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Student Financial Aid

UCO awards over 117 million dollars in federal, state, and private aid to more than 10,000 students annually.

[Office of Student Financial Aid](#)

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Applying for Aid

Students may apply for Federal Financial Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: fafsa.gov. The annual application process for each upcoming school year is available beginning October 1. Students seeking financial aid for summer enrollment must complete a separate UCO summer application in addition to the current year FAFSA. Summer aid applications are available when summer enrollment begins each spring. Oklahoma Promise eligible students are required to submit a FAFSA each year.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Applicants are advised to apply as soon as possible after January 1st of each year for best consideration for all aid programs including the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant, OTAG.

May 31 - UCO Priority Processing Deadline (Applicants whose FAFSA is processed by this deadline will receive an award notification prior to the end of June.)

Cost of Attendance

The cost of attendance figures listed below represent a full academic year's cost, based on an average full-time enrollment for two semesters, therefore these figures should be divided in half to reflect one semester cost and allowances for averaged expenses to include tuition and fees, room and board, books, miscellaneous and personal expenses. The cost of attendance is used to determine the maximum amount of funding a student is eligible to receive. These costs may vary from school to school. Allowances for room and board will vary depending on living arrangements (Off-Campus, On-Campus, or with parents). Financial Aid disbursements will be based upon enrollment status (full, three-quarter, or half-time). For planning purposes, the following cost figures are offered as estimates of reasonable expected expenses for average credits of full-time undergraduate Oklahoma resident students:

	Cost of Attendance		
**Living Status	Off-Campus	On-Campus	With Parents
Tuition & Fees	\$9,522	\$9,522	\$9,522
Loan Fees	66	66	66
Room & Board	12,564	8,886	4,108
Books	1,600	1,600	1,600
Miscellaneous	6,200	6,200	6,200
Transportation	3,700	1,960	3,700
Total	\$33,652	\$28,234	\$25,196

**Variables: [Non-resident's Cost of Attendance](#).

Changes in enrollment or living arrangements can significantly affect eligibility, and may require funds to be repaid. Enrollment changes can be identified; however it is the student's responsibility to notify UCO of changes in living arrangements.

Enrollment Changes

During the semester students may drop courses without a grade notation on their transcript, or change a course for credit to audit. If federal funds have already been issued to the student or credited to the student's account, this action would constitute a re-evaluation of eligibility resulting in a repayment. Federal aid recipients who completely withdraw after school begins, up through 60% of the semester will have to repay some portion of the federal funds received which will be debited to the student's UCO account.

Types of Aid Programs

UCO participates in the following Federal and State Programs: Federal Pell Grant (FPELL), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Federal Work-Study (FWS), Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG), the Teacher Education Assistance for College & Higher Education (TEACH) and the Oklahoma Promise Program.

More detailed information concerning Applying for Aid, the UCO Financial Aid Process, and general information may be obtained by going to the ****[Financial Aid website](#)**.

**On the web site, students will find a number of financial aid forms that may be required that can be downloaded. They can also view financial aid updates and announcements that will carry the latest information and important deadlines.

Scholarships

The offices of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships and Undergraduate Admissions coordinate scholarship programs for incoming freshmen, transfer and current UCO students. These scholarships are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer and community service, leadership, citizenship and financial need.

Students may apply to UCO by visiting apply.uco.edu and completing a combined admission and scholarship application. Applications are due by deadlines noted:

Incoming Freshmen:

- February 1, 2024.

Incoming Transfers:

- November 1, 2023 (Spring Semester).
- June 1, 2024 (Fall Semester).

[Eligibility for these awards also requires completion of the FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the stated deadlines.

If you have questions, contact the [Office of Student Financial Services and Scholarships](#) at (405) 974-2727.

Department Scholarships

Many academic departments at UCO offer scholarships to students who display exceptional scholastic ability or talent in a particular area. Please contact the individual departments for more information.

Leadership Scholarships

UCO's commitment to leadership development extends into the scholarships the University offers to incoming freshman and transfer students. [UCO has established two leadership scholarship programs](#), the President's Leadership Council and Leaders of Tomorrow. These scholarship programs are designed to recognize students who have demonstrated leadership during their high school and collegiate careers and to provide a framework for learning and experiences to enhance their continued leadership development.

University of Central Oklahoma Foundation Scholarships

The UCO Foundation provides scholarships each academic year for continuing education students. Scholarship amounts and dates of their availability vary. Find out about [scholarship opportunities](#) or visit the UCO Foundation located in Evans Hall, Room 102. For questions, contact foundation@uco.edu or (405) 974-2770.

Office of Veteran Student Support

UCO is proud to host the Veteran Higher Education Resource and Opportunity (VetHERO) Center ranked in the Top tier of universities as "Best for Vets" by *U.S. Military Times* magazine. UCO VetHERO maintains a full-time office of both knowledgeable veteran and military-connected staff members and student veteran workers. The VetHERO Center can help facilitate a smooth transition for members of the veteran community, including family members, and help identify scholarships, internal and external resources and additional educational opportunities beyond the range and scope of the GI Bill®. For veteran resources, the VetHERO Center hosts three federal grant-funded programs: SSS SALUTE and Veterans Upward Bound (VUB STRIPES) and Veterans Upward Bound (VUB STARS) to help provide returning student veterans with additional educational and financial advantages and resources to assist them throughout their academic journey.

The VetHERO Center, located in its own building south of baseball fields is designed to provide information and personal assistance to both student veterans and dependents.

For all non-veteran benefit services related to veteran resources, the VetHERO Center is located in the old Commons Clubhouse, south of the baseball fields or call the office at (405) 974-3627 for further information on veteran services educational benefits, activities, support, and services.

Office of Veteran Affairs Education Benefits

To process educational benefits, students can find The [Office of Veteran Affairs Education Benefits](#) located in the Nigh University Center, Room 114. This office assists students in accessing eBenefits, understanding GI Bill® benefits, completing requirements to receive VA entitlements and creating a military-friendly campus culture and academic environment for the veteran community.

Please contact 405-974-2400 or stop by the [Office of Veteran Affairs Education Benefits](#) in the Nigh for educational benefits assistance.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Senior Citizens

Residents of Oklahoma, 65 years of age or older, may request a fee waiver to audit up to six semester hours of academic work per semester contingent upon available classroom and laboratory space. Permission to audit must be obtained from the instructor. Students auditing a class are expected to have the same prerequisites completed as students enrolled for credit. After enrollment, senior citizens requesting a fee waiver should take their processed class schedule printout and proof of age to the Office of Student Financial Aid, Nigh University Center, Room 124.

Vocational Rehabilitation

A Vocational Rehabilitation office is located at 235 W. Dennis Street, Edmond, Oklahoma. The number to call is 405-657-1800. All students seeking vocational rehabilitation assistance must be processed and cleared through that office each term. Please contact this office directly about eligibility requirements.

Enrollment and Student Success

The Division for Enrollment and Student Success provides a challenging and supportive community for students by fostering their understanding of self, appreciation of diversity, and commitment to service. These goals are achieved by providing progressive and inclusive programs and services that enhance student learning and well-being.

The departments within Enrollment and Student Success offer support for personal enrichment and development of leadership skills. All departments aim to assist students in achieving their personal and academic goals.

