



The University of
North Alabama

Next Steps

Your Guide to Joining the UNA
Lion Family in Fall 2026





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Introduction

At UNA, we are committed to a student experience that focuses on building relationships. Our students are more than a student ID or course registration, and we are committed to improving processes so you can focus on the bigger picture - a successful, smooth transition to college level learning.



TIMELINE

The next few months will be full of steps in preparing for college. This event allows you to complete some of those tasks while also learning about what to expect later on.

MARCH

DEADLINES
Scholarships
March 2, 2026

Housing
March 1, 2026

APRIL

Finalize Scholarship
Information and
accept awards

MAY

Sign up for Advising
Session
Opens May 4, 2026

JUNE/JULY

Orientations take
place June and July

Housing Move In
Sign Up
Opens in July

AUGUST

Housing Move In,
ROAR Days,
and UNA Mane Month

Classes begin
August 19, 2026

Housing and Residence Life

Housing can present many overwhelming small details, but to get to where we're going (move in) we have to focus on where we are (applications, roommates, and placement).



Priority Deadline

The 2026-2027 Housing Application Priority Deadline for New Residents is March 1st.



Roommates

Students can create Roommate Groups within their UNA Housing Portal.



Building Assignments

New students applying before March 1st will receive their hall assignment by May 31st.



Freshmen Live on Requirement

Freshmen are required to live on campus for one academic year. Students eligible for exemption must submit an online exemption form. If you are requesting a residency exemption, you are encouraged to submit a form upon admission to the university.



Housing Exemption forms are available within the same portal as the UNA Housing Application.

Today's Event

Res Hall Crawl

Explore our residence halls while getting to know your new neighbors.

12:50-2:30 PM

Mattielou Hall

Rivers Hall

Hawthorne Hall



ROAR

Orientation

Session 1

June 01, 2026

One-day ROAR
Session.

Session 2

June 08, 2026

A session focused
on the experience
of students in the
Cole Honors
College

Session 3

June 22-23, 2026

Our only *overnight*
session provides
new students with
a residence hall
stay and additional
activities.

Session 4

July 06, 2026
Spots available: 168

One-day ROAR
Session.

Session 5

July 13, 2026

One-day ROAR
Session.

Why ROAR?

Orientation is a key step in preparing students for a successful transition to college. At the University of North Alabama, it's about more than directions and schedules—it's about building confidence for what's ahead.



Today's Event

Orientation Registration

The ROAR staff will be available in the Resource Room (GUC Banquet Hall B) from 10:45 am-1:00 pm today.

Visit una.edu/orientation for more details.





Advising Preparation

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Advising and Registration

At UNA, we want to create a personalized advising process that allows students to sign up for classes as soon as their cohort registration is available. Meet with your advisor in person or online to pre-select your schedule so you're ready to register long before orientation.



Personalized, individual advising

Consideration for AP/Dual Enrollment, student involvement, and special courses



Remote options for students and families

Meet online or in person - no requirement to travel to campus for advising. Choose the best option for your time and needs



No holds or blocks on registration

Advising and registration can occur before orientation. Arrive to ROAR with a schedule so you can focus on other points of information

Placement and Prior Credit

ACT/SAT

- Subject scores determine course placement
- Score is not included on high school transcript, must be sent from student's MyACT Account
- Some subjects offer placement tests: English, Math

AP Credit

- Qualifying scores will count as college course credit
- Score report submitted to UNA by student from College Board

Dual Enrollment

- Courses will count toward college credit/degree requirements
- Need official high school transcript AND official transcript from college where credit was taken
- Early College courses taken at UNA are already applied

UNA offers low cost alternatives for placement out of remedial courses. See <https://www.una.edu/successcenter/testing> for details.

Pre-Advising Checklist

Being prepared for your academic advisement session is key to your success. You must meet with an advisor before you can register for class.

1. Get Logged In

- UNA email & password are provided in your acceptance letter.
- Set up DUO & Microsoft Outlook on your phone.

2. Access UNA Portal

- Sign your financial responsibility agreement and review financial information.
- Review your Academic Profile and Degree Works to verify major and credit articulation.

3. Register for Classes

- Schedule your advising appointment.
- Schedule placement tests if needed.



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Thank you!

Enjoy your day on campus!
ROAR LIONS!

