



Welcome! We are excited you have decided to explore the opportunity to begin your college journey. Several options are available for you at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. As you decide upon a path, one common theme you will notice is the commitment to student learning valued by our staff and faculty. At UAFS, you will find numerous opportunities to engage in exciting challenges, rigorous curriculum, and career exploration.

As you begin in your college coursework, your journey will be both challenging and rewarding. College classes immerse students in a higher level of understanding and engagement than most traditional high school classes. Completing this challenge will provide you a sense of satisfaction as you continue your path toward a college education and a career to sustain your future.

- Our **SMART START** program provides students with a foundation and advance start on your general education courses that will be required when pursuing an associate or bachelor’s degree program.
- The Western Arkansas Technical Center, better known as **WATC**, has ten different programs for you to choose from as you explore career options and begin working on a program offered on the UAFS campus.
- The Regional Workforce Grant (**RWG**) provides the possibility for you to begin a program of study in either information technology or robot automation.

All of these programs are available to students while still in high school. You have the opportunity to begin building your college career while completing your high school diploma!

With so many options available to you, we encourage you to begin now. The cost is minimal or free to you and the rewards will follow you into your career. The work ethic and sense of accountability you learn in pursuing your goals will prepare you for your future.

We look forward to working with you as you start your journey!

RWG

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