

# INTRODUCTION

## 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog

Russellville, Arkansas  
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Arkansas Tech University, a state-supported institution of higher education, is dedicated to nurturing scholastic development, integrity, and professionalism. The University offers a wide range of traditional and innovative programs which provide a solid educational foundation for life-long learning to a diverse community of learners.

## Accreditation

Arkansas Tech University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission.

## Program Accreditations

### Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
(404) 975-5000

### Commission for Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)

(Health Information Administrator)

C/O AHIMA  
233 N Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601-5800  
(312) 233-1100

### Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET

415 North Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 347-7700

### Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

1140 19th St NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 223-0077

This accreditation covers the institution's initial teacher preparation and advanced educator preparations programs.

### Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management Education (CAEME)

Formerly Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation (FFHEA)  
(Emergency Administration and Management)

1589 Skeet Club Road, Suite 102-109  
High Point, NC 27265  
(336) 841-8015

### Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT)

1401 Marvin Rd, NE  
STE 307, #172

Lacey, WA 98516  
(360)-205-2096

### Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)

1699 E. Woodfield Road, Suite 300  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
(847) 944-1345

### Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET

415 North Charles St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 347-7700

### National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

1140 19th Street, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 223-0077

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## National Institutional Memberships

- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- American Council on Education (ACE)
- American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)
- Association for Institutional Research (AIR)
- Association of Departments of English (ADE)
- Association of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL)
- Association of Governing Boards (AGB)
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP)
- Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
- Council for Opportunity in Education (COE)
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
- Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences (CAH & CNHS) (<http://www.ccas.net/>)
- Council of Graduate Schools (CGS)
- Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (CHRIE)
- Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
- National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs (NAUFWP)
- National Business Education Association (NBEA)
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)
- National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

## Enrolling in College

Students are urged to acquaint themselves with this catalog thoroughly. It sets forth policies and procedures for enrolling and successfully completing the various programs of study.

The basic responsibilities of selecting a major field, enrolling in the prescribed courses of study in the field, and complying with the University's requirements for graduation rest with the student; however, University personnel will assist the student with problems encountered. Further assistance is offered in the form of capable departmental advisors, a full-time guidance and counseling service, and an appropriate graduation check list to serve as a reminder of the various graduation requirements.

## For More Information

Contact	Phone Number
General Information	(479) 968-0389
Academic Advising Center	(479) 964-0843
Academic Affairs Office	(479) 968-0319
Admission Office	(479) 968-0343
Alumni Office	(479) 968-0242
Athletics Director	(479) 968-0345
Administration and Finance Office	(479) 968-0300
Continuing Education Office	(479) 968-0318
Counseling Services	(479) 968-0329
Disability Services	(479) 968-0302
Financial Aid	(479) 968-0399 TDD (479) 968-0224
Graduate College	(479) 968-0398
Health and Wellness Center	(479) 968-0329
President's Office	(479) 968-0228
Professional Development Institute	(479) 964-0541
Public Safety	(479) 968-0222
Registrar's Office	(479) 968-0272
Residence Life	(479) 968-0376
Student Accounts	(479) 968-0271
Student Affairs	(479) 968-0276
University Testing Center	(479) 968-0302
Student Housing	(479) 968-0376
Ticket Sales	(479) 968-0337

The provisions of this catalog are subject to change without notice and do not constitute an irrevocable contract between any student and Arkansas Tech University.

## Equal Opportunity Employment

Arkansas Tech University will provide equal opportunity in employment to all persons. This applies to all phases of the personnel process, including recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, demotion, separation, transfer, training, compensation, discipline, and all other employment terms, conditions, and benefits. Arkansas Tech University prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

Arkansas Tech University will provide a copy of this policy to all applicants for employment. All faculty and staff will be notified annually of the policy. Further, Arkansas Tech University will consider through a designated grievance procedure, the complaints of any person who feels that he or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

## Affirmative Action

Arkansas Tech University will have an Affirmative Action Plan that contains a set of specific and result-oriented procedures to apply every good faith effort to achieve prompt and full utilization of minorities, women, those with disabilities or veterans at all levels and all segments of its workforce where deficiencies exist. Additionally, Arkansas Tech University will continually monitor and evaluate its employment practices to ensure that they are free of bias or discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.

A copy of the Affirmative Action Plan, including specific responsibilities and provisions for implementation and compliance, will be made available upon request.

Responsibility for implementation and compliance with this Affirmative Action policy has been delegated to the Affirmative Action officer, Melissa Riffle who can be reached by emailing [affirmative.action@atu.edu](mailto:affirmative.action@atu.edu) or calling 479-964-0583.

Arkansas Tech University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in any of its practices, policies, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, employment, admissions, educational services, programs or activities which it operates, or financial aid.

Arkansas Tech University complies with all applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, Age Discrimination Act, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

It is the policy of Arkansas Tech University to maintain the University Community as a place of work and study for staff, faculty, and students free of harassment, to include sexual and gender harassment and all forms of sexual intimidation and exploitation. All students, staff, and faculty should be aware that the University is both concerned and prepared to take action to prevent and correct such behavior. The determination of what constitutes sexual harassment will vary with the particular circumstances, but it may be described generally as unwanted sexual behavior, such as physical contact and verbal comments or suggestions which adversely affect the working or learning environment of others. Anyone who is subjected to offensive sexual behavior is encouraged to pursue the matter through the established informal or formal grievance procedures. Generally, the informal procedures afford an opportunity to explore a problem and consider alternative means for its resolution.

## **Annual Budget / Financial Report**

A copy of the annual budget is available in the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. A copy of the annual financial report is available from the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance in Room 207 of the Administration Building.