When choosing to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program, the student accepts responsibility for monitoring his/her progress toward a degree and for making choices that will lead to graduation in four years. In accepting an 8-semester program of study for degree completion, the student acknowledges that he/she must do each of the following:

1. Follow exactly the 8-semester program of study with the understanding that any exceptions must be approved by the academic advisor, unit head, and Academic Affairs.

2. Make satisfactory academic progress including maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 or greater overall, as well as maintaining the required grade point average in the major and, if applicable, the minor.

3. Be continuously enrolled in fall and spring terms and complete at least 30-36 semester credit hours of appropriate course work each academic year as outlined in the program of study.

4. Have each class schedule approved by the official academic advisor and register for classes each semester during the designated preregistration or registration period.

5. Accept any available course section in scheduling classes for a new semester.

In accepting an 8-semester program of study for degree completion, the student acknowledges that any of the following will void the agreement: changing the major, dropping a course, failing a course, failing to earn a minimum grade required for a course, incurring conditional academic standing or suspension, withdrawing from the University, failing to pay tuition and fees, failing to finalize registration, or incurring disciplinary actions or sanctions that affect academic progress.

Any first-time freshman who chooses not to commit to completion of the program of study within eight semesters is required to sign a waiver. A waiver is appropriate for any student who has not declared a major, has declared a major not included in the 8-semester degree completion program, is not seeking a baccalaureate degree, is required to enroll in one or more developmental courses, or is not a full-time student.

Questions about the 8-semester program of study plans and procedures should be addressed to the Office of Academic Affairs.

**Academic Standing and Suspension**

At the end of each fall and spring semester, the University reviews the term and cumulative grade point averages of all students. To make academic achievement and progress toward a degree, each student is expected to maintain both semester and cumulative grade point averages of 2.00 or higher. If either the cumulative or semester grade point average falls below 2.00, the student will be placed on conditional academic standing. Conditional academic standing carries no restrictions but serves as a notice that academic suspension from the University will follow unless the quality of academic work improves. The University will continue a student on conditional academic standing until both the cumulative and semester grade point averages are 2.00 or higher. When both the cumulative and semester grade point averages are 2.00 or higher, the student is removed from conditional academic standing.

Students on conditional academic standing whose semester and cumulative grade point averages both fall below 2.00 will be subject to suspension from the University. The first suspension will be for one semester; the second suspension and any subsequent academic suspensions will last for one year each. An academic suspension may be appealed to the Academic Appeals Committee at the student’s respective location (Monticello, Crossett, or McGehee).

Students subject to their first academic suspension (one semester) at the end of the spring semester will be allowed to enroll in the fall semester if, during the summer, they earn at least six hours of course work at UAM (any of the three locations) with a minimum 2.00 grade point average on all courses attempted. Otherwise, they must sit out the fall semester or have a successful appeal.

Students subject to their first academic suspension (one-semester) at the end of the fall semester will have the option to enroll in a maximum of nine (9) hours of course work during the spring term to improve their GPA. They will be allowed to enroll in summer and/or fall classes if, during the spring semester, they earn at least six hours of course work at UAM (any of the three locations) with a minimum 2.00 grade point average on all courses attempted. Otherwise, they must sit out the summer and fall semesters or have a successful appeal.

The grade point averages of all students enrolled at UAM during the summer will be evaluated at the end of the second summer term on all courses attempted. Students whose cumulative grade point average meets the appropriate standard at the end of the summer will be removed from conditional academic standing or academic suspension. Students will not be suspended or placed on conditional academic standing based on their academic performance during the summer.

Any credit earned from another institution while a student is
subject to suspension or suspended will not be accepted by UAM.

Suspended students who are not enrolled at any UAM location during a spring or fall semester must contact the Office of Admissions for readmission to the University.

NOTE: A student’s financial aid eligibility is based on grade point average and number of credit hours completed; therefore, financial aid standing may be different from academic standing. There is a separate appeals process for students on financial aid denial. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid in Harris Hall for specific financial aid information.

Continuous Enrollment in Required Courses

All full-time students must be continuously enrolled in the appropriate English composition and mathematics courses until general education requirements in these areas have been met. A student enrolled in developmental mathematics, and/or developmental English composition, and/or Composition I, must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher. Part-time degree-seeking students must complete the mathematics and English composition requirements in the first 30 credit hours attempted.

Honor Society

Alpha Chi is a national scholarship recognition society with more than 300 chapters nationwide. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. As a general honor society, Alpha Chi admits to membership students from all academic disciplines. UAM’s chapter, Arkansas Zeta, was chartered in 1956. Membership is by invitation and is limited to students actively seeking academic degrees who: have completed at least 62 hours; academically rank in the upper ten percent of the Junior and Senior classes; have compiled at least a GPA of 3.60 or above; and have completed the general education requirement in English composition and mathematics. Transfer students must have completed at least 24 hours at UAM. Accumulated “W’s” may affect eligibility.

Transfer Policy

Transfer applicants must meet the minimum academic standing requirements as outlined elsewhere in this catalog and be admissible to the institution from which they are transferring. To simplify transfers, the University has formed articulation agreements with several area schools. Students should contact the Office of the Registrar (870-460-1034) for additional information.

Transfer students must submit an ACT, Asset, Compass, or SAT score when he/she has not completed a transferable course in mathematics which will satisfy the general education mathematics requirement or when he/she has not completed one semester of a transferable course in English composition. Course credit for acceptable work is transferred, but grades are not transferred. Transfer work does not affect the UAM grade point average of a student.

Students on suspension from UAM may not transfer hours taken at any other institution during the suspension period. Other regulations affecting transfer credit are:

1. Transferring students may receive credit for course work completed at an accredited post-secondary institution where a grade of “C” or higher has been earned. Credit is not awarded for course work completed at educational institutions judged not to be collegiate level.

2. Generally, the University does not accept transfer credit hours in which a grade of “D” was awarded. However, requests for exceptions to this transfer credit policy may be made to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The following regulations apply:
   a. A student entering the University for the first time must make application during his/her first term of enrollment.
   b. Six (6) credit hours with grades of “D” will be the maximum allowed.
   c. Transfer hours accepted with grades of “D” will be applicable only to general education or to general electives.
   d. No more than six credit hours of religion will count toward the degree requirements of a major.
   e. A maximum of 68 credit hours may be transferred from a community, technical, or junior college. Exceptions may be made in instances where UAM has entered into articulation agreements with community, technical, or junior colleges.

3. The final decision regarding transfer course equivalents to University courses will be made by the University.

4. The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and the equitable treatment in the application of credits for the admissions and degree requirements. Course transferability is not guaranteed for courses listed in ACTS as “No Comparable Course.” Additionally, courses with a “D” frequently do not

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