

The University

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, chartered in 1856, is located in Auburn, Alabama, and traces its beginning to the East Alabama Male College, a private liberal arts institution whose doors opened in 1859. From 1861 to 1866 the college was closed because of the Civil War. The college had begun an affiliation with the Methodist Church before the war. Due to financial straits, the church transferred legal control of the institution to the state in 1872, making it the first land-grant college in the South to be established separate from the state university. It thus became the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama.

Women were admitted in 1892, and in 1899 the name again was changed, to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. In 1960, the school acquired a more appropriate name, Auburn University, a title more in keeping with its location, size and complexity. The institution has experienced its greatest growth since World War II, and today enrolls more than 24,000 students. The majority are Alabama residents.

Auburn University Montgomery was established as a separately administered branch campus in 1967. The institution has developed rapidly, especially since moving to a 500-acre campus east of Montgomery in 1971. Current enrollment at AUM is about 5,200.

Statement of Vision And Mission

The following statement of vision and mission was developed by the Task Force on Mission established in 1995 and was approved by the Board of Trustees on March 20, 1997 and amended May 7, 2004.

Vision. Auburn University will emerge as one of the nation's preeminent comprehensive land-grant universities in the 21st century. Central to all its functions will be the university's historic commitment of service to all Alabamians as the state becomes a part of a global society with all of its challenges and opportunities. The university will be widely recognized for the quality of its undergraduate, graduate and professional educational programs, the effectiveness of its research and outreach programs and the broad access to the university provided through the innovative use of information technology. The university will ensure the quality of its programs through the careful focusing of its resources in areas of institutional strengths. One constant will remain unchanged at the university is that intangible quality Auburn men and women call the "Auburn spirit."

Mission. Auburn University's mission is defined by its land-grant traditions of service and access. The university will serve the citizens of the State through its instructional, research and outreach programs and prepare Alabamians to respond successfully to the challenges of a global economy. The university will provide traditional and non-traditional students broad access to the institution's educational resources. In the delivery of educational programs on campus and beyond, the university will draw heavily upon the new instructional and outreach technologies available in the emerging information age.

As a comprehensive university, Auburn University is committed to offering high-quality undergraduate, graduate, and professional education to its students. The university will give highest priority for resource allocation for the future development of those areas that represent the traditional strengths, quality, reputation, and uniqueness of the institution and that continue to effectively respond to the needs of students and other constituents. Consistent with this commitment, the university will emphasize a broad and superior undergraduate education that imparts the knowledge, skills, and values so essential to educated and responsible citizens. At the same time, the university will provide high-quality graduate and professional programs in areas of need and importance to the state and beyond. To accomplish these educational goals, Auburn University will continue to compete nationally to attract a faculty distinguished by its commitment to teaching and by its achievements in research, both pure and applied. The university will strive to attract a faculty that will bring distinction and stature to the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs offered by the university.

Because research is essential to the mission of a land-grant university, Auburn University will continue development of its research programs. The primary focus of this research will be directed to the solution of problems and the development of knowledge and technology important to the state and nation and to the quality of life of Alabama citizens.

The university's research programs will make important contributions to instructional programs through the involvement of graduate and undergraduate students and the renewal of the faculty. Research will also provide the knowledge base for outreach programs. In carrying out its research mission, the university will emphasize established areas of strength and will focus available resources in those areas of research and doctoral study that are, or have the potential to develop into nationally and internationally recognized centers of excellence.

Extension and outreach programs are fundamental to the land-grant mission because these programs directly affect the lives of all citizens in the state. The university will maintain the strengths of its traditional outreach programs and will increasingly involve the broader university in outreach programs that respond to the changing needs of the society in which we live. The university will continue to seek new and innovative ways to reach out to the people it serves.

Instruction

Auburn University is committed to excellence in teaching at both the undergraduate and the graduate level. This commitment has long been reflected in the diversity of course offerings and in the variety of instructional approaches that are offered. Increasingly, electronic technology is providing instructors with innovative and creative teaching strategies. The high academic aptitude of the university's incoming students also makes accelerated learning possible.

The liberal arts and sciences - introduced in the university's nationally recognized Core Curriculum - are the heart of Auburn's undergraduate programs. They lay the foundation not only for advanced study and career preparation but also for the development of a more responsible citizenry through students' personal and intellectual growth. The Core Curriculum provides students with a common set of experiences, develops their powers of analysis and communication, and encourages their understanding of human culture and the natural world. Auburn has won recognition for its high academic quality.

Auburn offers baccalaureate degrees in more than 130 areas across the spectrum of disciplines and provides the state's only publicly supported programs in many fields, including several in agriculture, architecture, building science, forestry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. Particularly strong baccalaureate programs can be found in the Colleges of Business, Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Sciences and Mathematics. For many years, ROTC programs at Auburn have also been nationally prominent in providing leadership for the military.