The departments reporting to the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success include:

Academic Advisement (Undergraduate)

Articulation

Broncho Family Programs

Bursar

Campus Tours and Events

Career Development Center

Center for Counseling and Well-Being

Centre for Global Competency

Community Engagement

Degree Audit

Disability Support Services

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New Broncho Orientation (Stampede Week)

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

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Office of Global Affairs

Office of Parent and Family Programs

Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution

Office of Sustainability

One Stop Shop

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Women's Outreach Center

Y-Chapel

Student Advocacy

The Office of Student Advocacy helps students find answers to problems that may prevent them from graduating. Student Advocates work with students to brainstorm academic success strategies, create budgets, troubleshoot enrollment problems, connect to campus resources, and return to UCO to complete their degrees. To speak with a Student Advocate, contact us at 405-974-5390 or advocacy@uco.edu

Student Engagement

Nigh University Center, Room 141, 405-974-3456

The Student Engagement office facilitates, plans, and executes programming and activities for UCO students. The Student Engagement office is comprised of orientation (Forge), student organizations, fraternity & sorority life, campus wide programming, major campus events, spirit teams, leadership, and Broncho family programs. Student Engagement has over 900 student leadership opportunities for involvement and leadership and many more committee leadership positions.

First interaction with the Student Engagement office will be through attending Forge, our new student orientation. Forge takes place throughout the summer and leads right into the start of the academic year and Stampede Week. Stampede Week is the first full week of classes full of activities, events, and opportunities to make lots of new friends and memories.

At Forge and during Stampede Week, students will learn about the many other areas of Student Engagement including:

- [Sororities and fraternities](#). UCO is home to over twenty organizations. The groups are broken into four councils that represent and govern their respective chapters.
- Broncho Family Programs exists to help keep parent and family members engaged in their student's experience. Family members are invited back for events such as Family Weekend, and other family events. For more information, contact the [Broncho Family Programs](#) Coordinator at 405-974-3301.
- Central's Cheer and Pom teams are nationally ranked, holding over 15 national championships since 2002. They cheer on, perform at athletic events, special functions, and compete nationally. [Spirit Teams for UCO](#) include Cheer, Pom, CREW and Buddy Broncho.

Involvement in one of UCO's over 200 student organizations is a great way to positively impact campus and a student's individual experience. From academic, professional, religious, honorary, cultural, social, recreation and special interest, there is truly something for everyone. [UCORE](#) is home to the student organization database, and it is easily searchable for anything a student wants to find.

In addition to everything listed above, [Student Engagement](#) has student leadership boards who program a myriad of events including: Glamazon, Homecoming, WinterGlow and BronchoThon.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Nigh University Center, Room 136, 405-974-3588

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) advances cultural competence while implementing opportunities for our diverse community to learn, thrive and succeed. This mission is met by implementing unique and meaningful events, programs, and peer-mentoring initiatives that promote the pursuit of academic success and encourage retention, while promoting the transformative leadership development of students. ODI programming serves to expand students' cultural horizons and perspectives, honor respective cultural experiences and develop culturally competent citizens. While all programming is designed to aid in persistence and retention, the ODI focuses on belonging through specific focus on Diversity Retention and Persistence and Diversity Enrichment.

Diversity Retention & Persistence focuses on providing intentional co-curricular experiences that aid in the social, cultural and academic development of students. Collaborations with a wide range of campus resources, including faculty, staff, administrators and community leaders, provide a sense of belonging, as well as increase retention and graduation rates for systemically marginalized students. There are currently six diversity retention programs: Black Male Initiative, Hispanic Success Initiative and Native American Success Initiative, Black Women's Initiative, LGBTQ+ Success Initiative, and the Asian Success Initiative.

Diversity Enrichment programs are designed to provide students with a greater sense of identity and belonging, a level of understanding and awareness of others lived experience, and opportunities to become empowered, engaged citizens. In collaboration with the multicultural and affinity organizations housed in the office, there are over 150 programs and events presented each year including Diversity Leadership Institute, heritage and history months including 2SLGBTQ+ History Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Asian Heritage Month, Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Native American Heritage Month, and events including Dia de los Muertos, Interfaith Fair, Lunar New Year, Powwow, Asian Moon Festival and MLK Oratory Competition.

Women's Outreach Center

Nigh University Center, Room 136, 405-974-3588

The UCO Women's Outreach Center focuses on awareness, advocacy, empowering and cultivating leadership in students. This is done by working alongside Inclusive Community and the Empowerment for Excellence Faculty and Staff Association to foster a campus climate that promotes equity and enriches the personal, professional and academic lives of all members of the UCO community, particularly those students who identify as women. The Women's Outreach Center also partners with Community Engagement and Central Pantry to provide a Student Parent Pantry within the ODI that offers diapers and baby supplies to student parents, free of charge. The Student Parent Pantry is a certified Central Pantry site and is open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday -through Friday with one "after hours" night a week. Some of the events and programs that support this mission include, Women's Leadership Development Institute, Women's History Month programming, the Exceptional Women's Brunch, the annual collaboration with YWCA to host the Vagina Monologues, and the monthly WOC Your Wednesday discussion series.

Career Development Center

UCO Career Development Center educates and empowers students and alumni to engage in meaningful lifelong career development. The staff and services are available to guide students in exploring majors, gaining experience through internships, and ultimately finding employment or further education after graduation.

Career Development Specialists meet with students by appointment. Resume walk-in hours are available for phone appointments. They can help students and alumni explore majors and careers, develop effective resumes, prepare for interviews, navigate graduate school admissions, and with searching for internships and jobs. The [Virtual Career Center](#) is available online with resources to help students 24 hours a day.

Handshake is UCO's job and internship database. Students and alumni can search local, national, and international job and internship postings by employers looking to recruit UCO students. [Handshake](#) also allows students to schedule appointments with Career Development Specialists and connect directly to employers.

The [UCO Career Development Center](#) also hosts several career and internship fairs each year as well as other events and programs. Visit in-person at the Nigh University Center, Room 338 (above the food court), or call (405) 974-3346 for more information and resources.

Study Abroad

Whether taking part in a semester exchange program or participating in a UCO faculty-led study tour, the Centre for Global Competency (CGC) equips student with the information and tools they need to make the most of study abroad and other U.S. based travel opportunities. UCO has developed partnerships with over 60 universities around the world, allowing current students to live and study abroad for a summer, semester or academic year earning credit toward their academic degree. In many cases, financial aid is applicable making programs more affordable. [Students interested in these opportunities](#) should click on Study Abroad Advising to schedule an appointment. Students may also visit the Nigh University Center (Room 137), call 405-974-2131, or email cgc@uco.edu for more information.

Disability Support Services

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) assist students with qualifying disabilities achieve access to educational opportunities that are equal to their peers without disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations may contact Disability Support Services where they will be given an opportunity to identify specific educational needs. Students are asked to provide documentation regarding their disability and request for accommodation(s) prior to receiving services. Reasonable accommodations are based on the individual need of the student. DSS can assist the student in removing architectural or attitudinal barriers on campus. A student who believes they have been treated inappropriately because of a disability is encouraged to follow the [University's Student Complaint Procedure in Cases of Alleged Disability Discrimination and/or Harassment](#).

For additional information, visit Disability Support Services, Room 305, Nigh University Center, or call (405) 974-2516.

Office of Global Affairs

The Office of Global Affairs (OGA), Nigh University Center, Room 137, is the international student's first place an they should go when arriving on campus. The Office of Global Affairs is responsible for all recruitment for international graduate and undergraduate students as well as admissions advisement and processing for undergraduate students. The office has DSO's (Designated School Officials) and RO's (Responsible Officers) to help with all immigration related issues. Information on scholarship opportunities specifically designed for international students is also available. For more information on the [Office of Global Affairs](#), call (405) 974-2390.

International House

The University of Central Oklahoma's International House is an international student's home away from home, and bridge which facilitates global engagement and intercultural proficiencies by bringing together Central's students, staff, faculty and local community to create opportunities for transformative learning. The International House is committed to providing global opportunities locally to every UCO student and bringing the world to UCO's campus through international activities with over nine different programs. The crossing of cultural boundaries is fundamental to the transformation process. Students should visit the [International House](#) (at the Quad) room W106, call 405-974-5577, or email ihouse@uco.edu for more information.

