



The UNIVERSITY of
WEST ALABAMA

Discover YOUR path at UWA

Finding a university where you can take classes is easy; finding one where you can find your *place* can be difficult.

At the University of West Alabama, the small classes and low student-teacher ratios—an average of 18-1—can make for a very hands-on campus experience and create an opportunity where individuals can find their own path to success. And 85 percent of UWA professors have achieved the highest degrees in their respective fields, so students can take advantage of the highest quality education and guidance, both in *and* out of the classroom.

The UWA experience doesn't end in the classroom, though. Through the University's robust academic support areas, students can take advantage of programs designed to foster and support both academic and career efforts.

Academic Peer Support

UWA's Student Support Services provide academic support services to limited-income, first-generation, and disabled college students, specifically designed to enable students to persevere and graduate. The program provides an interconnected series of academic support services: study skill development workshops and classes, peer tutoring to master course content, and inclusive academic and personal counseling to build confidence. The program also provides career and graduate exploration activities regarding career options.

Career Skill Development

Having the right degree for the job is just part of the battle. It's also important to have the interviewing skills, proper references, communication skills and even the right resume. Through its Career Services, students have access to these skill development opportunities as well as Education Interview Days for dozens of Alabama school districts, a job board and resume referral service, on-campus interviews with local employers, and even assistance in preparing for graduate school entrance exams.

Networking and Resume Building

To quote an old cliché, "It's not just *what* you know, it's *who* you know." UWA is committed to providing opportunities for students to establish and foster networking contacts throughout their academic years that may be beneficial in future professional efforts. Small class sizes give students a chance to know professors, and vice versa. This understanding creates more meaningful opportunities for contacts that genuinely enhance networking with internships and part-time jobs in a student's key area of focus. These connections provide not only opportunities for work experience, they can also make for great references, too!

In selecting a school for academic studies, it's important to remember the ultimate goal: a productive and meaningful role in the profession of your choice. By selecting a smaller school like UWA, students can take full advantage of the opportunities before them and find the opportunity to do something that matters.