academic department or campus office should connect with that area or Campus Life to determine the appropriate process for space reservations and event approval.

Some events may require coordination with multiple University offices, including DPS, Facilities Management, or dining services.

For complete procedures, reservation requirements, and event guidelines, refer to the **Office of Events website** or **Ferguson Student Union FAQ's website** – How Can My Student Organization Reserve Space?

Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

Arkansas Tech University is a tobacco-free campus. The use of all tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), and smokeless tobacco, is prohibited on all university-owned or operated property, including buildings and grounds.

This policy is enforced by DPS and applies to students, employees, visitors, and contractors.

Violations may result in disciplinary action. Students are subject to sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct, while employees and visitors may face progressive discipline, including warnings, probation, fines, or removal from campus. Additional fines may also be imposed under Arkansas state law.

Full policy details, definitions, and appeal procedures available on the [**Tobacco-Free Campus Policy website**](#).

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