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## Message from the UA Vice-President for Research

Allow me to extend my greetings to all current and prospective graduate students at The University of Alabama. The Office of Research is responsible for research policy, technology transfer, research operations, and research development. Specific priorities for this office are described at <http://ua.edu/research>.

The University is committed to our status as a top-tier research university in order to provide a more knowledgeable base for our students to draw upon as well as contribute to the vast amount of research being done across the country. From investigating health needs of the elderly to unlocking the complexities of subatomic particles, research of The University of Alabama faculty and graduate students pushes past the boundaries of current knowledge and opens new vistas of possibility. We have almost 50 research centers on our campus. Our public service and outreach programs assist many citizens of our country and range from programs that serve infants and young children to those for medical and business communities.

Each of us in the Office of Research is working diligently to ensure that you benefit from both a teaching and research environment at UA. I encourage you to visit the Graduate School website at <http://graduate.ua.edu> to learn more about the possibilities that await you here at UA. Additionally, I welcome you to take advantage of all Tuscaloosa has to offer and see for yourself how UA can help you to explore and expand your future.



Sincerely,

Dr. Keith McDowell  
Vice-President  
for Research

## UA Graduate Spotlight: College of Engineering

- ❖ **Degrees Offered:** M.S. in Aerospace Engineering; M.S. and Ph.D. in Engineering Science and Mechanics; M.S. and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering; M.S. and Ph.D. in Engineering (Environmental or Civil); M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science; M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering; M.S. in Industrial Engineering; M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering; M.S. and Ph.D. in Metallurgical Engineering
- ❖ **Vision:** The College of Engineering at The University of Alabama will be a leader in the United States through the excellence of its faculty, staff, graduates, students, facilities and programs.
- ❖ **Accreditation:** Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology
- ❖ **Students Enrolled:** 317 graduate students
- ❖ **Faculty:** 93 Tenured or tenure-track faculty members
- ❖ **Website:** <http://www.eng.ua.edu/>
- ❖ **Program Location:** College of Engineering / 150 H.M. Comer Hall / Box 870200 / Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0200 / 205-348-6400



### Highlights of the College:

- ❖ UA's College of Engineering is the third oldest continuously operating engineering program in the United States, and it is committed to providing the education and training required by today and tomorrow's ever-changing world.
- ❖ Four College of Engineering faculty have received NSF CAREER Awards in the last five years.
- ❖ More than fifty percent of College of Engineering graduate students receive financial assistance in support of their studies.
- ❖ College of Engineering graduate students have open access to a wide variety of advanced research instrumentation, including a recently purchased field emission gun scanning transmission electron microscope capable of atomic level imaging, and a Sky Arrow research airplane for investigating global climate change causes and impacts.

## Meet the Graduate Ambassadors

In the Winter of 2005, the Graduate School implemented the Graduate Ambassador Program. This program was created to serve as a resource for prospective UA students desiring to interact with current UA graduate students. These Graduate Ambassadors are available to communicate with prospective students wishing to learn first-hand information about the complete graduate experience at UA.



**Dennis L. Bubrig** is a doctoral student in Higher Education Administration. He has lived in the Southeast most of his life, and has been at UA for almost two years now. He is also the president of the Graduate Student Association, an organization that serves the needs of graduate students here at UA. Contact Dennis at [bubri002@bama.ua.edu](mailto:bubri002@bama.ua.edu).



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**Hana D. Al-Ebous** is from the country of Jordan and has been a graduate student at UA for almost two years now. She is a doctoral student in Biology and would be eager to speak with students about transitioning here as an international student. She may be reached at [ayham\\_suhail@yahoo.com](mailto:ayham_suhail@yahoo.com).



**Daniel A. Ray** was an undergraduate here at UA and is now in his second year of graduate work in the computer science field. He is from Decatur, Alabama. Contact Daniel at [ray025@alan.ua.edu](mailto:ray025@alan.ua.edu).



