

# DIVISION OF ACADEMIC OUTREACH

More than ever before, students are choosing distance education to pursue their college degrees. The Division of Academic Outreach strives to facilitate University degree programs to adult learners who are limited by time, geography, work schedules, or personal obligations. Students may choose from formats that will fit their schedules and learning styles such as online, interactive video conferencing, evening and weekend classes, or online video-streamed classes. All degrees are conferred by the appropriate academic college.

For more information on these programs, write to The University of Alabama, College of Continuing Studies, Division of Academic Outreach, Box 870388, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0388. You may also call 205-348-0089 or toll free 800-467-0227, or email [aoinfo@ccs.ua.edu](mailto:aoinfo@ccs.ua.edu). Visit the Bama by Distance website.

## Online Courses

Academic Outreach delivers courses over the internet directly to the student's computer online. Students are instructed through a secured internet site, and where they interact with their professors and other students online. Online courses accommodate the educational needs of individuals who have access to and experience with a computer and the internet.

## Video Courses

Academic Outreach delivers undergraduate and graduate courses via online video streaming to students who cannot attend classes on campus. Lectures are recorded as they occur and streamed via the internet the same day. Students who do not have high-speed internet access are given the option to receive DVD recordings of the lectures. Students complete the same course requirements as on-campus students and take proctored exams at convenient sites.

## IITS (Videoconferencing)

The Intercampus Interactive Telecommunication System (IITS) is a network of conference rooms connected to a statewide videoconferencing network. Approximately 30 sites throughout Alabama are equipped with cameras, monitors, and other devices that allow teachers and students to interact as if they were in the same room. Presenters use traditional visuals, such as PowerPoint presentations, overheads, and videotape/DVD as well as digital options unique to IITS.

## Weekend College

Designed to meet the needs of both part-time and full-time students, Weekend College offers a number of courses in the fall, spring, and summer on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons. Scheduling weekend classes is especially convenient for part-time students who would like to pursue academic studies while working.

## Gadsden Education and Research Center

Established in 1946, The University of Alabama's Gadsden Education and Research Center is an off-campus program serving residents of northeast Alabama. The center offers graduate coursework for credit, noncredit programs for professional development, and test services as well as serves as a liaison to the University's main campus. Currently, the center offers more than 25 complete graduate degree or certification programs in education, including master's degrees, Educational Specialist degrees, and class A and class AA certification programs. Graduate-level courses in library studies are also available in Gadsden. For more information

please call 256-546-2886 or toll free 888-223-4131, or visit our Gadsden Center web site.

## Evening Program

The Evening Program offers classes at times convenient for working adults. Students unable to continue their education in the traditional format (day classes) may take courses offered after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Courses are offered at both the undergraduate and graduate level in various subject areas.

## Adult Student Services

The Division of Academic Outreach provides a universitywide point of entry for adult students returning to campus or entering the University for the first time. The division provides the services listed below to meet the particular needs of adult students. Through Academic Outreach students can:

- initiate the admission process
- receive assistance with applying for financial aid and adult student scholarships
- be referred to appropriate offices at the University for additional assistance with individual needs
- receive assistance with academic advising and schedule building

For more information call Academic Outreach Student Services toll free at 800-467-0227 or 205-348-0089, or visit the Bama by Distance website.

## Required Disclosure Statements

### Alaska

Distance education programs are exempt from authorization requirements in the state of Alaska under AS 14.48.

### California

The University of Alabama is not under the purview of the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education.

### District of Columbia

Education Licensure Commission of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in Washington, D.C. granted The University of Alabama required conditional exemption to offer its programs to residents of the District.

### Georgia

The University of Alabama is authorized under the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Institutions Act of 1990.

### Indiana

This institution is authorized by: The Indiana Board for Proprietary Education, 101 W. Ohio St., Ste 670, Indianapolis, IN, 46204-1984.

### Louisiana

The University of Alabama is currently licensed by the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana. Licensed institutions have met minimal operational standards set forth by the state, but licensure does not constitute accreditation, guarantee the transferability of credit, nor signify that programs are certifiable by any professional agency or organization.

### Minnesota

The University of Alabama is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to

136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

## **Nevada**

The University of Alabama is licensed to provide experiential training in Nevada.

## **Texas**

The University of Alabama is authorized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and is not regulated in Texas under Chapter 132 of the Texas Education Code.

## **Washington**

The University of Alabama is authorized by the Washington Student Achievement Council and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. This authorization is subject to periodic review and authorizes The University of Alabama to offer field placement components for specific degree programs. The Council may be contacted for a list of currently authorized programs. Authorization by the Council does not carry with it an endorsement by the Council of the institution or its programs. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430.