Mission Statements of Academic Units

School of Agriculture

It is the mission of the School of Agriculture to provide educational programs on both the theory and practice of agricultural science enabling the graduate to compete within and contribute to this diverse field at the producer, industry, and graduate student level. This mission is accomplished through degree options in Agribusiness, Animal Science, Plant and Soil Science, and General Agriculture. An agricultural minor is also offered. Those desiring agricultural degree programs not offered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello are provided introductory course work and advising designed to facilitate transfer to another institution. In addition, students desiring to enter veterinary school are provided course work and advising aimed at meeting the requirements of institutions offering a degree in veterinary medicine.

School of Arts and Humanities

The mission of the School of Arts and Humanities is to help students appreciate and take pleasure in literature, art, and music, as well as giving them the personal and professional skills to pursue stimulating careers for creative individuals with excellent writing, speaking, and critical-thinking abilities. Many Arts and Humanities courses serve the entire campus as General Education requirements or as requirements for disciplines outside the School of Arts and Humanities.

The School offers five Bachelor of Arts degrees in the following disciplines: Art, English, Modern Languages, Music, and Speech Communication. The Art major allows students to choose from three options: painting and drawing; ceramics; and general art studies. The English major offers concentrations in literature, creative writing, and professional writing. The Modern Languages major gives students several options including the in-depth study of French and Spanish and introductory courses in Latin, Japanese, and German. The Bachelor of Arts in Music has voice, piano, instrumental, and jazz concentrations.

A Bachelor of Music Education degree prepares future music teachers. The Speech major prepares students for an array of careers in which superb communication skills are necessary. Minors are available in Art, English, French, Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, and Speech Communication.

School of Business

The mission of the School of Business is to serve the undergraduate educational needs of business students in southeast Arkansas and the region. Teaching and student learning are the highest priorities of a faculty dedicated to effective classroom instruction and advising. The School of Business faculty are also dedicated to providing service to the university, the profession, and the community; and they are actively engaged in scholarship that strengthens classroom instruction and assists the business community and the profession. The School of Business is firmly committed to continuous improvement in all three areas: teaching, service, and scholarship. The programs in Accounting and Business Administration share the common goal to preparing students to participate effectively in the complex business environment of the future.

School of Computer Information Systems

The mission of the School of Computer Information Systems is to support the mission of the University of Arkansas at Monticello by focusing on the undergraduate educational needs of computer information system students in southeast Arkansas and the region. The Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems is designed
to prepare students to assume dynamic roles as analysts and designers who will provide the professional insight required for building the information systems of the future.

School of Education

The University of Arkansas at Monticello School of Education is committed to the development of highly qualified teacher candidates. The School of Education embraces the responsibility to prepare teacher candidates to live and work in a rapidly changing, diverse world. Teacher education candidates are challenged to achieve the highest level of competencies defined in the UAM School of Education’s Conceptual Framework and as modeled by the UAM School of Education faculty. The Conceptual Framework is comprised of five strands: knowledge, pedagogy, professionalism, diversity, and technology. The teacher candidates’ understanding of the Conceptual Framework is progressively developed as they advance through the teacher education programs. The UAM School of Education is dedicated to developing highly qualified teachers, as identified by the State of Arkansas and by the “No Child Left Behind” Act of 2001, through a partnership with the Southeast Educational Cooperative, area public schools, the university community, and Arkansas’ high-need geographical areas.

School of Forest Resources

The mission of the School of Forest Resources is to education professional natural resource managers, to enlarge the body of knowledge in renewable forest resources and spatial information and to disseminate new ideas and technology. Successful accomplishment of this mission will promote and enhance management, conservation and appreciation of public and private forests, thereby providing for continuous production and optimum attainment of a variety of forest resources for the people of Arkansas, the South and the nation. These resource benefits include the production of wood and fiber, wildlife, and clean water, as well as provision for recreation, aesthetic, and other important values.

