



Introductions

- OIS Staff: Joy Werka, Mona Foroughi, Anita Deer, Sabrina Williams
- Graduate School: Linda Clugstone and Midori Maloney
- Dr. David Berkowitz, Dean of Graduate Studies and Director of Office of International Engagement
- Dr. Yeqing Bao, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Director of Office of International Engagement
- Staff from English Language Program
- Student groups
- Volunteers

Agenda for the morning

- WELCOME
- Meet your fellow students
- Presentations from campus partners and OIS
- Orientation schedule
- Answering your questions
- LUNCH
- Connect/network



Roll Call of Nations



Huntsville

- <https://vimeo.com/97377704>



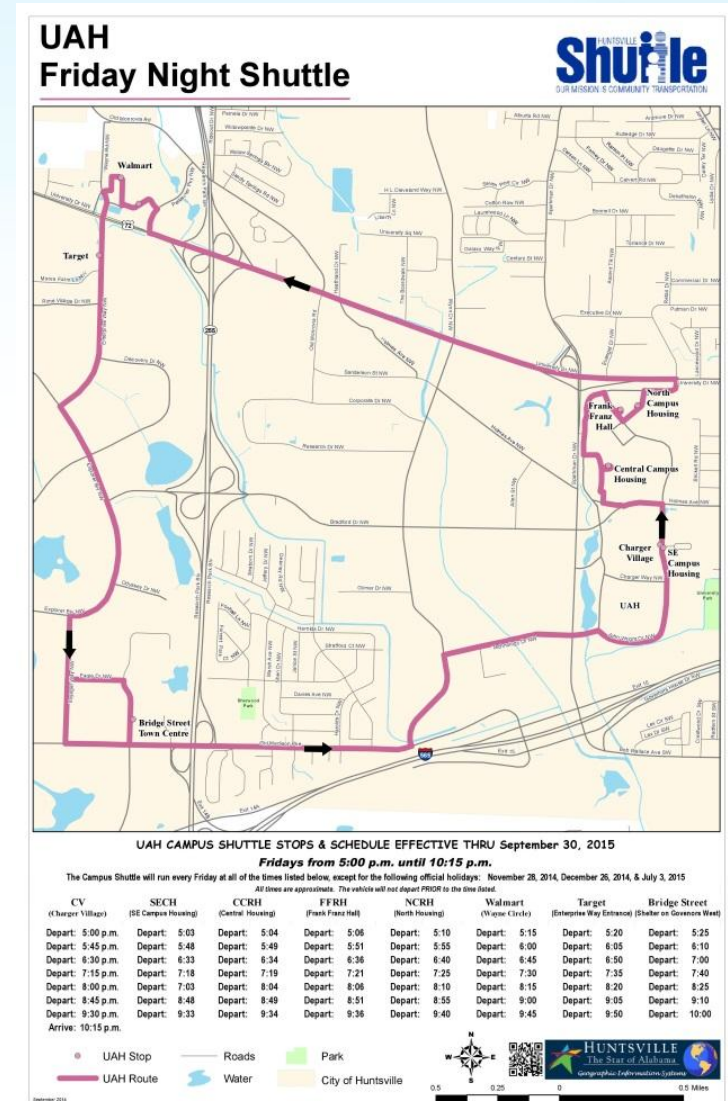
Student Life at UAH

- Student Success
- Student Engagement
- Athletics



Transportation

- UAH Shuttle Bus
- City Shuttle Bus:
http://www.hsvcity.com/PublicTran/public_trans.php



Health and Well Being

- Student Health Center
- Health Insurance
<https://youtu.be/h8iD5WCn45w>
- Counselling Center
- Fitness Center



Get to know your classmates



What you need to know

- Immigration
- Safety
- Campus Business
 - Bursar Office, Registration in classes, Charger Central (change of address)
- TECH – Banner, Canvas, UAH email, UAlert

F1/J1 Essentials

- Register full time
 - Fall/spring semesters
 - Undergraduate 12 hours, graduate 9 hours
 - Credits at degree level towards your major
 - Do not drop a class without our permission
 - can be 'out of status'