**April S. Davenport** is a doctoral student in English. She has been at UA for almost a year now. April is from Decatur, Georgia and is also a Future Faculty Fellow. Contact April at [adavenpo@alan.ua.edu](mailto:adavenpo@alan.ua.edu).



**Nadia Caesar** is in the MA program in Higher Education Administration. She is from Huntsville, Alabama and has been at UA for two years now. Nadia is the vice-president of AAGSA, the African-American Graduate School Association. She may be contacted at [bornjamerican@hotmail.com](mailto:bornjamerican@hotmail.com).

# Balancing Act

By: Jenny Hodges, M.A. Student in General Human Environmental Sciences (Interactive Technology Option); M.S. Student in Communication Studies

Graduate students accept a multitude of responsibilities once they choose to re-enter the world of academia and pursue further educational degrees. As college and departmental rankings continue to increase, the standard for graduate students continues to grow more difficult. Our main responsibilities range from coursework, studying, research, and writing. Many of us accept another realm of responsibility: work. Graduate assistantships, the most popular choice of work for a graduate student, exist in the form of research, teaching, and administrative duties. The aforementioned responsibilities are more than enough to keep the average graduate student busy, but on our campus there exists the extraordinary graduate student. This student not only takes graduate courses and works, but is also involved in extra-curricular activity.

There are unlimited opportunities on campus for graduate students to become involved. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to seek involvement outside of the classroom and work parameters. Graduate students should not only want to be involved, but also *need* to be involved. Organizations such as the Graduate Student Association (GSA) provides an instant network of fellow graduate students whose lives are also bogged down with increasing academic endeavors, work, research and the pursuit of some form of a social life. Organizations such as GSA, as well as Graduate Student Services, exist solely to support the needs of graduate students during their time of study at UA. Any student unwilling to participate in either organization is immediately dismissing the opportunity of enriching their Graduate School experience.

Some graduate students accept the challenge of becoming involved on campus with open arms. Others become involved due to their advisors, departments, or fellow graduate students. There are many graduate students who greatly enhance the experience at UA for all graduate students. These are the students who actively participate in planning activities and opportunities for those students pursuing higher education.

Graduate students may argue that time does not allow for involvement outside of the required academic pursuits. There are at least a handful of involved graduate students, such as myself, who would greatly protest that ideology.

Although I became extremely involved as an undergraduate transfer student in 2001, becoming involved at the graduate level has taken me to the next level of my educational journey. On any given day, I play a myriad of roles at UA. I am a graduate student, seeking Master's degrees in Communication Studies (M.A.) and General Human Environmental Sciences (M.S.). I am the Assistant Community Director in Tutwiler Residence Hall for the Department of Housing and Residential Communities. I also work as a graduate assistant for Capstone International Services and volunteer as a teaching assistant in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. Next on my priority list is my involvement as an officer for the Graduate Student Association, SGA senator for the Graduate School, various committee appointments and serving as the student advisor for a few of UA's finest student organizations.

Two questions I hear the most are "How do you do all of that?" and "Why?". There are several explanations for how and why, but they all relate back to my favorite quote by Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." I was raised to believe that my life is what I make it to be, and that hard work is the key to achieving endless possibilities. I work hard for the sake of improving where I have been, and where I am. If the next student who comes along has a better chance for success and happiness at UA, I have fulfilled my job. If one more student becomes involved on campus, I consider my effort successful. I stay busy because I can't help myself. I talk to students every day who are unhappy or are not reaching their full potential both academically and socially. These students are the reason that I refuse to sit back and allow life to happen around me. I want to be a part of the exciting changes that occur at UA, and I want to ensure that the Office of Student Affairs succeeds in its mission of reaching every student on this campus. My passion for life is a double-edged sword. I came to UA from out-of-state, not knowing anyone in the state or on campus. Yet I have made it this far with a little intrinsic motivation and a zest for life's opportunities.

If Churchill was right then I indeed make a life for myself, and I marvel in the perpetual wealth of my life. What can you do today to warrant the success of yourself and your fellow graduate students? For the sake of yourself and all current and future graduate students, open yourself to the endless possibilities UA offers you. You have made it this far in pursuit of bigger, better things in life; why hold yourself back now?

