



The Office of Accessibility Newsletter

Welcome back to the University of Akron as we begin the Spring 2017 semester.

We are SO glad you are here. The University of Akron is a great place to be. The faculty, staff and everyone who works at the University of Akron embrace the phrase... "You Are UA."

Sounds good, but what does that mean for you?

It means tutoring centers that are ready to assist you in your classes. It means a nationally recognized counseling center that is there when you need someone to talk with. It's the faculty who hold office hours to help when you are stuck on a concept or theory. It's the ZipAssist Office that can guide you through all aspects of what it means to be a student at The University of Akron.

It means the Office of Accessibility that is in place to help you in and out of the classroom as you work to mitigate the symptoms of your disability. Whether that means helping you sending out your Letters of Accommodations for your spring classes, assisting you in setting up your test requests through STARS, to helping you organize your spring semester.

Spring is the time of fresh starts, new beginnings and new expectations. Take control of your classes early, set up a schedule for study and down time. Make sure you are taking advantage of all the resources the University has to offer. The faculty is in place, the tutoring center is ready to go, are you ready to make this your best semester ever? I know you are and we are here to help you realize your dreams.

Come see us and Go ZIPS !!!!!

Kindest regards,

The Office of Accessibility Team

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RETHINKING RACE: Black, White and Beyond



Celebrating 10 Years!

February 3- 17, 2017

Rethinking Race is a forum in which race and race-related issues can be discussed, examined, and hopefully, better understood through films, performances, Face-2-Face Conversations, and keynote speakers. Rethinking Race hopes to engage the public with important topics such as diversity in the workplace and awareness of issues and culture.

Please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/race/> for more information and the calendar of events.

Changes for the Office of Accessibility at Alternative Campus Locations

The staff within the Office of Accessibility at The University of Akron is responsible for assessing documentation and determining eligibility for accommodations and services at The University of Akron Main Campus. For students registered at any of the other locations - including Lakewood, Medina (Medina County University Center), Millersburg (Holmes Campus), and Orrville (Wayne College) - they will work with the Accessibility Services department at Wayne College. For more information about receiving accommodations at these locations please visit the Accessibility Services webpage which can be located here <http://wayne.uakron.edu/student-services/accessibility-services/index.dot>.

Coordinators at the other locations can also help you get connected to Wayne College's Accessibility Services department. These coordinators include:

Lakewood Center:

Jeanette Berger- (phone) 330-721-2210, (email) jlb9@uakron.edu

Medina County University Center:

Jeanette Berger- (phone) 330-721-2210, (email) jlb9@uakron.edu

Denise Testa- (phone) 330-972-2213, (email) dtesta@uakron.edu

Millerburg (Holmes Campus) and Orrville (Wayne College):

Julie Hartzler- (phone) 330-972-5974, (email) julie21@uakron.edu



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College Survival Kit

The Counseling and Testing Center is hosting a variety of workshops to provide you with information and practical skills to help you succeed in college. **Topics include:**

- Taking Care Week
- Developing Relationships
- Reduce Test Anxiety
- How to Earn Better Grades
- Career Planning and Decision Making
- Suicide Prevention



Counseling &
Testing Center

Please sign up in advance for these workshops:

Counseling and Testing Center– Simmons Hall 306, (phone) 330-972-7082

Visit <http://uakron.edu/counseling/docs/SurvivalKitSpring2017.pdf> for event details

Student Organizations

Get involved!

We have student groups for nearly every interest!

The University of Akron has more than 300 student organizations — focused on everything from academics and hobbies to music and careers. Making time in your schedule to get involved in campus activities and develop new interests and friendships is all part of the college experience.

Student organizations

Student life is about more than classroom learning. Get involved in a club or student organization to meet fellow students and stay connected outside of class. More information about student groups can be found on OrgSync.com

Please visit <http://www.uakron.edu/campus-life/student-activities/orgs.dot>



Important Dates

February 8, 2017
Last day to drop classes

February 21, 2017
President's Day Observance, classes cancelled

March 27- April 2, 2017
Spring Break

April 3, 2017
Classes resume

May 8-14, 2017
Final Examination Period

May 12-14, 2017
Spring 2017 Commencement

Testing in the Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation Center

In an effort to continue to make our testing processes more efficient and student friendly, the Office of Accessibility has been working with Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation Center (CBA&E).

You must select "time extension" (OA) when you submit the request. Please make a note that the exam will take place in CBA&E in the Additional Comments section of the Alternative Testing request form in STARS.

As previously, students who have requested a proctor (reader and/or scribe) and have requested the distraction reduced space in Computer Based Assessment and Evaluation, should **report to Schrank Hall North 153** on the day of the exam. You will meet the proctor from the Office of Accessibility in that office, and then will be escorted to the testing room.

As a reminder, students who wish to utilize testing accommodations at CBA&E need to:

1. Call CBA&E at 330-972-6511 x3 to reserve the distraction-reduced testing room.
2. If a reader or scribe is required, request testing accommodations in STARS as well.

For students who do not require a proctor, please report to the testing center as normal. Please contact your disability specialist with any questions.

GRE & GMAT Preparation

Prepare. Test. Succeed.

UA Solutions is hosting courses to help students prepare for upcoming GRE or GMAT test. Participants will learn strategies and methods geared specifically toward all sections of the GRE and GMAT to test successfully and confidently. Essays, quantitative, verbal, analytical and logical reasoning are covered in the high quality study materials.



Please contact **UA Solutions** for more information 330-972-7577 or visit www.uakron.edu/uas

GRE: Cost: \$349 Start Date: 2/10/17

GMAT: Cost: \$349 Start Date: 2/10/17

“How and When do I fill out the FAFSA?” -Advice from ZipAssist

When:

Financial Aid is given annually. You must complete a new FAFSA every year to apply for grants and loans. FAFSA for 2017-2018 school year is now available.

How:

1. Obtain a federal FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID)
 - The FSA ID acts as your electronic signature on FAFSA
 - Create your FSA ID at studentaid.ed.gov.
2. Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - FAFSA is available online at fafsa.gov.
 - The University of Akron's Federal School Code is 003123.
3. You will receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the U.S. Department of Education
 - The SAR summarizes the information you provided on the FAFSA and indicates your Expected Family Contribution, which will help determine your need.

Suggestion Box

We want your feedback!

Email ooaga1@uakron.edu with comments about the current newsletter or ideas you would like to see in future newsletters.

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