Keep Immigration Documents Valid

- Passport should have at least 6 months validity
- I-20 cannot expire before you finish – extension needs to be done before end date
- See an advisor with questions

I-20 OR DS-2019

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith	GIVEN NAME John	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1980	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME John Doe-Smith	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Helene Robertson PDSO	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214F44444000 03 APRIL 2015

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL DOCTORATE	MAJOR 1 Economics, General 45.0601	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 72 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2021	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 23,000	Personal Funds	\$ 3,000
Living Expenses	\$ 6,000	Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship	\$ 29,000
Expenses of Dependents (1)	\$ 3,000	Funds From Another Source	\$
Other	\$	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 32,000	TOTAL	\$ 32,000

REMARKS

Orientation begins 9/25/2015. Please report to ISSS upon arrival.

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
SIGNATURE OF: Helene Robertson, PDSO	21 April 2015	Ft. Washington, MD

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. **Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE		
SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE		
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE

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NAME: John Doe Smith

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TYPE
EMPLOYMENT START DATE	EMPLOYMENT END DATE
EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER LOCATION
COMMENTS	

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE

EVENT HISTORY

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

AUTHORIZATION	START DATE	END DATE

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X		

F1 or J1 visa

- Stamp affixed in passport
- Does not determine length of stay in U.S.
- If it expires when outside of the U.S., you must renew visa in order to return to the U.S.
- A visa cannot be issued inside the United States



I-94 arrival/departure record

- Print off and turn in within 2 weeks of arrival to ISSS
- You can use our printer/computer
- You need this for Bank Account, Social Security Administration – Driver's License or State ID card



[Get I-94 Information](#)

[I-94 FAQ](#)

Get I-94 Information

The following information is required to retrieve your I-94 information. Enter the information as it appears on the travel document you used to enter the United States.

This website provides information maintained in CBP systems. The information returned may not reflect applications submitted to or benefits received by U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Last/Surname:

First (Given) Name:

Birth Date: Year (YYYY): Month: Day (DD):

Passport Number:

Country of Issuance:

[Get Most Recent I-94](#) [Get Travel History](#)

Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to this information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The control number for this collection is 1651-0111. The estimated average time to complete this application is 4 minutes. If you have any comments regarding the burden estimate you can write to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street, NE, Washington DC 20229.

Privacy Act Statement

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), this Privacy Act Statement serves to inform you of the following concerning the collection of the information on this form.

AUTHORITIES: The authorities supporting CBP's collection and use of the Form I-94/I-94W data include, The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-458, codified in 50 U.S.C. §§ 401 et seq.; The Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101 et seq.; and the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq.

PURPOSE: The information that you submit when attempting to access this website will be used to retrieve your arrival and departure records from the Non-Immigrant Information System (NIIS) collected during the preceding five years. CBP will retain the information you submit when attempting to access your records through this website for 3 months for audit and system performance purposes. NIIS maintains information for entry screening and admissibility determination purposes for nonimmigrant visitors to the United States. NIIS also serves to track the period of admissibility of nonimmigrant aliens and maintain a central repository of contact information for these aliens. It captures arrival and departure information to identify travel patterns, arrivals without departure, and nonimmigrant aliens overstaying their admissible terms in the United States. The timely and accurate capturing of this data is necessary for monitoring compliance with U.S. law.

ROUTINE USES: The information you submit for purposes of accessing this website will not be shared with any entities or persons outside of DHS. The information maintained in NIIS may be shared with other authorities to assist in determining your eligibility for a requested benefit, future admissibility, and in accordance with the approved routine uses described in the associated systems of records notices.

