

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

AND

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-BEEBE

Bear Partners Program

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS** (hereinafter "UCA"), located at 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72035 and **ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-BEEBE** (hereinafter "ASUB"), located at 1000 West Iowa Street, Beebe, Arkansas 72012.

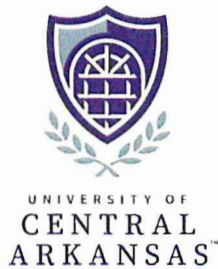
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the Bear Partners Program (hereinafter "BPP"), a collaborative effort between ASUB and UCA. The BPP is designed to give ASUB students an opportunity to engage the UCA community prior to the time of transfer, as well as to provide for a seamless transfer experience when the student is ready.

ASUB students admitted to the BPP will be granted access to specified UCA services and activities throughout their tenure at ASUB. It is the desire of both ASUB and UCA to provide an enriched academic experience and support the efforts of every BPP participant to earn degrees at both institutions in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

AGREEMENT

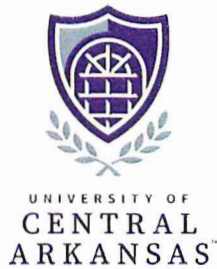
- A. The Chief Executive Officers at ASUB and UCA understand and agree that the success of this initiative will rely heavily upon the intentional collaboration between both institutions to establish and promote the BPP.



- B. To that end, each institution agrees to promote the BPP in every manner possible. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- a. UCA admissions will include information about the BPP in its letter to denied first-time freshman applicants who live within the nine county ASUB service area.
 - b. UCA admissions will include BPP information in its email to first-time freshman applicants who have canceled admission to UCA and indicated a desire to attend ASUB instead.
 - c. UCA advisors, working with current UCA students who indicate a need to drop out, will inform these students about the BPP.
 - d. UCA will develop promotional materials for the BPP, will provide these to interested students at recruitment events, and will give copies to ASUB for distribution on their campus as well.
 - e. UCA transfer advisors and/or transfer recruiters will help interested ASUB students apply for the BPP.
 - f. ASUB advisors will inform students who have indicated a future desire to attend UCA about the BPP and will help them to apply.
 - g. ASUB will host an annual BPP collaboration session on its campus, during which UCA transfer advisors/recruiters and ASUB advisors/recruiters can review the BPP and discuss appropriate modifications to enhance the BPP student experience.
 - h. ASUB will host an annual UCA Transfer Day on its campus, during which qualified attendees can register for the BPP.
 - i. ASUB will host at least three annual BPP Photo ID Days on its campus, during which representatives from UCA Admissions, Transfer Services, and Bear Card will help students to apply for the BPP (if necessary) and take their picture for their UCA ID card.

REGISTRATION AND BENEFITS

- A. Only students who have already graduated from high school and are currently enrolled at ASUB may participate in the BPP (ASUB high school concurrent students are not eligible).
- B. To register for the BPP, an enrolled ASUB student must complete the following steps:
 - i. Create a free UCA account at gopurple.uca.edu.
 - ii. Log in to their new UCA account and complete a free application for admission to UCA as a BPP visiting student.
- C. UCA will confirm the enrollment status of every BPP applicant in the following manner:
 - i. UCA will run a weekly report of all students who have applied for the BPP.
 - ii. UCA will email the list of BPP applicants to ASUB, including student names, home addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and dates of birth.



- iii. ASUB will confirm the enrollment status of each BPP applicant and will provide the ASUB email address for every enrolled student on the list.
 - iv. UCA will notify confirmed students by mail of their admission to the BPP. This letter will contain the student's UCA login credentials.
- D. Every BPP admitted student is eligible to:
- i. Receive a UCA ID card free of charge (BPP participants will be subject to the same replacement fee as current UCA students, should they misplace their original ID card).
 - ii. Add BearBucks to their UCA ID card and use them in the same manner as current UCA students.
 - iii. Access athletic events in the same manner as current UCA students.
 - iv. Access Reynolds Performance Hall events in the same manner as current UCA students.
 - v. Access in-person or online library resources in the same manner as current UCA students.
 - vi. Receive consideration for the BPP scholarship.
 - vii. Request an admissions application fee waiver when they are ready to transfer.
- E. BPP participants are no longer eligible to receive the aforementioned benefits if, in accordance with ASUB policy, they must officially apply for readmission due to a period of non-enrollment.
- F. Students who have forfeited their BPP participation, due to a period of non-enrollment in accordance with ASUB policy, may re-apply to the BPP following readmission to ASUB.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis; UCA and ASUB agree to notify one another of any policy changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- B. UCA and ASUB will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, university catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days written notice.
- C. Attached to this Agreement and made a part hereof as if set out word for word is the UCA Contract Rider pursuant to Board of Trustees Policy No. 416.