While Auburn has long been widely recognized for the quality and diversity of its undergraduate and first-professional programs, more recently expanding research accomplishments have broadened the scope and raised the prominence of the university's graduate programs. Today Auburn supports a comprehensive graduate school, providing master's level programs in more than 64 areas and awarding the doctorate in more than 40 fields. In many fields it offers the state's only doctoral program. For many years the university has enjoyed strong graduate programs in agriculture, the biological and physical sciences, education, engineering, forestry, the human sciences, mathematics, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. More recently, excellent graduate programs have also emerged in business, the liberal arts and the social sciences. The university anticipates expanded research activity and graduate instruction, especially in agriculture and the biological sciences, in engineering and the physical sciences, in veterinary and pharmaceutical sciences, as well as in business and education.

Research

Research is the means through which new knowledge is created and new information is developed. As such, research at Auburn University is an essential link in its three-prong mission of instruction, research and outreach. Successes among the varied research activities within each of its 12 schools and colleges continue to bolster Auburn among the nation's top universities.

Auburn's role as a land-grant university emphasizes strong research programs in agricultural sciences, natural resources, the biological sciences, engineering and the physical sciences. Strong and expanding

research programs exist in education; veterinary medicine; pharmacy; the liberal arts; human sciences; business; architecture, design and construction; and nursing.

Whether in the laboratory, the field, or in the classroom, Auburn's research endeavors are diverse and comprehensive, at once focusing upon developing solutions to major problems that confront humankind and expanding the base of knowledge and technologies available to improve our quality of life. Additionally, major efforts to increase the protection and commercialization of intellectual properties are central to Auburn's continual drive for improvements in its research mission.

These efforts mesh to create a research environment that enhances the state's economic, cultural, social and intellectual development and, at the same time, undergirds the university's undergraduate, graduate and outreach programs.

The Auburn Research Park officially got under way with completion of its first building in October 2008. The first tenants in this building include Northrop Grumman, the Auburn University Office of Technology Transfer, and the Auburn Research and Technology Foundation. Other businesses have signed leases and will occupy the building in early 2009. The research park will expand opportunities for Auburn faculty and students as well as increase collaborations between the university and industry and employment opportunities for students and graduates.

Outreach

As a land grant institution, Auburn University's tripartite mission includes a responsibility to extend knowledge beyond the classroom and apply research in innovative and practical ways to benefit people. To this end, University Outreach represents a thriving partnership between Auburn University faculty, staff and students, on the one hand, and citizens and communities on the other, the purpose of which is to solve problems and improve quality of life in Alabama and beyond. Outreach enhances the university's knowledge base, ensures the institution's relevance to the broader society and provides valuable insights and information for teaching and research.

Outreach includes applied research, continuing education, service learning, technical assistance, distance learning, community service, policy research and many other forms of engagement performed by faculty, staff and students through a number of offices at Auburn. The Office of the Vice President for University Outreach provides administrative leadership and support for outreach work campus wide. Units reporting to that office include the Center for Governmental Services, Distance Learning and Outreach Technology, the Economic and Community Development Institute, the Office of Outreach Information and Program Certification, and the Outreach Program Office. There are more than 75 outreach units and program initiatives within the university's schools and colleges. Some of these include the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities in Liberal Arts, the Auburn Technical Assistance Center in Business, the Truman Pierce Institute in Education, and the Rural Studio in Architecture. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System reaches all 67 Alabama counties providing educational programs and services through faculty specialists and local agents. Auburn also participates in regional outreach partnerships, such as the Alabama Technology Network, the West Alabama Learning Coalition, and the I-85 Corridor Alliance. Many of these projects are directed toward the economically disadvantaged counties of the Alabama Black Belt, where Auburn maintains several ongoing initiatives with community-based partners.

From this base of organizational and faculty resources, Auburn hosts a diverse range of outreach activities. Annually, the university produces some 1,000 conferences, courses and training programs, with registrations averaging 50,000. More than half of these programs are approved to offer continuing education units. AU's distance education offerings have more than doubled in the last decade: currently 22 programs and some 250 course options are offered in business, engineering, education, liberal arts, human sciences, and agriculture. Auburn conducts hundreds of technical assistance projects annually for clients across the state, representing millions of dollars in direct impact from improved sales, cost savings, and investments. Auburn supports some 100 outreach facilities and research sites throughout the state more than any other educational institution in Alabama making AU resources highly accessible to citizens. A comprehensive directory of Auburn's outreach resources and contacts is available at www.auburn.edu/outreach.

Libraries and Archives

The main library on campus is the Ralph Brown Draughon Library, a 377,000 square-foot structure with seating for 2,500 and shelving space for about 3 million volumes. Branch libraries are located in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. Auburn University is one of the 114 universities that are members of the Association of Research Libraries.