Plunkett Field and Stage

The Emma Plunkett Field, previously Evans Field, was renovated and irrigated in 2005 to provide a venue for campus and community activities. An official landscaped entryway provides tiered seating. Plunkett Stage is located on the east end of the Plunkett Field. To reserve Plunkett Field and Stage, contact the Office of the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success, Old North, Suite 404, (405) 974-2361.

Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution

The purpose of the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution is to ensure that students are made aware of UCO's policies and standards of behavior, their rights, their options of resources, and their responsibilities to uphold those policies and standards. The mission of the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution is to determine responsibility in reported matters of misconduct and concern through timely and equitable investigations and educationally appropriate resolutions. The Core Principles of the Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution are character, rights, and responsibilities.

The Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution and / or the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs may serve as a

channel of communication between instructors and students unable to attend class because of an emergency (which may include death of a family member, extreme illness/hospitalization, jury duty, military leave, or victimization by a natural disaster). [Submit a request to have professors notified about emergency absences](#). Authentic documentation is required.

The [Office of Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution](#) may be reached by calling 405-974-5380.

Center for Counseling & Well-Being

Nigh University Center, Room 402, 405-974-2215

The University of Central Oklahoma's Center for Counseling and Well-Being provides confidential and free services to help students resolve emotional difficulties, improve personal skills, overcome the effects of trauma or grief, decrease substance use and achieve their intellectual, personal and creative potential. Services are available to currently enrolled students of UCO only. The [Center for Counseling and Well-Being](#) is located in Nigh University Center, Room 402, and is open between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding university holidays. Call (405) 974-2215 for more information. Same day appointments are available.

Health Promotion

UCO, recognizes that health and learning are interconnected. Therefore, Health Promotion on campus exists to support students and create healthy environments that will foster the learning process. UCO Health Promotion works to provide the campus community with comprehensive, research-informed, non-biased prevention and health education so that everyone at Central can #BeWellBronchos! Within the Office of Health Promotion, is Project Speak, Peer Health Leaders, Healthy Campus, HEPS Opioid & Stimulant education and prevention, and Broncho Barkers.

Follow @ucohealthpromo on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Email healthpromotion@uco.edu

Higher Education Prevention Services (HEPS)

The HEPS grant will work towards improving student retention, student injuries, and student health and safety regarding stimulant and opioid use across the UCO campus. To achieve these goals, the formation of the HEPS coalition will be formed, partnerships with campus partners will be established, and the use of evidence-based strategies will be used to carry out information dissemination, activities, and policy formation or enhancements to improve the overall well-being of students on the UCO campus.

Project SPEAK

Project SPEAK works to Support, Promote, Educate and Advocate for Knowledge to promote healthy relationships, provide supportive services to those impacted by any form of violence and ensure a responsive and safe university. The ultimate goal through Project SPEAK is to spread knowledge and develop a campus culture that fosters healthy relationships. Through knowledge, UCO community members will not condone violence or victim-blaming but will provide an environment that is conducive to every student's success. Call 405-974-2224 or email projectsspeak@uco.edu for assistance. Follow on Facebook and Instagram @ucoprojectsspeak.

Peer Health Leaders

Certified through the nationally recognized NASPA Certified Peer Educator training, Peer Health Leaders work with the Health Promotion team to plan, implement, and evaluate health programs that encourage their peers to #BeWellBronchos! Follow on Facebook and Instagram @ucophl.

Testing Services

Thatcher Hall 319, 405-974-2388

University of Central Oklahoma Testing Services is accredited by the National College Testing Association (NCTA) and serves as a national test center for Educational Testing Services (ETS), College Board, Pearson VUE, Kryterion and Measure Learning. Besides offering computerized placement testing to prospective students, UCO Testing Services administers institutional examinations, ACT On-Campus and TOEFL (ITP), and extra-institutional examinations designed to evaluate learning for the purpose of awarding college credit; such as, CLEP, DSST, and Departmental Exams (specific to UCO curriculum), and Foreign Language Achievement Testing Services (FLATS). Moreover, UCO Testing Services functions as the testing site for Oklahoma Funeral Board examinees. [For more information about these and other tests](#), call (405) 974-2388.

Office of Community Engagement

Nigh University Center, Room 141, 405-974-3456

The Office of Community Engagement empowers students to become active citizens and develop a responsibility toward community through service and volunteerism; community partnerships and connections; intentional learning opportunities; and, a focus on civic engagement and critical societal issues. Through involvement and participation in Community Engagement's programs, leadership opportunities and student-led events, UCO students have the opportunity to give back to and invest in their community on a variety of levels.

Outside of the programs and events hosted by Community Engagement, our office supports UCO students, faculty, and staff in their efforts to engage themselves in their community through:

- **On-Campus Service opportunities:** Every year Community Engagement coordinates and recruits volunteers for campus-wide days of volunteerism: Becoming Broncho, 9-11 Day of Service, MLK Day of Service, Big Event and Little Event, President's Club Children's Community Party, and Alternative Fall and Spring Break experiences.

- **Off-Campus Service Opportunities:** Community Engagement maintains a database of volunteer opportunities in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area and can match students and student organizations with community opportunities or agencies based on their interests. Two volunteer fairs are held each year for students to learn more about local community partners and make valuable connections.
- **Service Hour Tracking and Records:** Community Engagement can help track and verify all service hours and provide a full record of all service completed while at UCO. Students that serve for over 400 hours while at UCO are eligible to be a Distinguished Service Graduate upon graduation.
- **Faculty Support for Service-Learning Partnerships and Projects:** Community Engagement, along with the Service Learning Advisory Board, provides support for faculty members as they build service learning projects into their curriculum, by providing the connection to community partners and nonprofit organizations that are in search of assistance.
- **Central Pantry:** The Central Pantry, an on-campus food pantry, is available for UCO students, faculty & staff. To access the pantry, students, faculty, or staff must fill out a Central Pantry Client form. The Central Pantry has two locations in the Nigh University Center (Room 151, Monday – Friday 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.) and in the Wellness Collective in the Wellness Center (1st Floor, Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.).
- **Off-Campus Resources:** Community Engagement serves as an advocate for commuter, off-campus and nontraditional students and their needs. We provide resources to assist students in becoming active and engaged participants within their respective communities. These resources include the information on Community Resources, Mass Transportation Information, Student Parent Programming, the Student Parent Pantry (located in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion in the Nigh University Center (Room 136), and Off-Campus Student Lockers.

Office of Sustainability

Nigh University Center, Room 141, 405-974-3456

The Office of Sustainability provides Central students, faculty and staff the resources needed to create a more environmentally friendly, economically viable and socially aware world. Annual programming includes the Central celebration of Earth Day in April, and the ongoing programs and events offered by the Students for Sustainability student organization. Experiential Learning opportunities can be tailored to individual student needs to enhance the undergraduate experience.

Y Chapel of Song

The Y Chapel of Song, initiated by the campus Y.W.C.A. in 1941, was designed, created and constructed by the students, faculty, staff and friends of then Central State College. It was completed in 1949, and has fourteen stained glass windows that illustrate songs commemorating scripture and its relationship to daily life. The Y Chapel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 because of its unique stained glass windows and level of student involvement. The Y Chapel of Song is located north of Wantland Hall and west of the Music Building.

The Y Chapel is open daily for students, faculty and staff to use for meditation and prayer. It is also available for student activities and ceremonies, as well as weddings. The Y Chapel seats 104; a piano is available. [For more information regarding reservations and fees](#), contact the Office of the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success, Old North, Suite 404, (405) 974-2361.

Army ROTC Military Ball

The Army ROTC Military Ball is normally held in the spring semester. This formal affair is conducted by the ROTC Cadet Corps to recognize graduating seniors and broaden cadets' professional development.

Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for bachelor's and master's candidates are held twice each year: May and December. All ceremonies are conducted in Hamilton Field House. UCO prides itself on conducting highly personalized ceremonies. The names of all graduates are announced, as are honors, and all master's candidates are hooded as part of their graduation.

Art Events and Shows

The students and faculty of the Department of Art frequently showcase their work in gallery shows throughout Oklahoma City metro and the Melton Gallery on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. Work created by students and nationally recognized visiting artists in drawing and printmaking, ceramics, jewelry/metalsmithing, painting, and sculpture are displayed in the Student Gallery in the west end of the Art and Design Building and are often accompanied by public lectures, workshops or forums. Exhibits traditionally rotate biweekly, so walk through frequently. At the end of each semester a Senior Capstone Exhibition showcases our students' most ambitious and challenging work. For a schedule of art exhibitions public events or information about classes for non-majors please visit the [College of Fine Arts and Design](#).

Contemporary Music Activities and Productions

The [Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma](#) (ACM@UCO), located in downtown Oklahoma City's Bricktown entertainment district, is more than a performance school. It provides students with a well-rounded, entrepreneurial education in the music industry through its focused curriculum; music business, performance and production programs; and real-world networking, entertainment and job opportunities. It also provides students and the community access to cutting-edge contemporary music productions in our ACM Live Room. Additionally, ACM@UCO Alive! events showcases our student bands playing rock, country,

folk, red dirt, pop, electronic music, hip-hop and more. ACM also hosts masterclasses led by music legends such as Roger Daltrey (The Who), Nile Rogers (Chic), John Oates (Hall and Oates), and Jack Black, which are free to attend and open to the public. Finally, not to be missed are the school's multiple Metro Music Series events in Bricktown, which also allow unique access for ACM students. For a schedule of ACM@UCO shows and events, visit facebook.com/acm.uco.

Dance Activities and Productions

The [University of Central Oklahoma Department of Dance](#) provides students multiple opportunities to perform, create and experience dance works. Each semester, the department presents two dance concerts in Mitchell Hall Theatre including the Kaleidoscope Dance Company Concert and the Senior Choreography Showcase. Additionally, they present the Student Choreography Showcase in an intimate studio setting. Kaleidoscope Dance Company has a varied repertoire consisting of modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and aerial dance and has received numerous awards for performances and choreography.

Design Events and Shows

The students, faculty and alumni of UCO's School of Design frequently exhibit their graphic design, illustration and interior design work on campus in the Donna Nigh and Melton Galleries, as well as in the hallways of the Art & Design and Evans Hall buildings. Off campus exhibitions have been seen at the Letterpress & Prototyping Lab, UCO Boathouse, Crew Workspace, and at DC on Film Row. These exhibitions include Addy Award-winning student work, letterpress experiments, grant funded projects, the Illustration Showcase, MFA exhibitions and UCO Design's Senior show. The School of Design also offers design services to the local and campus communities through three-semi-professional design studios; Clocktower and Inktank provide graphic design services while Charles Evans serves interior design needs. For a schedule of design shows and events and information about classes, please visit the [UCO School of Design](#). View our student work at ucodesign.com.

Music Activities and Productions

University of Central Oklahoma students can take part in a wide variety of musical experiences through the UCO School of Music. The award-winning performing ensembles are open to any student and include choir, orchestra, band, jazz ensembles and combos, guitar ensemble, percussion ensemble, and various chamber music ensembles. Central Musical Theatre and UCO Opera perform nine stage productions a year and are open by audition to all students. Students can perform in the Stampede of Sound Marching Band at football and basketball games, and there are multiple classes for students who want to play an instrument or sing or learn more about music, but not major in music. Tuition waivers to participate in ensembles may be available for non-music majors by audition. For those who would rather be in the audience, almost all School of Music performances are free to UCO students and take place at Mitchell Hall Theatre, the UCO Jazz Lab, Radke Fine Arts Theatre and other locations in Edmond and Oklahoma City. For a schedule of music performances and information about classes for non-majors, please visit the [School of Music web page](#).

Theatre Activities and Productions

The [UCO's Theatre Arts Department](#) is an award-winning program immersing students in performance, design/technology, and theatre education. Students have opportunities to perform in a range of theatre productions and multimedia projects. Themes include classical works, contemporary topics, and theatre for social change. Students have opportunities to design costumes, lighting, props, sets, projections, and sound. Additional opportunities include: directing plays, participating in national conferences, festivals, national and international study tours.

Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame

Established in 1971, and administered by a faculty director in the Department of Mass Communication, the Hall has honored more than 400 Oklahoma print, broadcast and digital journalists. Exhibited in the Nigh University Center, an annual induction ceremony for about nine or ten new members attracts more than 250 members, state journalists and their families to UCO.

UCO Student Association

The University of Central Oklahoma Student Association (referred to as UCOSA) is the governing student organization of the University of Central Oklahoma. UCOSA exists to develop student leadership, represent student issues and concerns, work with faculty and administration to further academic excellence, appropriate Student Activity Fee funds, and assist in the development of student life.

UCOSA consists of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. The UCOSA Congress makes up the Legislative Branch. Students from every college as well as living situation are represented within the Congress. UCOSA meets weekly to discuss campus affairs, the governing of student organizations, and student-related policies.

The Executive Branch is made up of the UCOSA President and Vice President. The Executive Branch works closely with the faculty and administration to ensure that all students are represented and heard on campus. The UCOSA President is the official spokesperson for the UCO student body and represents UCO on various boards and organizations across the State. The President also represents UCO to other student governments and sits on the Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA), the voice of all Oklahoma students.

UCOSA elections are open to students wishing to take an active part in student policy decisions. Students wishing to run for office should contact the UCOSA Election Commission early in the spring semester.

UCOSA helps to coordinate campus activities with student organizations sponsoring big campus events through a variety of councils. The UCOSA Ways and Means Committee can also appropriate one-time and reserve funds from the Student Activity Fee Fund to assist with new programming ideas.

For more information about UCOSA officers or information about UCOSA operations, contact the UCOSA office at (405) 974-2249, or visit the office on the first floor of the Nigh University Center, Room 143.

Wellness Center Programs

[UCO Group Fitness](#): Indoor Cycling | Yoga | Pilates | Zumba® | Kickboxing | Strength | Boot Camp | Core Strength

Group training is motivational and fun. Participants are guided through an entire routine from certified instructors. Wellness Center group fitness classes are designed to meet the needs of all fitness levels and skills.

[UCO Personal Training](#): Certified personal trainers provide individual, group and sport specific training. Trainers utilize the Polar BodyAge® system for a comprehensive fitness assessment and program design.

[UCO Intramurals](#)-FALL SPORTS: Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Kickball, Team Handball, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and others. SPRING SPORTS: Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Sand Volleyball, Sitting Volleyball and others.

[UCO Sport Clubs](#) are men/women, competitive student-led organizations designed to be an athletic alternative that bridges the gap between the existing UCO Intramural program and the UCO Intercollegiate Athletic programs. These Wellness Center based competitive clubs compete against outside (UCO) university/teams and often have their own sport governing bodies

[UCO Outdoor Recreation](#): Kayak - Fishing | Birthday Parties | ULEAD Challenge Course: Teambuilding | low and high elements including a 380 foot zip-line | Multi-day trip leading Leave No Trace Workshops | Cast Iron Cooking & much more.

[UCO Informal Recreation](#): Rock ‘N Central: A 1,400 sq. ft. climbing surface complete with a bouldering area and climbing routes of various difficulty, which is located on the east side of the Wellness Center.