# myBama for Graduate Students

In 2005, UA took the campus to an even higher level of technology with the introduction of myBama. This new program will serve as a one-stop shop for all UA students and faculty members. From myBama, members of the UA campus can check email, maintain records, and keep abreast of events and news happening at UA. In the near future, myBama will completely replace Tide Guide and Tide Navigator. MyBama places all of UA's resources at the fingertips of students and faculty members. One of the most exciting aspects of the new system is that users can customize their homepages and other tabs in myBama. If you aren't quite sure how to adjust to the new system, here are some FAQ's to get you started:

## 1. What is myBama?

MyBama is a new interactive website for University of Alabama students, faculty, staff, and graduate applicants. MyBama provides access to e-mail, personal calendars, course information, campus news and more, all the time, from anywhere in the world. Best of all, you can tailor myBama to suit *you*.

## 2. How do I get to myBama?

Point your Web browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla, etc.) to <http://myBama.ua.edu>. You can also link to myBama from The University of Alabama website at <http://www.ua.edu>.

## 3. What are my user name and password?

MyBama requires your Bama user name and password. If you are a current University of Alabama student, faculty, or staff member, and you cannot log in, use the Bama account reset tool. (This tool is also available from the myBama home page by clicking the "Forgot your password?" link.) Graduate applicants are given a myBama user name and password once their application has been received. (Applicants should go to the myBama website and click on "Need an account" to retrieve their username. Last name and SSN are required.)

## 4. Are my username and password secure?

Yes. The login page and form destination are passed securely using SSL.

## 5. Who can access myBama?

Current University of Alabama students, faculty, staff, and graduate applicants can all access myBama. Alumni and retirees cannot.

## 6. Why should graduate applicants or current UA Graduate Students use myBama?

MyBama places all of UA's resources at the fingertips of students. Graduate students can access their emails, access personal records and financial information, as well as customize calendars to maintain events and tasks. Students are able to make myBama work for them and their specific needs. Applicants can also check the status of their application as well as utilize the many links via myBama.

## 7. Why do I get a message about pop-up windows?

The use of "pop-up" windows is required by the software that runs myBama. If you have pop-ups disabled in your browser or via a third party pop-up blocker (such as the Google toolbar), this will interfere with your use of myBama. Disable the block or customize it not to block pop-ups for <http://myBama.ua.edu>.

## 8. What is the timeout on a myBama session?

Your myBama session will timeout (expire) after 15 minutes of nonactivity. You will be given a warning if your session is about to expire, and you can choose to remain logged in. At a later date, we hope to have a customized solution to extend individual timeouts.

# UA Graduate School in the News

*\*Information obtained from UA News*

## UA Mass Communication PhD Program Ranks 7th Nationally

The nation's largest communication scholars association has ranked The University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences' doctoral program in mass communication 7th nationally.

The National Communication Association's reputational rankings are based on survey responses from communication faculty nationwide, who rated programs according to the scholarly quality of its faculty, its effectiveness in educating researchers, and its change in quality over the past five years.

## UA Delegation Attends Conference in Dubai; Partners with United Arab Emirates University in Cultural Fluency

A group of University of Alabama administrators and students recently visited the United Arab Emirates to attend a "Women as Global Leaders Conference" at Zayed University in Dubai, UAE, and participate in a Web-CT-based cultural fluency project with students at United Arab Emirates University in Al-Ain, UAE.

The trip came about after Dr. Jane Stanfield, director of UA's Capstone International Center, was invited to speak at the conference. UA students were already communicating with students at United Arab Emirates University through a Web-based course, and Stanfield was able to combine the two projects in taking a delegation to UAE.

In addition to Stanfield, Frank Oneal and Lauren Housand, the UA delegation included Martha Morgan, professor of law, and students Karyl Davis, School of Law; Kristin Davis, College of Arts and Sciences, and Lauren Oswald and Genny Maness, both students in the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration.