Division of General Education

The mission of the Division of General Education is to serve as the academic and administrative unit for all students who are undecided about a major field of study. Faculty advisors assist students in satisfying the general education requirements, the requirements for admission into a major, and/or the requirements for an associate’s degree, the Bachelor of Applied Science, and the Bachelor of General Studies.

School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

The mission of the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences is to offer specialization in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and natural sciences and to provide opportunities for all students to enhance their understanding of science and mathematics. Curricula offered in the School prepare graduates for careers in industry and teaching, for graduate studies, and for admission to professional programs including allied health, dentistry, medicine, optometry, and pharmacy. This mission is fulfilled through the following goals:

- To provide academic programs which promote the development of professional scientist and mathematicians and provide opportunities for all students to enhance their understanding of the natural sciences and mathematics.
- To prepare individuals for successful careers in industry and teaching, for graduate studies in science and mathematics.
- To provide curricula for pre-professional studies in dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, and allied health (physical therapy, radiological technology, respiratory therapy, medical technology, occupational therapy, and dental hygiene).
- To provide technical and analytical courses to support studies in agriculture, forestry, nursing, physical education, pre-veterinary medicine, psychology, and wildlife management.
• To serve the General Education program through courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics, physics, and physical science that provide a basic background for a baccalaureate degree.

Division of Music

The mission of the Division of Music is to offer quality educational opportunities that provide students with the technical skills and the theoretical and historical knowledge necessary for professional competence in their chosen areas of specialization, and

• To prepare students at the baccalaureate level for successful careers in teaching and other musical occupations
• To prepare students in music for successful graduate study
• To provide students opportunities for cultural and aesthetic experiences through active participation in music
• To offer general education course work for all students of the University
• To provide cultural and aesthetic experiences for the University, the community, and southeast Arkansas through the presentation of recitals, concerts, music theater productions, master classes, workshops, and seminars.

School of Nursing

The overall mission of the School of Nursing is to strive for excellence in the preparation of professional nurse generalists. This mission is accomplished through the following goals:

• The preparation of graduates to provide nursing care for individuals, families, and communities within a variety of health care settings
• The encouragement of critical thinking to guide nursing interventions that promote, maintain, and restore health
• The development of accountability through a commitment to professional nursing practice and lifelong learning

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The mission of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences is to develop competent professionals, leaders, and socially responsible graduates who can effectively interact with diverse populations, function in multi-disciplinary and technologically advanced work environments in their chosen occupations and professions, and serve the citizens of the state, the nation, and the global community.

College of Technology-Crossett

The mission of the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-Crossett (UAM CTC) is to support and uphold the mission statement of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. To do so, this unit educates individuals by providing opportunities for academic growth, skill development, and specialized training to meet the needs of the workplace. The programs available at UAM CTC function under the following two Student Learning Outcomes:

• Upon graduation, students will be able to demonstrate the entry-level/advanced marketable skills necessary to be competitive in the job market.
• Upon completion of technical programs, students will be able to apply their training toward as associate and/or baccalaureate degree
The mission of the University of Arkansas at Monticello-College of Technology at McGehee (UAM-CTM) is to provide customized quality educational services to meet the needs of regional workforce development and enhance economic growth of the state.

Values Statement

SERVICE: Our priority is to provide the finest instructional resources and support services to enhance the growth and development of students.

ACCOUNTABILITY: UAM College of Technology-McGehee’s evaluation process is systematic and ongoing with an emphasis on strategic long-range planning, assessment, and improvement programs for continuing institution effectiveness, and evaluation of administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

CREDIBILITY: We are committed to high standards which are demonstrated through quality educational programs and student-centered support services.

COMMITTED TO QUALITY: We recognize the importance of faculty and staff through open, honest communications, appropriate involvements in planning and decision making, encouragement of responsibilities, reward of exceptional performance, and the provision for professional development.

Vision

A life-long learning center composed of a highly professional team working to support customer needs and providing world-class quality workforce development.