[The Endeavor Games](#) are held in June each year and is a nationally recognized competition that allows all athletes with physical disabilities to participate in a multi-sport event. Participate - Volunteer – Spectate

[UCO Training Site](#): was named a Paralympic training site in 2005 and in 2009 obtained the Olympic designation. As a training site, national and international athletes are able to come and train on campus and interact with UCO students and faculty/staff.

[UCO Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation](#) brings more disability recreation opportunities to the UCO campus. Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation is open to all disabled and able bodied students. Sport opportunities include: wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair table tennis, goalball, cycling, sitting volleyball, canoe/kayak, and rock climbing.

Varsity Athletics

The University of Central Oklahoma fields 14 intercollegiate athletic teams as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and is a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. The Bronchos have nine women’s programs (cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field, softball, tennis, golf and rowing) and five men’s programs (football, basketball, wrestling, golf and baseball).

UCO’s athletic teams have enjoyed tremendous success, having won 22 national championships: 16 in wrestling, two in football, one in softball, and three in rowing. More than 600 student-athletes have received All-America recognition over the years.

Highlighting Central’s athletic facilities is the new Sports Performance Center. Opened in the fall of 2018, the SPC houses one of the most high-tech strength and conditioning areas in the country across any division. The 40,000 square foot center also includes an academic center, an athletic training area equipped with hydro-therapy pools, and a Stampede Club room with a 129-seat theatre. Chad Richison Stadium, one of the finest football stadiums in the country for Division II, has a high-definition video board in the south end zone, luxury suites on the west side of the stadium, and also a booster-club deck in the north end zone atop the Sports Performance Center. Renovations completed in 2022 added new artificial turf playing surface, a beautiful new landscape in the south endzone complete with a waterfall, and an increased capacity to 12,000. In 2015, the completion of the UCO Boathouse gave the university one of the premiere rowing facilities in the nation, which is home to the 2018, 2019, and 2021 NCAA Division II National Champions. The university also opened a brand new, state-of-the-art softball stadium in the Spring of 2017 with first-class amenities (Gerry Pinkston Stadium). Basketball, wrestling and volleyball all utilize historic Hamilton Field House, which is also used for graduation ceremonies in December and May. There are also six lighted tennis courts with an indoor tennis facility nearby at Edmond Center Court, a baseball field (Wendell Simmons Field), and a soccer field (Tom Thompson Field). UCO’s nationally renowned golf teams utilize some of the finest courses in the Oklahoma City-metro area, including KickingBird, Rose Creek, Oak Tree and Gaillardia.

UCentral Student Media

UCentral serves as the transformative learning experience for Mass Communication students majoring in Professional Media while offering a student media perspective for the University of Central Oklahoma. Students are given the opportunity to focus on journalistic methodology and technical aspects of developing news, opinions, entertainment and public information while the UCentral newsroom and studios provide a unique technology that progresses an idea from concept to realization through traditional and online media. The purpose of UCentral is two-fold: assist students in learning professional media while providing relative news, information, opinion and entertainment to UCO students and external communities.

UCentral News

Since 1976, the student television station has consistently produced award-winning news and entertainment programs. UCentral continues this professional practice with four evening newscasts, a weekly sportscast, and several online features. These programs take advantage of live streaming technology on Facebook and Twitter while still broadcasting on Cox digital channel 125 within Edmond city limits.

The Vista, The Student Newspaper

The Vista, established in 1903 as the student newspaper of the University of Central Oklahoma, is the longest, continually published student newspaper in the state of Oklahoma. Distributed weekly free of charge on the UCO campus, The Vista serves as an integral part of the journalism experience and education of Mass Communication Department students. The Vista, published as an independent student publication, serves as a news and information source and public forum for the UCO community. [Current stories are updated daily](#). Past issues of the paper are available in The Vista Archives section.

Student Web/Online Media

[UCentral's online presence](#) is the focal point for news, information and entertainment from the combined, journalistic efforts of the campus newspaper and student newscast. Through the website and social media sites this medium serves today's UCO students with relative information, the ability to provide input as to what information is important to them and express their opinions.

UCentral Student Radio

[UCentral Radio \(KZUC 99.3fm\)](#), is the University of Central Oklahoma's student radio station. UCentral Radio is a low-power FM station that broadcasts to the North OKC Metro with contemporary music along with local news and sports content from Mass Communication students.

KUCO FM Radio

Oklahoma's only locally programmed, 24-hour classical music station broadcasting from the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. KUCO, 90.1 FM, operates with 100,000 watts and repeater stations, KBCW 91.9 in McAlester and KCSC 95.9 FM in Woodward. Since 1966, KUCO has provided more than 45,000 listeners more than 100 hours of classical music each week and is a leader in fine arts programming.

University Services

Alumni Relations

The [UCO Alumni Relations Office](#) serves as the bridge for all graduates and former students of the university. Alumni Relations goal is to maintain meaningful relationships with alumni through specialized events and communication pieces. The office also helps alumni (graduates and former students) reconnect with former classmates and faculty. The UCO Alumni Relations Office works in tandem with the non-profit UCO Alumni Association. Membership is open to any graduate, former student or friend of the university. For more information call, (405)974-2421, visit the alumni web-site or stop by the Alumni Relations Office located in Evans Hall.

Center for eLearning and Connected Environments (CeCE)

The [Center for eLearning and Connected Environments](#) (CeCE), a division of Academic Affairs, provides course development and faculty support services for online, Self-Paced Online Courses (SPOC), hybrid, and interactive video courses. This unique center supports UCO and its colleges in helping individuals become productive, creative, ethical, and engaged citizens of the global community. The Center for eLearning and Connected Environments is located at 201 N. Bryant, (405) 974-2420.

Self-Paced Online Courses

[Self-Paced Online Courses \(SPOC\)](#) are courses that allow students the flexibility of enrolling at multiple times throughout the year. Students enrolled in SPOC, work independently under the supervision of a UCO faculty member and submit coursework at their own pace. Self-Paced Online Courses must be completed within the scheduled course period. SPOC may be used to satisfy the 30-hour residency graduation requirement (OSRHE policy exception granted Spring 2008). SPOC is considered correspondence courses.

For more information about self-paced online courses, contact the SPOC office at 405-974-2393, or by email at spoc@uco.edu.

Interactive Video Courses (IVC)

Interactive Video Courses (IVC) are conducted using video-based technology systems where students connect and interact in real-time with other students and faculty members through the use of Internet-enabled devices or by reporting to a designated location. Interactive Video Courses are conducted at a scheduled time.

For information about a specific IVC, contact the academic department offering the course. For any additional information about IVC, contact the IVC office at 405-974-5395, by email ivc@uco.edu.

LX Studio

[LX Studio](#) at the University of Central Oklahoma provides custom learning experiences throughout the Oklahoma City metro with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities through micro-credentials and digital badges for business growth, networking, career advancement through non-credit offerings and professional certificates.

Connected Campus

UCO's Connected Campus provides quality, accredited, nationally ranked, and flexible online degree programs that are relevant to the needs of today's job market. [Connected Campus](#) has designated concierges to guide students through each step of the enrollment process, student experience, and are available to provide support whenever students need it – no matter what time it is.

The Language Company

As UCO continues to expand globally, The Language Company, a privately-owned school, is reaching out to international students by providing English as a Second Language programs on nine levels of instruction in addition to special private courses. International students participate in four-week classes designed to give them English skills necessary to succeed and to exhibit requirements for admission into U.S. colleges and universities. For more information call, (405) 715-9996

Immunizations

Oklahoma state law requires that all students who attend Oklahoma colleges and universities provide proof of immunization for certain diseases. If a student cannot verify immunizations, they will need to be re-immunized. Medical, religious and moral exemptions are allowed by law and such requests must be made in writing.

Recent Oklahoma high school graduates, United States college transfer students and active United States military personnel may already be compliant. Students can verify if they have an enrollment hold through [UCONNECT](#).

