

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON FACT SHEET 2023-24

(All data through October 2023 unless otherwise noted)

## UA MISSION

The University of Akron, a publicly assisted metropolitan institution, strives to develop enlightened members of society. It offers comprehensive programs of instruction from associate through doctoral levels; pursues a vigorous agenda of research in the arts, sciences and professions; and provides service to the community. The University pursues excellence in undergraduate education and distinction in selected areas of graduate instruction, inquiry and creative activity.

## UA VISION

The University of Akron will be a leading public research university with an unsurpassed commitment to community engagement with a great American legacy city, Akron. We will:

- Be an opportunity university for all types of learners
- Be known as a willing and constructive partner for business, government and the non-profit sector
- Be an institution of innovation willing to invest in unique approaches that increase opportunity for students and reduce costs
- Be a diverse, equitable and inclusive university
- Sponsor an array of superb academic programs relevant to the future
- Make and keep promises to our students, ourselves and this community

## BRIEF HISTORY OF UA

- Founded as Buchtel College in 1870 by Ohio Universalist Convention, including industrialist John R. Buchtel
- Buchtel College trustees transferred the institution and its assets to the city of Akron in 1913, name changed to The University of Akron in 1926
- World's first courses in rubber chemistry offered beginning in 1909. The Rubber Technical Institute is established in 1942
- In 1967 transitioned from municipal to state university
- A campus enhancement program in the 2000s resulted in 22 new buildings and 34 acres of new green space added to the now 218-acre campus
- Celebrated 150th anniversary in 2020

## OVERALL STUDENT BODY PROFILE

	%
Freshman-sophomore retention (Fall 2022-Fall 2023)	72.43%
Students who graduate in 4/5/6 years	24.17% / 41.8% / 45.59%
Out of state	10%
International	3.4%
Female/male/non-binary	51% / 49% / 0% (five)

### • RACIAL PROFILE OF STUDENTS:

- White	71.1%	- Hispanic	3.9%
- African-American	10%	- Unknown	3.2%
- Two or more races	4.3%	- Native American	0.1%
- Asian	3.9%	- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific	0.06%

## FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

	%
Applicants admitted	72%
Children of UA alumni	7.36%
Living in UA housing	53.04%
Out of state	9.10%
Self-identified as first in their family to go to college	12.35%
Test scores	21.34 mean ACT, 1101.96 mean SAT

## INSTITUTIONAL FINANCES

- **ENDOWMENT: \$290.4 million** (value on June 30, 2023)
- **FY23 OPERATING BUDGET: \$301,516,000**

## TOP RANKINGS AND POINTS OF PRIDE

- Princeton Review Best Regional Colleges (Midwest)
- Top 10 best colleges and universities in Ohio (academicinfluence.com)
- No. 1 university in the world for polymer science and plastics engineering (edurank.com)
- 2023 Best Value College in Ohio Award (research.com)
- No. 1 undergraduate business school in Northeast Ohio (Poets and Quants), No. 5 online MBA program in the U.S. (onlinemastersdegree.org)
- 35 current UA faculty in top two percent of scientists worldwide within their specialty areas (Stanford University)
- Only aerospace engineering bachelor's degree program of its kind in the U.S. outside the Air Force
- College of Business is in the 1% of schools worldwide offering business degrees that are doubly accredited in business and accounting, according to AACSB International
- World's first accredited emergency management and homeland security bachelor's degree program
- Home to the National Museum of Psychology, the only museum of its kind in the country
- No. 2 esports college program in the U.S. (dailygame.net)
- Three-time National School of the Year awarded by the National Association of College and University Residence Halls for the outstanding achievements of UA residence hall organizations and affiliated groups
- Top 100 U.S. universities granted utility patents (National Academy of Inventors)

## ACADEMICS

### • PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

Undergraduate Majors - **185** Graduate Programs - **210**

### • TOP 5 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT

- Nursing • Psychology • Mechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Science • Cybersecurity

### • TOP 5 GRADUATE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling • Business • Polymer Science
- Social Work • Nursing

### • FACULTY - STUDENT RATIO - 17/1

### • COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

- Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering and Polymer Science
- College of Health and Human Sciences
- The Graduate School
- School of Law
- Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honor College

## ENROLLMENT

FALL 2023	HEAD COUNT
Undergraduate	12,925
Graduate	1,635
Law	435
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,995</b>

- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 523** students (3.4% of student body) from **70** countries

## STUDENT LIFE

- **249 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, 11 INTRAMURALS**
- **TOP 50 GREAT COLLEGE GYMNASIUM AND RECREATION CENTERS**

## EMPLOYEE HEADCOUNTS (AS OF NOV. 2023)

EMPLOYEES	#
Full-time faculty/professional staff/staff/graduate assistants	524 / 657 / 399 / 1
Part-time faculty/professional staff/staff/graduate assistants	629 / 6 / 481 / 338
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,035</b>