## UA Honors Top Graduate Students

The University of Alabama Graduate School has announced the recipients of the 2004-2005 Outstanding Graduate Student Awards:

**Outstanding Dissertation – Dr. Peter M. Letcher (PhD student in A&S)**- Letcher's dissertation, titled "Systematic Analysis of Molecular and Ultrastructural Characters Among Two Clades of Zoospore Fungi," pioneered research in its application of molecular techniques for gene sequence analysis and correlation with electron microscopic analysis of chytrid fungus zoospore characters.

**Outstanding Thesis - Mustafizur Rahman (Master's student in Chemical Engineering)**- Rahman's work included the investigation of ways that new ionic liquid chemicals can be applied to improve the properties and lifetime of flexible plastics.

**Outstanding Teaching by a Master's Student – Nathan E. Shepley (Master's student in English)**- According to a faculty representative, Shepley "approaches teaching with care of a master builder, erecting the scaffolding upon which his students can build writing competence."

**Outstanding Teaching by a Doctoral Student – Jacquelyn S. Shaia (PhD student in Mass Communications)**- Shaia was described by a leading faculty member of the College of Communication and Information Sciences as "one of the truly exemplary gifted teachers to work in the department over the last 30 years."

**Outstanding Research by a Master's Student – Christine N. Newkirk (Master's student in Anthropology)**- Newkirk won the very first student paper competition of the Society for Anthropological Sciences, a new section of the American Anthropological Association devoted to the promotion and development of scientific research methods in anthropology.

**Outstanding Research by a Doctoral Student – Songsong Cao (PhD student in Biology)**- Cao's efforts were primarily responsible for a breakthrough paper in understanding the biological function of a protein named torsin, which is associated with a human disease called torsion dystonia — a movement disorder consisting of involuntary twisting muscular contractions or abnormal postures.

# Living in Tuscaloosa

Although UA is a large part of the community here in Tuscaloosa, the city itself has a lot to offer to those students wishing to pursue their graduate studies at UA. There are many hidden treasures in Tuscaloosa, and they are waiting to be discovered by graduate students such as you!

## Tuscaloosa

The city of Tuscaloosa traces its origins to the early 19th century and stands on a bluff of the Black Warrior River surrounded by lakes, forests, and rolling countryside. It is pleasantly situated between the upper elevations of northern Alabama and the coastal lowlands to the South. Graduate students will find that both mountains and gulf beaches are just a morning's drive away. The climate is generally mild, with moderate rainfall. Tuscaloosa is within an hour's drive from Birmingham and about four hours from Atlanta, New Orleans, and Nashville. Students enjoy Tuscaloosa's historic theater, parks, galleries, museums, and antebellum homes. Tuscaloosa County is home to artists of many stripes- - potters, blues and jazz musicians, woodworkers, blacksmiths, college bands, painters, photographers, glassblowers, and sculptors in fabric and steel. Each year in mid-October, the city of Northport, across the river, hosts the invitational Kentucky Festival, one of the first and most influential venues for the display and sale of so-called "outsider" art. Water sports fanatics relish in Tuscaloosa's beautiful lakes and rivers, while golfers tee up on our gorgeous golf links. Greater Tuscaloosa has 33 public parks, providing the perfect spot for outdoor activities. Throughout the year, UA hosts numerous intercollegiate sporting events, most notably, Crimson Tide football. There is much to see and do in Tuscaloosa!

## Tuscaloosa Facts:

- Tuscaloosa County has 164,875 residents
- Tuscaloosa is also the home of Shelton State Community College and Stillman College
- Tuscaloosa is the site of the Mercedes-Benz M-Class SUV and R-Class Assembly Plant
- Tuscaloosa was the capitol of Alabama from 1826-1846 (during which time UA was established!)

Tuscaloosa is a great place to live, and study, if you're looking for the convenience of city life with the quiet and calm of a small town. From the UA football games to a lazy picnic in Capital Park, Tuscaloosa has more to offer than meets the eye. If you're looking to attend UA, a visit to the All-America City of Tuscaloosa is a great way to start!