Student Health Insurance

Information on the UCO student insurance plan is available in the brochure rack near the Center for Undergraduate Academic Advisement, Nigh University Center, Room 121. [International students should contact the Office of Global Affairs](#), Nigh University Center 137, (405) 974-2390.

Mail Service

All postal services are available, including post office box rental, at the R.K. Black Office located in the Nigh University Center on the first floor, suite 146. International delivery is available as well as shipping services via UPS, FedEx, DHL, and USPS. [R.K. Black is also the mail service provider](#) for students that reside in UCO housing. Call 405-974-2732 for more information.

Office of High-Impact Practices

The Office of High-Impact Practices promotes Transformative Learning through student-centered high-impact teaching practices including undergraduate research. The office facilitates high-impact teaching practices in curricular and co-curricular activities, and administers undergraduate research programs at UCO including the student Research, Creative and Scholarly Activity (RCSA), Undergraduate Research Abroad (URA), and Student Travel Presentation grant programs. In addition, the office promotes student participation in state and national student research conferences, mentors students applying for national and international scholarships and fellowships, and collaborates with other programs and offices on campus promoting high-impact practices. For additional information, please contact the [Office of High-Impact Practices](#) at (405) 974-5086 or email ohip@uco.edu.

Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

The [Office of Research & Sponsored Programs](#) promotes transformational learning through its support of research, creative, and scholarly activities at UCO. To support students engaged in research, creative, and scholarly activities, the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs works in collaboration with the [Office of High Impact Practices](#) and offers support to faculty for intramural and extramural funding opportunities. In addition, the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs offers the Faculty Research, Creative & Scholarly Activity (RCSA) Presentation Grant Program to provide monetary support for air travel for faculty who are presenting their research, creative and scholarly activities at professional conferences. For additional information, please contact the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs at (405) 974-3492.

Office of Research Integrity and Compliance

The [Office of Research Integrity and Compliance](#) provides guidance and oversight for all human subjects research and vertebrate animal research, including studies conducted by students, faculty, and staff. The office administers the Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and assures compliance with federal regulations. For additional information, please contact the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at (405) 974-5497, or email irb@uco.edu, or iacuc@uco.edu.

Photographic Services

Photographic support is provided by the UCO Photographic Services Department, which takes virtually all of the student photos used by the VISTA, Sports Publicity, and Public Information.

Reading Services

Students who feel a need for improvement of reading and study efficiency and/or rate improvement may enroll in College Reading and Study Skills. This course is offered each fall and spring semester. College Reading and Study Skills is an individualized course designed to meet the reading and study skill needs of a diverse student population.

The University Reading Clinic offers diagnostic and remedial services to first through twelfth grade pupils on a fee basis. With the supervision of a professor, education students working on their Master of Education in Reading conduct diagnostic evaluations and

provide instruction to students in the Reading Clinic to fulfill degree requirements. Those interested in obtaining these services should contact the Director of the Reading Clinic, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK 73034, or call (405) 974-5711.

UCO Psychology Clinic

The University of Central Oklahoma's Psychology Clinic provides evidence-based psychological services for people of all ages in a compassionate and caring environment. These services include individual psychotherapy, group therapy, academic assessment and intervention, and applied behavior analysis.

As the training clinic for the psychology department's programs in counseling psychology, school psychology, and applied behavior analysis, all services are provided by advanced graduate students under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist. This allows us to provide high-quality services for relatively low fees, which are determined on a sliding scale based on income and family size.

Operating hours vary each semester. Please contact the clinic directly at 405-974-2758 for more information and office hours. The Psychology Clinic is located in Room 307 of the Education building on UCO's campus.

Scott F. McLaughlin Speech and Hearing Clinic

The Scott F. McLaughlin Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Central Oklahoma offers clinical evaluations and treatment for speech, language, and hearing difficulties. Services are available for preschoolers, school-age persons, and adults. Clinical services address articulation, language, fluency, voice disorders, and accent reduction. Hearing services include screenings, evaluations, and hearing aid counseling. Services are available to the public on a fee basis. Fees are reduced for UCO staff, faculty, and students. Students in training provide clinical services under the supervision of licensed staff members. The Scott F. McLaughlin Speech & Hearing Clinic is located in Chambers Library. Those interested in receiving individual services are invited to contact the Clinical Coordinator, Speech and Hearing Clinic, University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034, or call 974-5419.

The Bell

The [Broncho Education and Learning Lab \(BELL\)](#) exists to help undergraduate and graduate students excel academically through peer tutoring, supplemental instruction, study skills development, time-management tools, and other forms of academic support.

The BELL serves current UCO students at four physical locations across campus. Physical locations include the Nigh University Center, the Quad, Sports Performance Center (for student athletes only), and West Hall (graduate student lounge). Virtual appointments are also available.

For more information about the BELL or to schedule an appointment, call 405-974-2487.

UCO Office of Information Technology

For Your Technology Needs, Issues and Support, Contact the UCO Service Desk:

Telephone: 405.974.2255

support online: servicedesk.uco.edu or Walk-up Service: North East Corner, 1st Floor of the Max Chambers Library.

For more information, see: <http://technology.uco.edu>

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is responsible for providing technology solutions which directly support and advance the mission, vision, and goals of the University of Central Oklahoma. OIT offers students, faculty, and staff a wide range of technology services for an enhanced educational experience and increased productivity.

Students, faculty, and staff who use University of Central Oklahoma technology network, infrastructure, hardware, software, and services automatically agree to follow university and technology policies and procedures. Failure to do so could result in loss of access to technology resources. For up-to-date information regarding all university technology policies see techpolicies.uco.edu.

The UCO Service Desk manages all requests for technology-related support and services. The Service Desk is able to assist with account access, software installation, and other computer related issues. Individuals or departments may contact the Service Desk for technical consulting, support services, and for troubleshooting. There are three methods for obtaining assistance: (1) call 405.974.2255; (2) visit servicedesk.uco.edu or (3) or visit the Walk-up Service Desk located in the Max Chambers Library. For support hours, visit: servicedesk.uco.edu. In addition, 24/7/365 support is available for all Learn@UCO (D2L) assistance. D2L support can be accessed through a widget on the Learn@UCO (D2L) home page and within each course. Support can also be reached by calling 405-974-2255 and selecting option 3.

OIT maintains all campus-wide technology licenses for university standard software and has negotiated reduced pricing for software and hardware available through our [Central Tech Store](#). Free downloads of Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus, etc. are available to students through the online tech store. Technology purchases may be made on-line or at the store in the Nigh University Center. In addition, the Central Tech Store has a certified technician on staff and can perform services and repairs on Apple, Dell and other computers for a fee. For more information visit or contact the Central Tech Store by phone at 405-974-3680 or by email centraltechstore@uco.edu.

. Powered by the UCO Office of Information Technology, the Central Tech Express, located on the 2nd floor of the Nigh University Center, serves as a satellite office for the UCO Service Desk and offers conveniences such as convenient printing services; 15-minute express computer usage; short-term laptop checkouts and pick-up; library book drop off location, and satellite Service Desk tech support location. In addition, some of the colleges offer computing labs, usually for their students. For lab hours, visit labs.uco.edu.

[UCO offers a unique printing solution](#) providing print-from-anywhere to designated Library computers. This service is designed to more conveniently meet the needs of UCO students, faculty and staff.

[UCO is a wireless campus](#). The UCO standard for the wireless network is Wi-Fi 6. Additionally, we have expanded Wi-Fi services to the parking lots near the following buildings: Wellness Center (lots 46 and 47), Coyner Health Sciences (lot 17), University House (lot 20), the CO-OP Esports and Gaming Arena (lot 59) and Math and Computer Science (lot 17). View the [UCO Wi-Fi Map](#). Connections will be stronger closer to the buildings.