FACULTY	%
Tenure	26.53%
Female/male	49.18% / 49.96%
Terminal degree	44.23%

## UA PHYSICAL PLANT

### • UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CAMPUSES

- Akron campus
- Wayne College campus, Orrville
- Medina County University Center, Medina
- UA Lakewood, Lakewood

## FINANCIAL AID / AFFORDABILITY

- Bachelor's degree estimates in-state/out-of-state (Fall 2023 estimates before scholarships for two semesters):

	Ohio Residents	Non-Ohio Residents
Tuition & Fees	\$12,799.20	\$17,239.20
Room & Board	\$11,220	\$11,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,019.20</b>	<b>\$28,459.20</b>

## RATES PER CREDIT HOUR

Tuition	\$433.31
General Fees	\$99.99
Non-resident surcharge	\$185

### • STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID - 83.31%

### • AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS - \$11,565 (2022-23)

## ATHLETICS

- UA competes in the NCAA Division I, Mid-American Conference (MAC), Big East (men's soccer) and Great America Rifle Conference (GARC)
- UA football competes in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS)
- Mascot: Zippy the kangaroo (she/her/hers)

### • SPORTS OFFERED:

- Baseball
- Basketball (men and women)
- Cross country (men and women)
- Football
- Golf (women)
- Indoor and outdoor track and field (men and women)
- Lacrosse (women)
- Rifle (co-ed)
- Soccer (men and women)
- Softball
- Swimming and diving (women)
- Volleyball (women)

## LIBRARY HOLDINGS

- **TOTAL PHYSICAL/ELECTRONIC HOLDINGS: 2,763,390**

## UA ACCREDITATION AND RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION

- UA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Carnegie Institute research classification
  - Main Campus RU/H: Research Universities (high research activity)
  - Wayne College Assoc/Pub2in4: Associate's -- Public 2-yr colleges under 4-yr universities
- Carnegie Community-Engaged Campus Elective Classification

## WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- Official website: [www.uakron.edu](http://www.uakron.edu)
- Facebook: [@UniversityofAkron](https://www.facebook.com/UniversityofAkron)
- LinkedIn: [@the-university-of-akron](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-university-of-akron)
- YouTube: [@uakron](https://www.youtube.com/uakron)
- Threads: [@uakron](https://www.threads.net/@uakron)
- X/Twitter: [@uakron](https://twitter.com/uakron)
- Instagram: [@uakron](https://www.instagram.com/uakron)
- Snapchat: [@uakron](https://www.snapchat.com/add/uakron)
- TikTok: [@uakron](https://www.tiktok.com/@uakron)

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT CITY OF AKRON

- Population: **190,469 (2020 U.S. Census)**
- Founded in **1825**

## REGIONAL PROXIMITY

## MILES

Cleveland	31
Pittsburgh	91
Columbus	125
Cincinnati	232

- Birthplace of the rubber tire, processed cereal, Alcoholics Anonymous, K-12 school system, airship development
- Home of the All-American Soap Box Derby
- Famous Akronites include athletes Stephen Curry, LeBron James and Thurman Munson; musicians The Black Keys, Devo, Chrissy Hynde and James Ingram; actors Angie Everhart and Melina Kanakaredes; Pulitzer Prize-winning poet laureate Rita Dove; late Challenger astronaut Judy Resnik

## UNIVERSITY OFFICERS updated 07/2024

### • R.J. NEMER, PRESIDENT (19TH PRESIDENT)

### • VICE PRESIDENTS

- Dr. John Wiencek, executive vice president and provost
- Kimberly M. Cole, vice president, advancement and executive director, The University of Akron Foundation
- M. Celeste Cook, vice president and general counsel
- Tammy Ewin, vice president and chief communication and marketing officer
- Sarah Kelly, vice president, human resources and chief human resources officer
- Dr. John A. Messina, vice president for student affairs
- Dr. Sheldon Wrice, vice president, inclusion and equity and chief diversity officer
- Dr. Suzanne Bausch, vice president for research and business engagement
- Misty Villers, interim chief financial officer

### • ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- Dr. Aimee L. deChambeau, dean of University Libraries
- Dr. Heather A. Howley, director of regional campuses
- Emily Janoski-Haehlen, dean of School of Law
- Dr. Dan Friesner, dean of College of Health and Human Sciences
- Dr. Craig Menzemer, dean of College of Engineering and Polymer Science
- Dr. Mitchell S. McKinney, dean of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Fedearia Nicholson-Sweval, vice provost, student pathways and dean, Drs. Gary B. and Pamela S. Williams Honors College
- Dr. Gwyneth Price, senior vice provost, interim dean of the Graduate School and interim dean of the College of Business

## CAREER OUTCOMES

(Based on 72% of bachelor and associate degree Spring 2022 graduates reporting)

- **95%** reported full- or part-time employment, participation in a program of voluntary service, U.S. Armed Forces service or continuing education.
- **86%** reported having participated in an experiential learning opportunity including internships, co-ops, practicums, assistantships, student teaching, undergraduate research, field experiences, clinical work, volunteer work related to major, on-campus student employment or other career-related employment and study abroad.