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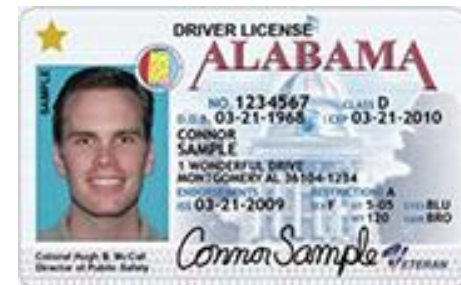
[For inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here.](#)

[Accessibility | Privacy Policy](#)



Passport

- At least 6 months validity
- Keep in safe place
- Suggest a state ID



Reporting changes and employment

- Change in address – charger central or BANNER – anytime you move submit the new address
- Advisors need to know any changes in major, financial sponsor, visa status
- TRAVEL SIGNATURE PROCESS

On campus employment

- 20 hour per week limit
- GTA/GRA is on campus employment
- On campus job application once have position offer needs a signature from an advisor to proceed – and help with SSN



Off Campus Employment

- Off campus work is very limited – see an advisor for details
 - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - Severe Economic Hardship (SEH)
- No restaurant jobs or other unauthorized off campus employment!

Who to trust?

- SEE AN ADVISOR
- Don't ask friends, professors, or the internet
- DSO role on campus and with immigration
- Study in the States or other government websites (USCIS, DHS)

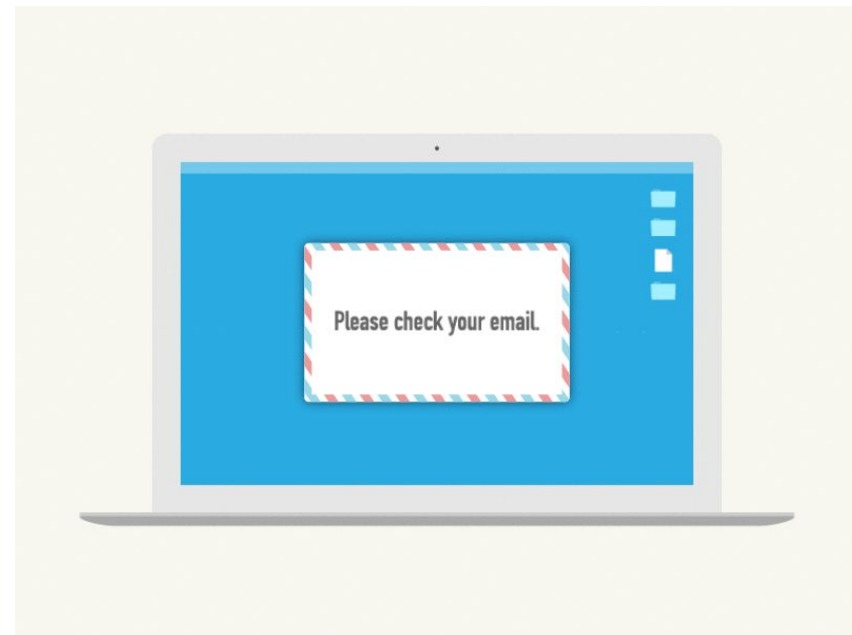


Contact us

- If you feel like you are out of status – see us ASAP - If you fall out of status – you must depart the U.S.
- Walk-in advising, call or email
- 256-824-6055, iss@uah.edu, Monday and Friday 10-12, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30 - 4

Stay informed

- Read your UAH email regularly
- Weekly announcements
- Reminder to file tax return in Spring
- Important deadlines
- Job opportunities
- Trips and Social Events



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Culture Shock

- Culture Shock: the feeling of disorientation experienced by someone who is suddenly subjected to an unfamiliar culture, way of life, or set of attitudes.
- Counseling Center
Wilson Hall 329. 256.824.6203
- ISSS
Student Services Building 218
256.824.6055

BREAK



Staying Safe on Campus and in the U.S.

What you need to know

First things First

- UAH is a safe campus and Huntsville is a safe community
- You will find people to be friendly, helpful and courteous



Campus safety- Risk Reduction Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings



Walking on Campus During the Day

- Walk in groups when possible
- Avoid isolated or dark areas
- Travel with confidence and a purpose
- Do not wear earphones while walking or jogging
- Use crosswalks and stop lights to cross major intersections



Walking on Campus after Dark

- Walk in groups after dark
- Walk in well-lit and easily visible areas.
- When going out, consider letting someone know where you are, who you will be with, and when you will return.
- Be alert and keep your cellphone and keys easily accessible
- Before exiting a building or car, look around the area for anything suspicious.
- Try to avoid working or studying alone in a campus building at night.
- Know the locations of emergency telephones.

