



UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

HANDBOOK
2027
2028

LEADING WITH PURPOSE

You can feel confident in your student's choice to study at the University of Alberta.



TOP 4
UNIVERSITY IN
CANADA



TOP 100
UNIVERSITY IN THE
WORLD



**97% GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT RATE**

University Commons

They will join a thriving student community.



47,500+
STUDENTS FROM
156 COUNTRIES



450+
STUDENT CLUBS TO JOIN



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TEACHING CAMPUSES TO DISCOVER
uab.ca/campus

With access to opportunities to transform their degree.

240+ STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
uab.ca/abroad

CO-OPS, PRACTICUMS AND INTERNSHIPS
IN EVERY DIRECT-ENTRY FACULTY
uab.ca/wil

FIRST-YEAR RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
uab.ca/uri

And supports to help get them there.

\$53M+ IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE
uab.ca/awards

CONNECT WITH OUR STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE
uab.ca/ask

SPEAK ONE-ON-ONE WITH AN ADVISOR
uab.ca/advising

ALES students in the
Agriculture/Forestry Centre
Common Space.

DO WE CHECK YOUR BOXES?

Deciding where to go to university is a big deal. Work your way through our checklist below to empower your student to make their choice.

- ❑ Help your student pick the perfect program by browsing our 200+ program options. uab.ca/programs
- ❑ Prepare them for admission by reviewing our historical admission average ranges. uab.ca/averages
- ❑ See our campuses first-hand by booking a tour. uab.ca/tours
- ❑ While there, tour residence and see the perks of living on campus in action. First-year students who apply by **April 30, 2027** are guaranteed a spot. uab.ca/residence
- ❑ If your student is looking for a first-hand perspective, they can message a current U of A student. uab.ca/peerchat
- ❑ Attend our year-round presentations and events specifically for students and supporters like you! uab.ca/recruitmentevents
- ❑ Browse our On Demand video resources, from application tips and tricks to an introduction to our faculties. uab.ca/ondemand

40+ HOURS/WEEK WITH A FULL COURSE LOAD

- 20 hours attending lectures, labs and seminars
- 20+ hours studying and working on assignments

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR CLASS SIZE

- 50 students at North Campus
- 26 students at Augustana Campus
- 22 students at Campus Saint-Jean

ACCESS TO ON-CAMPUS SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

- Counselling and peer support
- Writing support and academic advising
- Fitness programs and recreation facilities

Funding Their Future

How much will it cost?

TUITION COST

Our cost calculator can give you the best estimate personalized to your student's program, living situation and more.

uab.ca/costcalc

APPLICATION FEE

Your student will be required to pay a \$150 non-refundable fee.

TUITION DEPOSIT

Once your student receives an admission offer, they must accept it and pay the tuition deposit by the deadline stated in Launchpad in order to be eligible to register in courses.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

These provide your student access to health benefits, student services, fitness facilities and more.

uab.ca/u fees

How can we help?

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

We have application-based and admission-based scholarships available to support your student's funding. Applications close **January 10, 2027**.

uab.ca/awards

BURSARIES

If your student is experiencing a financial shortfall or emergency for the current school year's academic and basic living costs, they may be eligible for a bursary.

uab.ca/bursaries

LOANS

Student loans help pay for tuition, fees, books and living expenses until your student is in a better position to pay them back.

uab.ca/loans101

Graduates celebrating in Quad



Time to Take Note

- ❑ **Your student can apply October 1 of their grade 12 year** using their final grade 11 marks and available final grade 12 marks. Our ongoing evaluation process means they only apply once, and their application will continually be reviewed.
- ❑ **For Alberta students, final high school transcripts will be sent on their behalf** to the U of A as part of the application process. For out-of-province students, all final and official documentation must be sent to the U of A by **August 1, 2027**.
- ❑ **Your student must accept their offer of admission and pay the tuition deposit** by the deadline in Launchpad before they can register for their courses.
- ❑ **All communication will be sent to their official U of A email address** once your student applies to the U of A — so remind them to regularly check their inbox!
- ❑ **Official correspondence between the university and students is privileged.** By law, we are unable to disclose students' personal or academic information to anyone else, including parents/supporters, without the student's prior written consent.

Get Acquainted with Our Lingo

Undergraduate: A student enrolled in university who is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree with no prior post-secondary credentials. This typically takes 4 to 5 years to complete.

Major/Minor: A student's major is their primary area of study in a degree program, whereas a minor is their secondary area of study (which is usually optional).

Transcript: A statement of the student's entire official academic record.

Competitive Average: The entrance average required to be admitted into a program.

Direct-Entry Program: A program that does not require any other post-secondary credit for admission purposes (i.e., admitted based on high school grades alone).

Non-Direct Entry Program: A program that requires specific previously completed post-secondary course credit for admission purposes.

DATES AND DEADLINES

2026

October 1

Fall 2027 undergraduate application opens uab.ca/apply

October 17

Open House uab.ca/openhouse

2027

January 10

Awards application deadline uab.ca/awards

February 19

Update new final Grade 12 marks uab.ca/aftapp

March 1

Fall 2027 admission application deadline

April 30

Deadline to apply for a guaranteed spot in residence uab.ca/residence

May 1

Deadline to accept admission offer (unless otherwise stated) uab.ca/accept

Spring

Attend a Registration 101 workshop uab.ca/reg101

Course registration for Fall 2027 opens

July

Attend a Student Loans 101 workshop uab.ca/loans101

August 1

Deadline to submit admission documents uab.ca/appdocs

Late August

Residence Move-In

August 30 - 31

Attend Orientation uab.ca/orientation

September 1

Classes begin!

September 1 - 4

Join us at Week of Welcome uasuu.ca/wow

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uab.ca/start

ASK US

You've got questions.
We've got advisors.
parents@ualberta.ca

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