ABOUT UNA

UNA by the numbers. We're always growing!

- 140+ majors & concentrations
- 7,000+ students
- 1830 Alabama's oldest four-year public university
- 275 full-time faculty members
- 300+ international students
- 40+ countries represented

For more information regarding UNA Winter Academy, contact us at:
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More Activities & Field Trips:

- Tourism Center
- Bridge Street Market
- Helen Keller Birthplace
- American Family Home visit
- Amish Tour
- Alabama Music Hall of Fame
- Business Golf Lessons
- Daily in-class English Practice
- Weekly Mentoring Time
- Professional Development
- Cane Creek Nature Preserve Hike
- Huntsville Space and Rocket Center
- Shoals Entrepreneurial Center
- Nashville, TN
- Innovation Engineering
- Oil Painting class
- Ice Skating
- Chinese New Year Celebration
- American Holidays Experience
- Community Volunteer Project

Program Cost: $3,500
Application Deadline: November 15th
How to Apply:
go to una.edu/international/admissions/Academy.html or scan the QR code below.

Admittance to UNA

Winter Academy participants will be tested three times during the course of the program, the English test results are valid for one year if they return to UNA as academic degree seeking students for any of the 2+2, 3+1+1, or 3+1 programs.
UNA Winter Academy is a language learning and cultural immersion experience that includes the classroom and "real-life" setting. Students will learn critical language skills in the mornings and will apply what they have learned in the classroom to fun activities in the afternoons.

Service Learning

Academy students will have the opportunity to participate in a service learning project with a local nonprofit organization. This opportunity will allow Academy students to use their talents and skills to provide volunteering services while learning American culture.

Mentor Program

Peer mentoring is an important college learning experience so each Academy participant will be connected with outstanding UNA students who will serve as "Academy Mentors". Mentors will take a leadership role in befriending Academy students so they can share classroom experiences and education. They will also help Academy participant audit classes, meet new friends, and participate in various activities on campus. This will be a great experience for Academy participants as they see American education through the eyes of another student.

Host Home Weekend

Academy will also give the students the opportunity to spend a weekend with an American host family. This weekend is the most impactful week for Academy students. They are able to understand more about the dynamics of an American family and also better understand the cultural norms among families in America.

Conversation Partners

Students will work twice a week with native English speakers to practice their conversation English. Through conversation partners, Academy students will build strong friendships that will last a lifetime.

Examples of Cultural Field Trips

Huntsville Space and Rocket Center: Students will take a tour of the Huntsville space and rocket center. They will learn the history and innovative technology that NASA uses today.

Ivy Green: Students will take a tour of Helen Keller’s birthplace and learn about her life and what an impact she made in.

Alabama Music Hall of Fame: “...exhibits artist performing to songwriting, from management to publishing. It shows how Alabamians have contributed in many ways that have made the music industry what it is today.”

Florence Tourism Center: The tourism center in Florence will help the students understand more about the rich history of Florence and the southern culture of the US.

Key benefits:
- Close interaction with professors and staff
- Immersion experience in American language and culture
- Friendly and encouraging atmosphere
- Passing Academy will be accepted for admission into UNA
- Satisfy English proficiency requirement at your home university (if applicable).