Personal Safety Tips

- If you are being followed, go to the nearest area of safety and if possible, use your cell phone to call 911.
- If confronted by a situation, try to remain calm.
- If it is safe to do so, try to get a detailed description of suspects or suspicious persons and/or their vehicle(s).
- Do not use ATMS (automated bank teller machines) alone, at night, or when someone suspicious is nearby.
- Avoid strangers; you do not have to stop and talk to them.
- Stay alert, and plan ahead for “What if...?”



Important Phone Numbers

- **Emergency and Non-Emergency Phone Numbers**
- EMERGENCY: **911** from *any* phone
- EMERGENCY: **6911** from Campus phones
- EMERGENCY: **256.824.6911** from *any* phone
- Non-Emergency UAH Police
Number: 256.824.6596

UAlert

- Voice messages to cell, home and office phones
- Text messages to cell phones
- Email messages
- [UAH Facebook page](#) and [UAH Police Facebook page](#)
- UAH Twitter Feeds
([@UAH_UAlert](#) and [@UAHuntsville](#))

Residential Safety

- Do not prop open exterior doors.
- When entering a building with access control in place, do not allow strangers to enter behind you.
- Always lock your door when you leave, sleep or work late.
- Participate in all safety drills.
- Make sure your apartment has lights, locks, and alarms as needed.
- Be on the look out for people who don't belong.
- If you see someone you consider suspicious or out of place, **call UAH Police or 911 if you are off campus immediately.**

Protecting your Identity and Property

- Register your bicycle with the UAH Police Department.
- Record the serial numbers of your belongings. Engrave or permanently mark items with a unique identifying number.
- Keep your car locked. Store items out of sight or in your room/office.
- Coats, backpacks, and purses should remain with you or be locked up.
- Be careful with “name brand” items and leaving things in common areas.
- Do not share your personal information with people who do not need it.
- Protect your passwords, computer credentials and credit card information.



Cultural Safety Tip #1

- The U.S. has strict laws concerning the use of alcohol, especially regarding drinking alcohol while driving and underage drinking.



Alcohol Laws to be aware of

- Possession of alcoholic beverages by a person who is under age 21 is illegal.
- Using a fake ID or misrepresenting your age is also illegal and punishable by law.
- Purchasing alcoholic beverages for a person under the age of 21 is illegal.
- Driving while under the influence of alcohol is illegal and can result in jail time and loss of legal status in the United States.



Cultural Safety Tip #2

- **DRUGS ARE NOT LEGAL AT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL.**
- Marijuana is not legal in the state of Alabama.
- Possession of ANY illegal drug or controlled substance is not legal.



No smoking on campus

- UAH is a tobacco and vapor-free campus!
- Tobacco products include cigarettes, pipes, chewing tobacco, and vaporizers or e-cigarettes.
- It applies to all university-owned buildings and vehicles, all outside property including parking and recreational areas, and all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities.



Cultural Safety Tip #3

Understanding the role of Police in the United States.

- Police are responsible for safeguarding the public and upholding local and federal laws.
- Police are considered to be a community resource.
- Police are called for domestic issues and things that may be considered personal or family matters in your home country.



Police Department

Protection. Duty. Honor. Service.

General Safety Tips for International Students

- Be careful when biking or walking outside of campus
- Do not hitchhike in the U.S.
- Do not excessively rely on other international students.
- Do not drive without a license
- No smoking in buildings or in dorm rooms
- Do not go to the Emergency Room for non-emergencies
- Exercise caution when using alcohol

Tips for interactions with the police if you are stopped or pulled over

- Think carefully about your words, movement, body language, and emotions.
- Keep your hands where the police can see them and do not exit your vehicle unless you are instructed to do so
- Don't touch any police officer.
- Bribery is illegal in the U.S.
- International Students have the same rights as American citizens for police matters.
- Contact a UAH DSO if you have been arrested.