Each student is provided with a UCO Gmail account for official university correspondence and web-based access to the student's personal records through UCONNECT.

Students are encouraged to provide updated security notification information for UCO's Central Alert. Central Alert UCO's emergency notification system. Login to UCONNECT to update "Emergency Contact Information" on the Student Information tab.

[OIT's Technology Resource Center \(TRC\)](#) located on the 1st floor of the Max Chambers Library, room 107 provides training for students, faculty, and staff to learn how to use the campus e-mail system and campus standard software; e.g. Microsoft Office, Learn@uco.edu, and others. The TRC also provides assistance and consultations for distance learning and related technologies. The TRC is available by appointment in person and virtually.

[Multimedia Services offer an equipment check out](#) program for students, faculty and staff. Student organizations and class-sponsored events and assignments may take advantage of these resources. Some of these resources include laptops, projectors, HD Camcorders, iPads, portable screens and PA systems.

UCO Public Safety

The UCO Department of Public Safety is comprised of three operational units. These include Police Services, Emergency Management, and Life/Fire Safety. The more than 30 full and part-time employees working within these areas are dedicated to the safety and security of all members of the university community and campus guests. Information about campus safety and security activities can be obtained by calling (405)974-2345. Each fall an [Annual Security and Fire Safety report](#) is prepared and disseminated through various means to members of the community as well as prospective students, their families and the general public. This report contains information on safety and security activities, crime statistics and contact information for individual offices.

UCO is the safest campus in Oklahoma based on reported crime statistics for institutions with more than 5,000 students. Despite this fact, we understand that our campus is not immune from crime and other incidents that could cause risk to our community members. Our mission is to help you be and feel safe to ensure that you are able to pursue your academic interests. Together we will continue to keep UCO safe and secure for everyone.

University Police

Police patrol services are provided by commissioned, armed and state-certified police officers. University police officers are responsible for building security, response to emergencies, investigation of crimes that occur on campus, crime prevention activities and a myriad of other activities that help support the educational mission of UCO. University Police also employs students through the Community Service Officer program to perform general safety and security services. These include building security, Safe-Walk escorts and motorist assistance.

Police officers and students are supported by full-time certified police communications officers who operate the police radio and telephone systems as well as the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunication System. Using the National Crime Information System, UCO police have immediate computer access to nearly all law enforcement agencies in the United States.

The University Police building is located immediately northwest of Old North, next to University Drive. They operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week year round. For non-emergency matters, call (405)974-2345. Emergencies may be reported via 9-1-1 from any campus telephone or cell phone. Students, faculty and staff are also encouraged to download the UCO Safety App from Google Play or the Apple App store. This app allows community members to receive information about a safety or security challenge in a timely fashion as well as communicate directly to University Police in the event of a problem.

Students interested in completing an internship within Police Services or any unit of Public Safety should contact their professor first to coordinate and approve the concept, then call (405)974-2345. Students engaged in internships are able to observe and gain practical exposure to any and all elements of campus public safety operations on a large college campus.

Emergency Management

UCO was one of only a handful of campuses nationwide to be awarded a planning grant from FEMA under their Disaster Resistant University program. The results of that comprehensive planning process have helped UCO design a long-term plan to make the campus community more resistant to emergency situations. In addition, UCO was the first college campus in the region to appoint a full-time staff person charged with coordinating and planning campus emergency management activities.

Emergency Management is continually engaged with other campus departments and external agencies to review and update UCO's emergency response plan. Emergency response guideline booklets and/or emergency exit placards have been installed in classrooms, labs and common areas throughout campus.

UCO has adopted the A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) program to aid community members. Emergency Management and University Police personnel conduct training regularly and upon request for campus groups, departments, and organizations. The purpose of A.L.I.C.E. is to empower community members with knowledge and confidence in response to a crisis such as an active shooter on campus. For more information on A.L.I.C.E. please call Emergency Management at (405)974-2219.

Central Alert is one of UCO's primary emergency communication tools. All UCO community members can receive emergency information from UCO via e-mail, cell phone, text message and home or office phones. Text messaging may result in a charge to the recipient. Parents can have their students add their home phone number or cell number to the notification list if they desire. This

system will only be used to communicate emergency information. This includes circumstances where notification of a campus closure is necessary and there is not adequate time for students to get this information via normal channels such as local media, or the UCO website. The Central Alert system is maintained by the UCO Information Technology Office and operated by Public Safety.

For more information on emergency management activities at UCO please call (405)974-2219.

Life/Fire Safety

UCO has a state-of-the-art fire detection and alarm network across most buildings on campus. The Life/Fire Safety unit maintain this networked system through normal repairs and upgrades and annualized inspections in partnership with a professional vendor. These systems incorporate a voice-addressable component that allows Public Safety to play pre-recorded messages such as evacuation and shelter instructions and can speak live-voice when this is the best option.

The Life/Fire Safety unit also installs and maintains panic alarms and intrusion detection alarms in selected areas of the campus.

UCO's Fire Marshal is an expert in life safety and building code compliance and works with campus departments to ensure that our facilities are safe, accessible, and properly maintained. These efforts are supported by staff who inspect and maintain more than 1,000 fire extinguishers installed in every building on campus. For more information on life/fire safety activities on campus please call (405)974-2345.

Access Control

The Access Control unit manages thousands of campus locks and keys and is an integral component of UCO's overall security activities. Students are not issued keys to University non-residential buildings or individual offices except in rare circumstances. UCO is embarking on a program to install electronic locking devices on all primary building entrances. The system will drastically increase security and convenience for students, faculty and staff. The new system will use the UCO identification card to allow access to authorized users, which includes residential facility access and other locations to aid students as may be appropriate. This program will require several years to complete and in the transition, Access Control will work to ensure that our facilities remain secure but accessible by our community members.

Risk Management and Safety Operations

Risk Management & Safety Operations (RMSO) compliance at the University of Central Oklahoma is the responsibility of all faculty, staff and students. RMSO is a division of the People and Culture. It is responsible for coordinating health and safety efforts campus-wide. These efforts include fire and life safety code compliance. Students are expected to honor all university environmental and safety requirements and policies. Students should follow the guidance of faculty and staff working in their respective areas to ensure that the academic and residential environments are as safe as possible in terms of RMSO issues. Safety questions should be addressed to (405) 974-2216. The RMSO division has two full-time safety professionals to assist UCO departments in meeting their safety and environmental needs, including:

- Asbestos Management
- Assistance with Material Safety Data Sheets
- Determination of training needs and requirements in RMSO matters campus-wide
- Development of RMSO systems for UCO Departments
- RMSO Awareness Training
- Environmental & Safety Compliance
- Hazardous Materials Management
- Other assistance as required or requested

Students who have a safety question or concern related to class activities should first address it to the faculty member of the specific class. If the faculty member cannot answer the question or concern, the issue should be brought to RMSO. Some classes require a safety component within the class framework. If a student feels that the safety aspect of any class is not being properly addressed by the instructor, that student should contact RMSO. Unsafe conditions or environmental problems can be reported on the UCO Safety Line, (405) 974-3000, or simply 3000 from any campus telephone. Students who work at UCO are expected to follow all RMSO compliance rules and regulations just as full-time employees are expected to do. Every fire alarm in a UCO residential unit or academic building should be treated as a real alarm and the facility evacuated. New students who reside in UCO Residence Halls should request Fire Safety training from their Resident Life Assistant. When the University has construction projects underway, students should obey signs and directions and stay out of areas under construction. Emergency help is available from any campus telephone by dialing 911.

UCO is insured through the Office of State Risk Management. UCO Risk Management and Safety Operations coordinates all insurance activities for the University in partnership with UCO Legal Counsel.

