

Student Voter Information

Visit vote.ua.edu to find voter resources and learn how to civically engage as a UA student.

How do I register to vote / check if I'm registered?

Each state has a different process, so we recommend using ua.turbovote.org or vote.ua.edu to register to vote at home or in Tuscaloosa. TurboVote can also check if you are already registered to vote, help you request an absentee ballot, and give you reminders before upcoming elections in your area. You can also register to vote by mail, at your local DMV, at an armed forces recruitment center, and at some state and county public assistance offices. You may need a photo ID or social security card to register. For more information, visit vote.ua.edu or contact UA Vote Everywhere ([@ua_votes](https://twitter.com/ua_votes)). Be sure to register as early as possible. Different states have different deadlines, so check the details for specific elections here.

Should I register at home or in Tuscaloosa?

You can only be registered to vote in one place, but you can decide whether you want to register in Tuscaloosa or in your home state or county. Even if you only live in Tuscaloosa during the academic year or live in the residence halls, you are eligible to vote in Alabama. If you are already registered to vote and register in Tuscaloosa, you will no longer be registered in your home county. Your choice will not affect your residency status for any purposes other than voting. If you are changing your registration from one state to another, just register in the new state.

Where can I find details about upcoming elections?

Sign up for election reminders at ua.turbovote.org and get notified by text before every election! TurboVote can tell you how, when, and where to vote on election day, even if you are registered in another state.

Where can I learn what's on my ballot?

We recommend using a diversity of sources to make your decision before election day, but ballotready.org is a good place to start. Use it before an election to receive a sample ballot and learn more about the candidates you will choose between.

I live in a campus residence hall. What address should I use to register?

Use your campus mail stop code (MSC) as your mailing address. Your mailing address can be found under the "Campus Services" tab in myBama and will look something like this:

MSC 123456
1831 University Station
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Do not use a P.O. box or campus mailbox as your residential address. Find your residential address in the table below if you live on campus and want to register to vote in Tuscaloosa.

BLOUNT
901 2nd St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

BURKE WEST
922 6th Ave.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

LAKESIDE WEST
152 McCorvey Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

PRESIDENTIAL I
676 Abercrombie Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIDGECREST WEST
920 2nd St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIVERSIDE NORTH
172 Hackberry Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

BRYCE LAWN
500 Bryce Lawn Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

BRYANT
505 Devotie Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

JOHN ENGLAND JR.
810 2nd St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

PARHAM
921 6th Ave.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

PRESIDENTIAL II
622 Abercrombie Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIDGECREST SOUTH
905 2nd St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIVERSIDE WEST
178 Hackberry Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

HIGHLANDS
145 Hackberry Lane
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

BURKE EAST
920 Hackberry Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

LAKESIDE EAST
150 McCorvey Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

PATY
210 McCorvey Dr.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIDGECREST EAST
900 2nd St.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RIVERSIDE EAST
174 Hackberry Ln.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

JULIA TUTWILER
1151 10th Ave.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Do I need an ID to vote?

Some states, including Alabama, require that voters bring a valid photo ID to the polls or submit a photocopy if voting by mail. Alabama voters can use any of the following forms of photo ID to vote at the polls:

- Valid student or employee ID from a college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
 - Your ACT Card is a valid photo ID in Alabama elections, even if it's digital!
- Valid Driver's License (not expired or has been expired less than 60 days)
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Driver's License
- Valid Non-driver ID (not expired or has been expired less than 60 days)
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Non-driver ID
- Valid Alabama Photo Voter ID

- Valid State Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
 - Valid AL Department of Corrections Release- Temporary ID (Photo Required)
 - Valid AL Movement/Booking Sheet from Prison/Jail System (Photo Required)
 - Valid Pistol Permit (Photo Required)
- Valid Federal Issued ID
- Valid US Passport
- Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County Government, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other entity of this state
- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

How do I vote in person?

Check your state’s rules before election day. Confirm your registration status and find your polling place before the next election to ensure you have a voting plan in place. Here’s what Alabama voters need to know on election day:

- Polling places in Alabama are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of the election. Make sure you bring your valid photo voter ID!
- As an active registered Alabama voter, you have the right to take necessary time off from work to vote in any municipal, county, state, or federal political party primary upon reasonable notice to your employer. The necessary time off shall not exceed one hour, and the employer may specify the hours during which you may leave to vote.
- You may have to wait in line at your polling place before voting. If you are physically disabled or over the age of 70, you may ask a polling official to move you to the front of the line. All polling places are accessible to people with disabilities.
- When it’s your turn to vote, you’ll provide your name and voter ID to a poll worker, who will check your name against the list of registered voters in your precinct. You will sign a poll list and then mark your ballot. If you have not cast your ballot after 4 minutes, a poll worker may ask if you require assistance. If you ask for assistance, you will be given 5 extra minutes to complete your ballot. Otherwise, you will only have 1 minute to finish up.

How do I vote by mail?

Every state has its own rules and deadlines for absentee voting. Use [howto.vote](https://www.howto.vote) or ua.turbovote.org to check your state’s rules. Some states, including Alabama, require a valid excuse to vote absentee. Attending university away from home is a valid excuse to vote absentee.

Students registered in Alabama may receive an absentee ballot if they:

- Expect to be absent from the county on election day
- Are ill or have a physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place

- Are a registered Alabama voter living outside the county, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the US, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- Are an appointed election officer or poll watcher at a polling place other than their regular polling place
- Expect to work a required shift, 10 hours or more, that coincides with polling hours
- Are a caregiver for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to their home.
- Are currently incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

Requesting your ballot

To request an absentee ballot, visit vote.ua.edu or your local registrar to complete and submit an absentee ballot request form. Alabama voters will need to submit a new request each time they wish to vote in an upcoming election. Include a photocopy of a valid photo ID. If you are submitting your absentee ballot application by mail, it must be received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than 7 days prior to the election. You can also hand deliver your application no later than 5 days before the election.

Marking your ballot

Your absentee ballot will arrive in the mail with 3 envelopes: a plain secrecy envelope, one with an affidavit (oath) printed on the outside, and the pre-addressed outer envelope. Once you have cast your vote, seal the ballot in the plain envelope and place it in the affidavit envelope. Then, you can complete and sign the affidavit printed on the outside of the envelope. This signature must be witnessed either by a notary public or by two witnesses that are at least 18 years old.

Submitting your ballot

You may submit your absentee ballot to your county's Absentee Election Manager by mail or in person. Seal the affidavit envelope in the pre-addressed outer envelope before mailing. Be sure to send the ballot early enough that it is received no later than noon on election day so that your vote will be counted. Alternatively, you can deliver the ballot to the Absentee Election Manager's office by hand no later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election.