Schedule for the week

- English Language Placement Test (select students – you should have been notified by email)
- ID card (after this session with your volunteer leaders)
- Health Center – TB and immunizations (today/tomorrow)
- Registration in Classes (holds removed this afternoon)
- Next orientation – undergrad/ ILC (check your schedule or ask someone)
- First day of class – tuition due by 5pm



- Week of Welcome website:
- <http://www.uah.edu/student-life/student-events/wow>

Sunday, January 8

- **WOW Kick Off Event:
Laser Tag and Dive-In Movie**
- 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, University Fitness Center



Tuesday, January 10

- **Rise & Dine**

9:00 - 10:00AM

Graduate School and International Services,
with Multicultural Affairs

Student Services Building, Room 218 and 222



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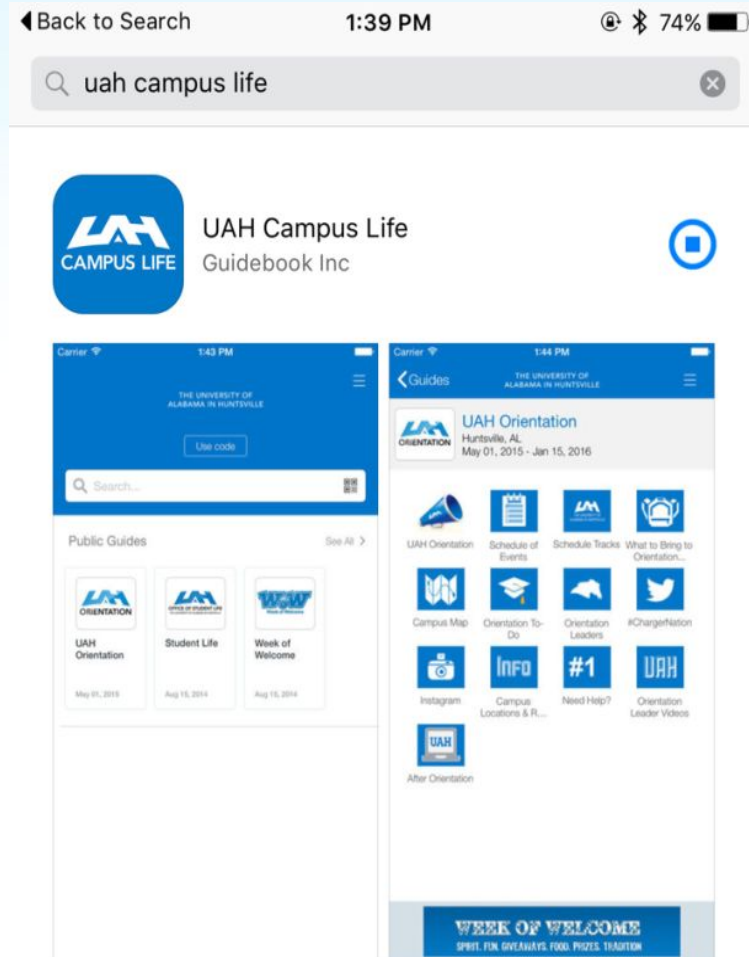
- **Student Organization Fair**

7:00 – 8:30pm

Charger Union



Download UAH campus life app



BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- **A completed SEVIS check in form – with local Huntsville address** (temporary address is okay)
- Optional letter for AL Credit Union
- GTA/GRAs letter for Social Security Number
- How to retrieve CBP I-94 (Arrival/Departure) record
- Ensure you have your original immigration documents (and those of any dependents)

Student Organizations

- ISO
- CSSA
- And more



Registrar's Calendar

UAH SPRING SEMESTER 2017

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2 (J)	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 (NO)	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

FEBRUARY

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23	24 MW	25 TR	26 SD/W	27 T/VE	28 F/E	29
30						

