

ABOUT THE

CITY OF AKRON, OHIO

Students from all over the world choose to study at The University of Akron (UA), where they find opportunities to learn from expert faculty and gain valuable real-world experiences while being surrounded by a vibrant and supportive student life. Whether you're pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, you'll be able to embrace the countless opportunities offered to you for student involvement, leadership development and community building — including through UA's strong bond with the City of Akron.



Ice Skating - Lock 3 / Photo: Shane Wynn



Akron Marathon / Photo: Bruce S Ford

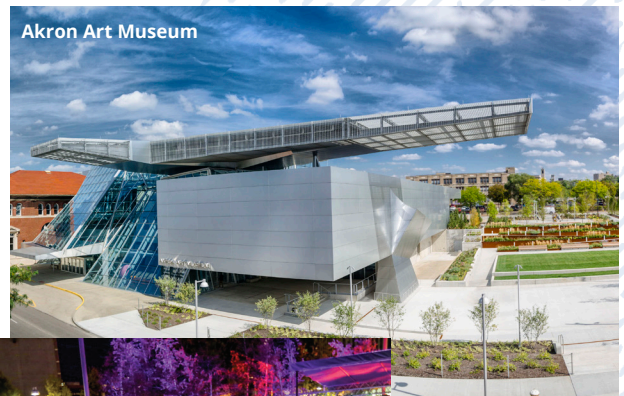
THE VIBRANT CITY OF AKRON

Downtown Akron offers local cuisine, museums, minor league athletics, live music, festivals and so much more!

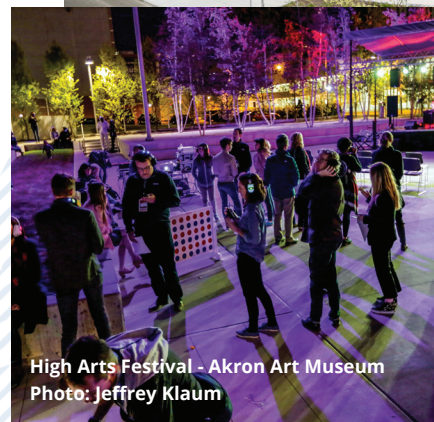
Experience Akron for yourself - the best way to do this? Start with some of the activities below in the checklist.

CITY OF AKRON BEGINNER CHECKLIST:

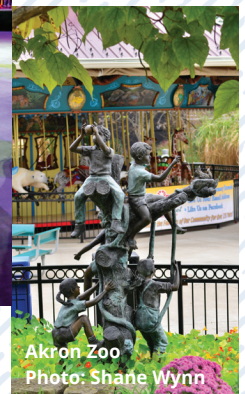
- Cheer on the Akron RubberDucks baseball team
- Attend a concert at Lock 3
- Tour the Akron Art Museum
- Get a sandwich from Diamond Deli
- See wild animals at the Akron Zoo
- Hike the Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Akron Art Museum



High Arts Festival - Akron Art Museum
Photo: Jeffrey Klaum



Akron Zoo
Photo: Shane Wynn

WANT TO EXPLORE THE SURROUNDING AREA?

Travel less than an hour from campus and attend a music festival at Blossom Music Center, ski down the snowy slopes at Boston Mills Brandywine or cheer on one of the many Cleveland professional sports teams.

Regional proximity to major cities and airports:

- **Akron-Canton Airport** - 6 minutes
- **Atlanta** - 10 hours, 5 minutes
- **Boston** - 9 hours, 24 minutes
- **Chicago** - 5 hours, 24 minutes
- **Cincinnati** - 3 hours, 26 minutes
- **Cleveland Hopkins International Airport** - 43 minutes
- **Columbus** - 1 hour, 53 minutes
- **Detroit** - 2 hours, 47 minutes
- **Indianapolis** - 4 hours, 21 minutes
- **Nashville** - 7 hours, 28 minutes
- **New York City** - 6 hours, 29 minutes
- **Pittsburgh** - 1 hour, 43 minutes
- **Toronto, Canada** - 5 hours, 11 minutes
- **Washington, DC** - 5 hours, 18 minutes



CITY OF AKRON FACTS:

- Founded in 1825
- Birthplace of the rubber tire, processed cereal, Alcoholics Anonymous, K-12 school system, airship development
- Home of the All-American Soap Box Derby
- Famous Akronites include athletes LeBron James and Thurman Munson; musicians The Black Keys, Devo, Chrissy Hynde and James Ingram; actors Angie Everhart and Melina Kanakaredes; Pulitzer Prize-winning poet laureate Rita Dove; late Challenger astronaut Judy Resnik
- Population: 190,469 (2020 U.S. Census)

FACTS ABOUT UA:

- Founded in 1870
- Buchtel College trustees transferred the institution and its assets to city of Akron in 1913, name changes to The University of Akron in 1926
- World's first courses in rubber chemistry offered beginning in 1909
- Celebrated 150th anniversary in 2020
- A campus enhancement program in the 2000s resulted in 22 new buildings and 34 acres of new green space added to the now 218-acre campus
- UA is home to 50+ centers and institutes, several nationally known, including the Bliss Institute for Applied Politics, the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology, the Fisher Institute for Professional Selling, and many more.
- UA offers 300 student organizations with opportunities for experiential learning and skills development