Uncommon Degrees Unusual Opportunities

Academic Common Market

Looking for a college degree not offered in your state?

The Academic Common Market may be able to help. Many students qualify for in-state tuition to study in other states.

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Is Academic Common Market for You?

1 Do you live in one of these 15 states?

Alabama	Georgia	Mississippi	Texas*
Arkansas	Kentucky	Oklahoma	Virginia
Delaware	Louisiana	South Carolina	West Virginia
Florida*	Maryland	Tennessee	

** Florida and Texas participate at the graduate level only*

North Carolina is a Southern Regional Education Board state but does not participate in the Academic Common Market

2 Is the out-of-state degree program you seek eligible?

Use our ACM program search tool to see if the degree you seek is eligible for Academic Common Market.

Not all colleges participate, not all programs are offered, and not every offered program is available to students in all states.

If the answers to 1 and 2 are "yes," you may want to apply for Academic Common Market.

3 Have you been admitted to the college?

Apply through the institution's regular application process. Once you are admitted to the college and you have your acceptance letter that clearly states regular admission to the specific program, you are ready to apply to the Academic Common Market.

4 Have you applied to the ACM in your home state?

Contact your state's Academic Common Market coordinator. Complete the process to be certified as a resident of your home state. This process varies state to state but generally involves several signatures. SREB does not manage or track ACM applications.

5 Do I have to reapply each year?

There is no need to reapply so long as you:

- Do not change majors or institutions
- Maintain full-time enrollment
- Maintain home state residency

Check with your institution for additional requirements

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SREB's Academic Common Market is a hub for states, universities and college students to share access to uncommon degree programs. Students whose states don't offer the degree they want may find the program in another SREB state and be eligible to attend at in-state tuition rates.

When there's a match, everyone wins. Students save the cost of out-of-state tuition, colleges fill unusual degree programs with motivated students, and states may avoid the cost of creating specialized programs.

$14,139

Average 2020-21 Tuition Savings per Student

"I had my heart and mind set on a certain program that was not available in my home state of Alabama, and I didn't know how I was going to afford it. Without the Academic Common Market, I would not have been able to graduate from the program that prepared me for the career I'm in now."

– Christine Oliver,
Senior Communications Coordinator,
Chick-fil-A

What Academic Common Market Is and What it Isn't

The ACM **is**…

- Access to uncommon programs
- A way to share education resources
- For public institutions only
- For undergraduate and graduate degrees
- A collaboration among states and colleges with SREB at the hub

The ACM **is not**…

- A financial aid option
- An athletic scholarship
- Guaranteed
  - States and institutions participate voluntarily
  - Not everyone who applies will necessarily be approved
- Competitive or merit-based, but applicants must meet state residency and college program requirements

"I really found my niche in the museum world as a history buff and lifelong learner. I am so grateful for the Academic Common Market."

– Dr. Sarah Graves,
Collections Information Specialist,
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

2,000+ Active Degree Programs

166 Partner Colleges and Universities

"Without the Academic Common Market, I would not be able to afford to pursue my degree in Supply Chain Management at the third-ranked program in the country."

– Ragan Doyle,
Haslam College of Business,
University of Tennessee

Top 10 ACM Programs for Academic Year 2020-21

Degree Program	Number of Certified Students
Marine Science	163
Supply Chain Management	130
Aerospace Engineering	90
Sports and Entertainment Management	87
Audio Production	64
Aerospace Engineering	61
Retailing	61
Risk Management and Insurance	54
Biomedical Sciences	47
Business Analytics	46

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