## Helpful Websites about Tuscaloosa:

City of Tuscaloosa [www.ci.tuscaloosa.al.us/](http://www.ci.tuscaloosa.al.us/)

Tuscaloosa Covention and Visitor's Bureau [www.tcvb.org](http://www.tcvb.org)

Tuscaloosa News [www.tuscaloosaneews.com](http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com)

## Resources for Prospective & Current Graduate Students

- **Consultation with UA Graduate Admissions Staff:**  
Call (205) 348-5921 or email [usgradapply@alan.ua.edu](mailto:usgradapply@alan.ua.edu) (U.S. applicants) or [intergradapply@alan.ua.edu](mailto:intergradapply@alan.ua.edu) (International applicants)
- **Consultation with UA Financial Aid Staff:** Call (205) 348-6756
- **Electronic Viewbook for UA Graduate Applicants:**  
<http://graduate.ua.edu/viewbook/>
- **Assistance with Thesis or Dissertation:**  
<http://graduate.ua.edu/thesis/>
- **Graduate Assistant Guide:** <http://graduate.ua.edu/publications/ga/>
- **Online Forms for Current Graduate Students:**  
<http://graduate.ua.edu/academics/forms/>
- **Online Checklist for Current Graduate Students:**  
<http://graduate.ua.edu/students>

If you would like to obtain more information regarding the application process, please attend our Graduate School Seminar "How To Apply" to be held August 3, 2005 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm in Graves Hall, Room 122. (Future dates of the seminar: September 7, November 2, December 7, 2005, February 1, March 1, and April 5, 2006)

### **GSA 2005-2006 Officers:**

President, *Denny Bubrig*

Vice-President, *Prince Cleveland*

Web Master, *Rebecca Rose Lutonsky*

Events Chair, *Jenny Hodges*

Research and Travel Fund Committee Chair, *Ismenia DeSouza*

Research and Thesis Conference Chair, *Elizabeth Hendrix*

If you have any questions or would like more information about the GSA, visit our website at <http://www.gsa.ua.edu> or email [bubri002@bama.ua.edu](mailto:bubri002@bama.ua.edu).

# Graduate School Calendar & Deadlines

## JULY 2005

- 29 Last day to drop for Summer II term
- 29 Last day to report results of final comprehensive examination to the Graduate School Office for those students NOT writing theses and dissertations and who expect to graduate in summer

## AUGUST 2005

- 17 Graduate Student Orientation; Contact Melissa Medlin to register, (205) 348-6796
- 18-19 Workshop for New Graduate Teaching Assistants; visit <http://graduate.ua.edu> for more information
- 24 Classes begin for Fall 2005
- 31 Last day to register or add a course for Fall 2005

## SEPTEMBER 2005

- 05 Labor Day
- 07 "How to Apply" Seminar from 2pm-3pm held in 122 Graves Hall, contact Carl Williams at 348-5921
- 14 "Completing a Thesis or Dissertation" Seminar from 12noon-12:50pm held in 140 Bidgood Hall
- 15 "Completing a Thesis or Dissertation" Seminar from 3:30pm-4:20pm held in 140 Bidgood Hall
- 22 Graduate School Preview Day (see page 12 for details)

# In Focus

## Capstone International Services

*Each issue the newsletter will focus on a department or unit that serves as one of the many resources here at UA.*

The mission of the Capstone International Center is to initiate, promote, and support The University of Alabama's international efforts both on campus and throughout the state and world. The Center, comprised of Capstone International Academic Programs, Capstone International Services, and the English Language Institute, coordinates the University's international endeavors, facilitates the development of a campus-wide global perspective, and supports students, faculty, and staff in global outreach, teaching, and research. The Capstone International Center welcomes all students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

The University of Alabama currently has over 800 international faculty and students. The largest three represented countries are China, Japan, and India. Capstone International Services (CIS) provides assistance to currently and newly enrolled students here at UA. CIS is available to help with culture adjustments, living situations, and also is a source for academic ease while attending UA. They offer a variety of programs and activities to make the UA experience a personal one for international students. Some of their programs include IPAC (International Peer Advisory Council), International Student Orientation, Tuscaloosa International Friends (TIF) Welcome Party, TIF Potluck Dinner, TIF Picnic, employment workshops, Coffee Hour, International Student Association, day trips to Civil Rights Landmarks in Alabama, and H-1B Employment Petitions, just to name a few.