Collections include more than 2.9 million volumes, more than 2.6 million items in microform, and 150,000 maps. The Libraries license access to over 200 electronic databases, including online full-text access to over 3,000 scholarly journals and receive more than 18,000 current serials, including publications issued by the U.S. government.

Electronic access is also provided to the Government Printing Office's GPO Access database of federal publications.

The Libraries offer an online catalog to library holdings at www.lib.auburn.edu, expedited electronic document delivery to faculty or students via the AubieExpress service, delivery of books or documents held at other libraries via Interlibrary Loan, and expedited purchasing of titles requested by faculty or students via PurchaseXpress.

The Draughon Library contains carrels for faculty and graduate student use; a Digital Resource Laboratory to provide access to the latest multimedia hardware and software and the on-site expertise to assist users; an area equipped for listening to music or viewing videos or DVDs; 209 university and public computer workstations including laptop computers that can be checked out to faculty and students. Photocopiers are located on each of the floors and in both branch libraries. Other services available include Geographic Information System (GIS) workstations and electronic course reserve. Reference service and library use instruction is provided by subject specialist librarians. Draughon Library also features an expanded assistive technology workstation area on the 2nd floor that holds three workstations with specialized software for helping vision-impaired students and patrons use library and Internet resources.

Special Collections & Archives collects rare and unique material related to the history, literature, and natural history of Alabama; the American Civil War; the history of aviation; natural history; and family history in the southeastern United States.

Library borrowing privileges are provided to enrolled students, members of the administrative, research, instructional, and extension staffs of the university; student, faculty, and staff spouses; and active alumni association members.

Information Technology

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) offers computing and communication services to the university community. OIT provides Auburn University with a reliable, secure information technology infrastructure and technical support that enables and encourages the effective use of information technology. Contact OIT via the OIT HelpDesk at (334) 844-4944 or via e-mail to helpdesk@auburn.edu or at www.auburn.edu/oit

Internet Connectivity. AU Net, Auburn University's campus network, is the Ethernet backbone linking computers and networks in all buildings to each other, and Auburn University to the Internet. The campus is connected to the Alabama Research and Education Network (AREN) and to the Internet through high-speed fiber optic connections. Auburn University is a participant in the Internet2 initiative. secure wireless network is available to AU students, faculty, and staff in a number of public and classroom spaces around the campus and in the campus residence halls as well.

Servers. Solaris, NetWare, P-Series AIX, Red Hat Linux, and Windows servers provide campus-wide network services including e-mail, Web hosting, Web resources, user authentication, anonymous FTP, and workgroup computing for departmental users. A Helix server is available for distribution of streamed audio and video and live broadcasts as well.

Computing Access. Each currently enrolled student has a User Name and password which provides access to AU Access (campus portal), TigerMail (AU e-mail), network storage, OIT computing labs, network printing, restricted online class materials, and other AU computing resources. Students have Web access to the online student information system, tiger i, where they can register for courses, view grades, and access additional student services. E-Bill provides online payment of University fees as well as account summaries. Students log in to AU Access for registration, billing, and academic records.

Computers for Students. Computing labs across campus are available for use by students and employees. OIT maintains 10 computing labs with more than 350 networked multimedia Windows machines, most of which are available 24 hours a day. A User Name and password are required to use the OIT labs. OIT computing labs have general purpose software for database, spreadsheet, word processing, Internet (Web browsing), e-mail, and some course-specific software. Network laser printing is available in the OIT Labs for a nominal fee.

World Wide Web. Auburn University is committed to providing convenient and secure Web applications to our University community. Student admissions, registration and records, campus directory services, administrative systems, e-mail, and instructional and research tools are available to the Auburn University students, faculty and staff via the World Wide Web. The official AU Web site resides at www.auburn.edu. AU colleges, schools, and departments maintain Web sites specific to their areas. The AU Web site includes online directory services, news, calendars, campus map, and a search engine. AU Access, the campus portal and restricted Web webspace are provided for sensitive information (such as copyrighted material) and are limited to persons affiliated with the University. The Office of Information Technology Web site is located at www.auburn.edu/oit. It serves as a central dissemination point for information about and assistance with computing, information technology, multimedia, and telecommunications at Auburn University.

Instructional Technology. Auburn University is dedicated to providing all faculty and students with effective technology to enhance teaching and improve learning. Blackboard Learning System provides ways for faculty to manage course activities and content and for students to interface with the material, the teachers, and each other. Streaming media and web-based technologies are available for distance education programs and to enhance the online learning experience for all students. Several technology-enhanced classrooms are available on-campus, as are several special course-specific computer classrooms and general computer labs. The Instructional Media Group (IMG) of OIT consults with and conducts workshops for faculty members in a range of instructional technologies. Several technology-enhanced classrooms are available on campus as well as special course development labs. For information on instructional technologies, contact the Instructional Multimedia Group at img@auburn.edu or (334) 844-5181.