Students desiring insurance coverage for their personal property must provide their own. UCO is not responsible for stolen or lost property or damaged personal property on the University campus. UCO is not liable for personal injuries sustained by students in classes, laboratory settings, residence facilities, grounds, events, etc., unless State Risk Management, working with the State Attorney General Office, determines that the cause of the incident leading to the injury is due to negligence on the part of UCO. Students are encouraged to have full insurance coverage on motor vehicles, as the university does not indemnify against losses to vehicles operated or parked on university property.

Transportation and Parking Services

The mission of [Transportation and Parking Services](#) is to provide the UCO community a safe environment and access to campus facilities by efficiently and cost-effectively managing all available transportation and parking resources in support of the university's mission. TPS is responsible for campus parking rules and regulations, distribution of parking permits and management of parking facilities. Alternative transportation efforts are also overseen by TPS and include Central Cycle Bicycle Programs, Carpool, Park and Pace and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

For any questions, please contact TPS at (405) 974-2780 or email parking@uco.edu. TPS offices are located in Bausher Place, room 201.

University Library

For detailed information, please visit [Chambers Library](#). The main phone number is 405-974-3361.

Library Hours for fall and spring semesters:

Mon-Thu - 7:30am - 2:00 am

Friday - 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday -12:00 pm – 2:00 am

Chambers Library provides expert staff to help students and researchers learn about library resources and services. Librarians are available for individual research sessions; schedule using the “Here to help!” link on the library website. Visit the library to relax, and socialize in a bright and welcoming environment. The library fosters a collegial atmosphere for both collaborative and individual study.

The library website is the gateway to a large array of services and resources. These include, but are not limited to, Central Search (a one-stop discovery system for millions of full-text articles, books, and physical materials), specialized databases, Interlibrary Loan, research guides, and information literacy tutorials. The “My Account” feature of Central Search, allows patrons to renew library materials, place holds, and track personal preferences.

The Innovation Studio is located on the 1st floor of the library and provides access to 3D printers, virtual reality, the McCasland Recording Studio equipped with a green screen, 3D cameras, a large format printer, Cricut machine, and 4K video-editing laptops and more. You can find out more about the available equipment and how to reserve time in the Studio on the library's homepage under “Innovation Studio.”

The UCO Archives & Special Collections on 2nd floor houses the permanent archive for UCO and many special collections acquired by the university through generous donations. These rare materials and unique collections include manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, memorabilia, works of art, books, and periodicals related to the history, literature, and culture of Oklahoma and the Southwest. A reading room is available for use of Special Collections materials. Some of the collections are also available online through the [Archives website](#).

The Friends of Chambers Library hosts special events for both UCO and the wider Edmond community to enjoy. The library utilizes social media and its website to advertise events, contests, and other opportunities that contribute to the vibrant atmosphere of UCO.

Information for Students with Disabilities

Sections 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended require the University to make reasonable accommodations in providing students with disabilities access to an equal educational opportunity. Students needing special accommodations should contact the office below for their particular needs.

Disability Support Services

The [Office of Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#) assist students with qualifying disabilities achieve access to educational opportunities that are on par with those enjoyed by their peers without disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations may contact the Disability Support Services Office where they will be given an opportunity to identify specific academic and /or housing needs. Additionally, students will be asked to provide documentation regarding their disability and request for accommodation(s) prior to receiving services. Reasonable accommodations are based on the individual need of the student.

DSS assist the student in removing architectural or attitudinal barriers on campus. A student who believes they have been treated inappropriately because of a disability is encouraged to follow the [University's Student Complaint Procedure in Cases of Alleged Disability Discrimination and/or Harassment](#).

For additional information, visit: Room 305, Nigh University Center, or call (405) 974-2516.

Academic Resource Labs

The University offers assistance to strengthen academic abilities through various academic labs on campus. The Broncho Education and Learning Lab (The BELL), serves current UCO students at four physical locations across campus. Physical locations include the Nigh University Center, the Quad, Sports Performance Center (for student athletes only), and West Hall (graduate student lounge). Virtual appointments are also available. [For more information about the BELL or to schedule an appointment](#), or call 405-974-2487.

[List of labs across campus and other technology help for students.](#)

Admissions

All students are required to meet regular admission requirements. Appropriate documentation from a medical doctor or other approved professional will permit a student to take the ACT Test under non-standard testing conditions which may include large print, extended time, or a taped test. For additional information contact Testing Services, Thatcher 301, at (405) 974-2388.

Building Accessibility

Buildings on campus are accessible to students with disabilities. Automatic door openers have been installed at numerous entrance doors throughout campus. Elevators and chair lifts are located in several buildings around campus. Additional designated parking, curb cuts and ramps have been installed throughout campus. Restrooms have been remodeled to permit accessibility, water fountains lowered, and emergency alarm systems updated.

Enrollment

Enrollment Services (Admissions), advisement, financial aid, veterans services, business office, registration areas and the Bursar are conveniently located on the first floor of the Nigh University Center.

Students whose disabilities require assistance with enrollment procedures are encouraged to make their special needs known to [Disability Support Services Office](#), Nigh University Center 305, (405) 974-2516

Financial Aid

Students are encouraged to contact the Student Financial Aid Office to determine if scholarships, grants, fee waivers, or other financial aid is available. The Student Financial Aid Office is located Room 424 of the Nigh University Center or may be contacted at (405) 974-2727.

Library

The library has been designed to improve access for students with disabilities. There are ramps up to the walkway leading to the library, wide entrances and exits with an automatic door opener on one door, elevators and 36" aisles between the ranges in open stack areas. The library has a collection of large print books and cassettes. A color, text magnification system provides enlargement of up to 60 power for maps, textbooks, and other reading materials.

Staff members are available to assist students find materials and provide help in locating, retrieving, and photocopying materials. A student with a disability should contact any library staff member and request assistance when needed.

Living Accommodations

West Hall, The Quad, University Suites and the University Commons all have rooms fully accessible for students with physical disabilities. These facilities have fully accessible bathrooms, including roll-in showers. West Hall and Murdaugh Hall have centrally-located, lobbies full of exciting programming and entertaining amenities and the study rooms and lounge areas of the University Suites and The Quad are spaced throughout and fully accessible.

All of the dining locations are accessible and provide comfortable atmospheres for enjoying the variety of options provided for students' meals. Students with disabilities can contact the manager of the dining facility should they need assistance ordering food or have special dietary needs that require access to alternative foods and drinks.

College Reading and Study Skills

Students who feel a need for improvement of reading and study efficiency may enroll in College Reading and Study Skills. This course is offered each semester and is an individualized course designed to meet the needs of each student in reading comprehension, study skills, vocabulary, and rate (speed) of reading.

Speech and Hearing Clinic

The Scott F. McLaughlin Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Central Oklahoma offers clinical evaluations and treatment for speech, language, and hearing difficulties. Services are available for toddlers, preschoolers, school-age persons, and adults. Clinical services address articulation, language, fluency, voice disorders, and accent reduction. Hearing services include screenings, evaluations, and hearing aid counseling. Services are available to the public on a fee basis. Fees are reduced for UCO staff, faculty, and students. Students in training provide clinical services under the supervision of licensed staff members. The Scott F. McLaughlin Speech & Hearing Clinic is located in Chambers Library. Those interested in receiving individual services are invited to contact the Clinical Coordinator, Speech and Hearing Clinic, University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034, or call 974-5419.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services works closely with the University and provides vocational rehabilitation services to students with impairments who qualify. Services are varied and individualized, according to each student's need. The main focus is to assist the student in preparing for employment. Additional information may be obtained directly from the Vocational Rehabilitation Office at Shepherd Mall, Oklahoma City or by phone at (800) 845-8476.

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