### Staff of Capstone International Services:

Katie Gilbert, Director  
Nicole K. Nieto, Assistant Director  
Janet Edmonds, Immigration Technician  
Dawn Hicks, Immigration Technician  
Sheila Malone, Immigration Assistant

Capstone International Services is located at 105 B.B. Comer Hall/ Box 870254/ Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0254. More information can be gained by contacting Shelia Malone at [smalone@alan.ua.edu](mailto:smalone@alan.ua.edu)

To learn more about the many resources that Capstone International Services has to offer, please visit:

<http://www.international.ua.edu/services/>

# For Your Information

## Workshops and Training Sessions

### **International Teaching Assistant Program from ELI- August 1- August 17, 2005 (109 B.B. Comer Hall)**

The English Language Institute has conducted The University of Alabama's International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP) annually since 1982 and semi-annually since 1985. The purpose of the program is to train, evaluate, and screen prospective international graduate teaching assistants. All non-native speakers of English who serve as graduate teaching assistants are required to complete the ITAP course successfully and pass the ITAP Proficiency Exam before they are allowed to perform their instructional duties. The ITAP course focuses on three main areas—teaching methods, American culture, and spoken English. The ITAP Proficiency Exam evaluates course participants on both their general proficiency in spoken English and their ability to handle a classroom or laboratory teaching situation. For more information, visit <http://eli.ua.edu/itap.html> or contact Bill Merriman at (205) 348-7413 or [merriman@eli.ua.edu](mailto:merriman@eli.ua.edu).

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop- August 18-19, 2005 (Paul W. Bryant Conference Center)**

Since 1987, the Graduate School has offered special training for graduate teaching assistants. Each August approximately 200 new GTAs complete the "Workshop for New GTAs." The workshop is required for all new GTAs. The workshop is held at the Paul W. Bryant Conference Center on Thursday and Friday of the week before fall classes begin. It includes a variety of formal presentations and interactive activities. For further details, visit [http://graduate.ua.edu/events/workshop\\_gta.html](http://graduate.ua.edu/events/workshop_gta.html) or contact Paige McCormick at [prmccormic@aol.com](mailto:prmccormic@aol.com).

### **Graduate Student Orientation- August 17, 2005 (Ferguson Student Center)**

This one-day program is coordinated by the Office of Graduate Student Services in the Division of Student Affairs. It takes place in the Ferguson Student Center during the week before the beginning of fall semester classes and is recommended for all new graduate students. For more information, visit <http://gradservices.sa.ua.edu> or contact Melissa Medlin at (205) 348-6796 or [mmedlin@sa.ua.edu](mailto:mmedlin@sa.ua.edu).

### **Graduate School Preview Day- September 22, 2005 (Ferguson Student Center)**

Graduate School Preview Day is an opportunity for prospective students to learn more about the advantages of entering graduate school at UA. Various events are held, including small-group sessions in which students can learn more about their individual graduate programs and mingle with other students sharing the same interest; a common meeting session in which students are introduced to top administration and faculty members of the University; a reception for all students; and practice test sessions for the GRE, GMAT, and LSAT. Prospective students also have the chance to speak with current graduate students in order to get a first-hand account of the graduate school experience. See a full schedule on the following page. More information about registration can be obtained at <http://graduate.ua.edu/events/previewday.html> or by contacting April Davenport at [adavenpo@alan.ua.edu](mailto:adavenpo@alan.ua.edu) or Eric Harris at [eharris@alan.ua.edu](mailto:eharris@alan.ua.edu)