MAY

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2	Holiday, University closed
January 3	University Reopens
January 9	Classes begin
January 9	All fees due or signed installment agreement
January 13	Deferred Exams fall semester; WH 225, instructor approval required
January 13	Last day to add a class without special approval
January 16	MLK holiday; University closed
January 23	Last day to drop course(s) and receive refund
January 30	Last day to apply for Pass/Fail
February 1	Application deadline Undergraduate Summer Candidates and Graduate Spring Candidates
February 6	Last day to change from credit to audit
Feb. 22 - Mar. 1	Faculty submit mid-term grades 100 & 200 level courses only
February 27	Priority Registration Begins - Currently Registered Students Only
March 13 - 17	Holiday, University Closed
March 20	Registration Begins - Newly Admitted and Re-admitted Students
March 27	Last day to withdraw from course(s) and receive grade of W
April 6	Last day to submit Thesis/Dissertation to Graduate School Spring Candidates
April 11	Honors Day - No Classes
April 21	Last MWF Class
April 24	Last MW Class
April 25	Last TR Class
April 26	Study Day & Last Wednesday only class / final exam
April 27	Last Thursday only class / final exam
April 28	Last Friday only class / final exam
April 27 - May 3	Final Exams, faculty submit final grades for Spring courses. Online grade submission turned off May 8 at 9:00 a.m.
May 1	Last Monday only class / final exam
May 2	Last Tuesday only class / final exam
May 7	Commencement, Von Braun Center, Pross, Arena, 2 p.m.
Jun 2	Deferred Exams spring semester; WH 225, instructor approval required

SPRING 2017 FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

CLASSES MEET

EXAM PERIOD

		April 27, Thursday	
TR	8:00 am to 9:20 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
TR	11-10 am to 12:30 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
TR	2:20 pm to 3:40 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
TR	5:30 pm to 6:50 pm	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	
		April 28, Friday	
MWF	9:10 am to 10:05 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
MW	9:25 am to 10:55 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
MWF	12:45 pm to 1:40 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
MW	12:45 pm to 2:05 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
		May 1, Monday	
MWF	10:20 am to 11:15 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
MW	11:10 am to 12:30 pm	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
All MA 113 Sections		11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
All CE 271 & MAE 271 Sections		11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
MWF	2:20 pm to 3:15 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
MW	2:20 pm to 3:40 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
MW	5:30 pm to 6:50 pm	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	
		May 2, Tuesday	
TR	9:25 am to 10:55 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
TR	12:45 pm to 2:05 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
TR	3:55 pm to 5:15 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
TR	7:05 pm to 8:25 pm	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	
		May 3, Wednesday	
MWF	8:00 am to 8:55 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
MW	8:00 am to 9:20 am	8:00 am to 10:30 am	
MWF	11:30 am to 12:25 pm	11:30 am to 2:00 pm	
MWF	3:55 pm to 4:50 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
MW	3:55 pm to 5:15 pm	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	
MW	7:05 pm to 8:25 pm	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	

Classes that meet only one evening a week have 15 scheduled sessions. Final exam will be the last class day.

Note: Absences from a scheduled final examination without previous arrangements with the course instructor (except in extenuating circumstances) will be classified as unexcused, and a failing grade (F) in the course will be assigned. For further information, refer to the UAH Catalog.

No deviation is permitted from the announced Final Examination Schedule. A student with three exams scheduled in one day has the right to have the middle exam rescheduled by mutual agreement between student and instructor and must be agreed upon by the end of the final week of classes. Students are encouraged to make arrangements early with the faculty member.

Disclaimer: UAH reserves the right to change, without notice, academic dates and related events.

B	Classes Begin	MWF	Last Mon/Wed/Fri Class	T	Last Tuesday Class
B5	5 Week Session Begins			Th	Last Thursday Class
C	Commencement	N	No Classes	TR	Last Tues/Thur Class
E	Examinations	()	Staff Holidays	W	Last Wednesday Class
M	Last Monday Class	R	Registration		
MW	Last Mon/Wed Class	SD	Study Day		10/10/16