Telephone. Fee-based telephone, long distance and voice mail services are provided to all administrative and academic offices as well

as to students living in campus halls. Cellular contracts are in place to provide interested University departments with cost effective service. In addition, discounts are available for employees and students. Switchboard operator services provide campus directory assistance, call completion assistance and answering services. Available telephone services and information about cellular discounts are outlined on the Web at www.auburn.edu/oit/connectivity.

Infrastructure Planning. OIT participates on all building committees for new buildings and major renovation projects. Through this process, OIT ensures that telecommunications, audio/visual, and networking needs are addressed and that these systems are properly designed. OIT meets regularly with the Facilities Division to coordinate necessary infrastructure improvements. In support of Auburn University's mission, OIT is continually planning and upgrading its backbone copper and fiberoptic cabling infrastructure and systems.

Hardware. OIT manages AU Lease (aulease@auburn.edu), a PC leasing program for campus departments and the Student PC Shop for computer setup and repair. Additional information on this program is available at: http://www.auburn.edu/oit/help_support/spcs. Additional information on AU Lease services is available at www.auburn.edu/aulease.

Support. Training, documentation, and consulting are provided for Auburn University students, faculty and staff via orientations, seminars, workshops, publications, and the OIT HelpDesk. The HelpDesk is available on University business days and Sundays to answer questions regarding AU computing, telecommunications, and information technology. Contact the HelpDesk at (334) 844-4944, via e-mail to helpdesk@auburn.edu, or drop by the third floor, RDB Library. Hours of operation can be found at www.auburn.edu/helpdesk.

Online technology support is always available at www.auburn.edu/oit. The TECHSTART site at www.auburn.edu/oit/techstart is designed to help new students become familiar with computing services and resources available at Auburn University.

The Office of Information Technology does not conduct an academic program. Inquiries concerning computer curricula should be directed to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering or the College of Business.

Policies. Auburn University's Information Technology policies are on the Web at www.auburn.edu/oit/policies. E-mail (username@auburn.edu) is an official means of communication at Auburn University. As such, students are responsible for checking their Auburn University issued e-mail account in a timely fashion and on a regular basis.

Academic Policies

Undergraduate Admissions Policies and Procedures

Auburn University, an equal-opportunity educational institution, and as a matter of policy, does not discriminate in its admissions policy on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or national origin. Preference is given to the admission of Alabama residents at the undergraduate level; in considering applications to professional schools or programs with restrictive admissions policies, the length of residency in the state will be a factor.

Applications for resident and non-resident students are accepted for all curricula; however, the number of students and academic quality of the applicant pool admitted is determined by the availability of facilities and faculty.

Application Forms. Application forms for admission to any undergraduate school or curriculum of the university can be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Services, Quad Center, Auburn, AL 36849-5145. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application electronically by using the document available on the Auburn University Web site at www.auburn.edu/apply. Application to the Graduate School, the College of Veterinary Medicine, or the James Harrison School of Pharmacy must be made to those schools.

Process for Application. Individuals may apply for entrance to any term of a calendar year as early as June 1 of the preceding year. Applicants to Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy will be admitted in the fall semester only. Because of the large number of applications, credentials should be submitted as early as possible. In all cases, complete credentials along with the medical examination report must be filed at least three weeks before the term's opening. **The university reserves the right to establish earlier deadlines should circumstances warrant. Prospective students who are offered admission to the university must maintain**

a level of academic achievement comparable to that in the record used for admission evaluation. Otherwise, the university reserves the right to rescind the offer of admission.

Application Fee. A \$40 processing fee (international application processing fee is \$40), payable by check, money order or credit card information, must accompany all admission applications and is neither refundable nor applicable to other fees. Responses on the application forms and on related materials must be complete and accurate; entrance may be denied or registration canceled as a result of false or misleading statements.

Applicants may receive provisional acceptance after they submit the application form and current academic documents. However, they must complete and return a medical examination report form provided by the university by the first day of classes of the first term. The university may require additional medical examinations, and it may refuse admission to individuals whose health records indicate that their health or the university community might be adversely affected by their attendance. All applicants must certify that they have registered with the Selective Service Board or that they are not required by law to register.

Applicants may be asked to supply evidence of good character. The university may deny admission to those whose presence is deemed detrimental to the institution or its students.

Admission of Freshmen: Academic Criteria. Favorable consideration for admission will be given to accredited secondary school graduates whose college ability test scores and high school grades give promise of the greatest level of success in college courses.

Secondary school students planning to apply for admission to AU should emphasize the following high school courses: English, mathematics, social studies, sciences and foreign languages.