### **Alabama Connection Graduate and Professional School Fair- October 3-7, 2005 (Various Locations)**

The Alabama Connection will host student fairs during the week of October 3 in honor of Graduate and Professional School Week. Graduate and professional school representatives from across the nation will be available to provide valuable information to students, and answers to a variety of post-graduation questions. This fair serves as an excellent opportunity to research graduate and professional school options and also speak directly with admissions representatives from some of the top graduate and professional school programs in the country. The event is free and open to the public. The fair will be held in Tuscaloosa at The University of Alabama on October, 4, 2005 from 10am until 1pm. More information can be obtained by visiting [www.alabamaconnection.org/student](http://www.alabamaconnection.org/student).

## Graduate School Preview Day

The UA Graduate School will host Graduate School Preview Day on September 22, 2005. The purpose of this event is to provide useful information to prospective students regarding the application process and attending graduate school at UA. Representatives from various programs and departments will be on hand to conduct sessions pertaining to their specific programs and procedures for applying. Also, representatives from the Graduate School will commence the seminar by welcoming students to UA and providing hints for making the application process easier. Prospective students are also given the chance to take practice GRE, GMAT, and LSAT tests administered by Kaplan representatives. The day closes with a reception so that students can interact with current graduate students and also ask informal questions of professors and administrative team members. Students wishing to attend Graduate School Preview Day are encouraged to register online by September 19, 2005 via <http://graduate.ua.edu/events/previewday.html>. Below is a full schedule of events.

**Thursday, September 22, 2005, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Ferguson Student Center on the UA Campus, Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Opening Session** (Ferguson Theater) 3:00-4:00 pm

"The Benefits of Investing in a Graduate Education" Presented by UA faculty, staff, and graduate students

**Small Group Information Sessions** (Various Locations in Ferguson Center) 4:15-5:00 pm Assistant and Associate Deans, graduate program directors, and other college representatives will talk about UA's many graduate degrees. Select one of the following to attend:

- **Arts & Sciences: Natural Sciences & Math (Room 309)** Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geography, Geological Sciences, Marine Science Program, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy
- **Arts & Sciences: Fine Arts & Humanities (Room 312)** Art, English, Modern Languages and Classics, Music, Theatre & Dance
- **Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences (Room 360)** American Studies, Anthropology, Communicative Disorders, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Women's Studies
- **Communication & Information Sciences (Room 204B)** Advertising and Public Relations, Communication Studies, Journalism, Book Arts, Library and Information Studies, Telecommunication and Film
- **Graduate School of Business (Ferguson Theater)** Accountancy, Economics, Finance and Legal Studies, Information Systems, Statistics and Management Science, Management and Marketing
- **Human Environmental Sciences (Room 305)** Clothing, Textiles, and Interior Design, Consumer Sciences, General H.E.S., Human Development & Family Studies, Health Studies, Health Education and Promotion, Human Nutrition
- **Engineering (Room 307)** Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
- **Education (Room 301)** Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Kinesiology, Music Education, Educational Psychology, School Psychology, Special Education, Counselor Education, Educational Research, Educational Leadership, Higher Education Administration
- **Capstone College of Nursing (Room 358)**
- **Social Work (Room 313)**
- **McNair Scholars Program (Room 204-A)**
- **Law School (Room 300)**

**Graduate Department Fair and Reception** (Heritage Room) 5:00-5:30 pm

(Select one of the following two sessions, A or B, on graduate admissions tests. You should attend the seminar on general testing strategies if you are not pre-registered for a Kaplan Practice Test.)

**A. Seminar: General Testing Strategies** (Ferguson 204-B) 5:30-6:30 pm:

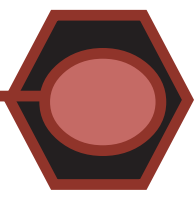
"Preparing for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and Other Tests"

**B. Kaplan Practice Tests** 5:30-8:30 pm:

-GRE (Ferguson 360)

-GMAT (Ferguson 300 & 301)

-LSAT (Ferguson 307 & 309)



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