

## University of Central Arkansas Guaranteed 8-Semester Degree Completion Program

Pursuant to Act 1014 of 2005, qualified first-time freshmen may elect to participate in a guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program for most bachelor's degree programs. The list of degree majors that are included in the 8-semester degree completion program is published on the institutional website and in the undergraduate bulletin. A student must accept or waive participation in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program.

When choosing to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program, a student accepts responsibility for monitoring his/her progress toward a degree and for making choices that will lead to graduation in four years.

Please check one of the following options:

**ACCEPTANCE:** As a first-time freshman, I have declared a major in \_\_\_\_\_ at the University of Central Arkansas and wish to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program.

I acknowledge that: (1) I must follow exactly the 8-semester degree plan for my major; (2) I must make satisfactory academic progress and maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or greater; (3) I must complete, generally, 30–36 semester credit hours of appropriate course work each academic year as outlined in my degree plan; (4) I must have my class schedule approved by my official advisor and register for classes each semester during my designated registration period; (5) I must accept any available course section that can be accommodated in my class schedule; and (6) if I change my major, the guaranteed 8-semester degree plan is voided.

Other events based on my actions that may void the guarantee include failure to complete all degree and program requirements (including a minor, if required), dropping or failing a course, withdrawing from the university, failing to pay fees, and disciplinary actions.

**WAIVER:** As a first-time freshman, I choose not to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program for the following reason(s):

- I have not declared a major and am therefore not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program.
- I understand that my declared major is not included in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program.
- I am not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program because I must enroll in one or more developmental courses (pre-college level) or pre-requisite courses required in my selected major.
- I am not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program because I am not a full-time student.
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE 8-SEMESTER CONTRACT FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT ID NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESSED BY ADVISOR (SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

- Form attachments:
- (1) List of approved 8-semester Program Completion Plans
  - (2) If applicable, Program Completion Plan for declared major
  - (3) If applicable, list of requirements for selected minor
  - (4) General Education Checksheet

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**University of Central Arkansas  
Guaranteed 8-Semester Degree Completion Program  
Waiver Agreement**

In the event that a student chooses not to complete the Guaranteed 8-Semester Degree Completion Program form at the time of the initial interview with the advisor, the following statement is to be signed and retained in the Academic Advising Center.

I understand that I have waived my rights under Act 1014 of 2005 and the guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program if I fail to return a completed Guaranteed 8-Semester Degree Completion Program form with my signature to the Academic Advising Center prior to the first day of classes for the first semester that I attend the university.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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WITNESSED BY ADVISOR (SIGNATURE)

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DATE