UA LITTLE ROCK WEBSITE REDESIGN

Where We Are and Where We're Going





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OVERALL OUTCOMES

- Website will meet accessibility goals, guidelines, and legal requirements
- A mobile-friendly site that is functional on every device type
- Content, design, and function that is aligned with the Strategic Plan



• SUMMER PROGRESS

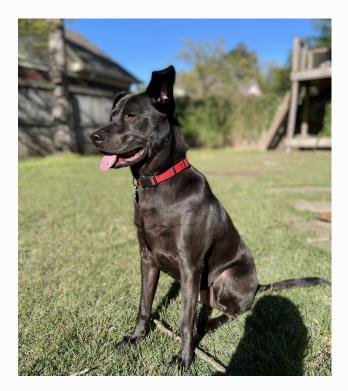
• CURRENT WORK

• UPCOMING

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SUMMER PROGRESS





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CONTENT AUDITS & UPDATES

Content comes before design.

- Review and update content now, so that outdated and irrelevant information isn't brought over to the new site.
- Updated content helps with SEO search engine optimization
- Updated content gives <u>current and future students a better experience</u>

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CONTENT AUDITS & UPDATES

SOME RECENTLY COMPLETED SITES:

School of Nursing School of Criminal Justice and Criminology School of Business School of Counseling, Human Performance & Rehabilitation School of Social Work Graduate School **Campus Living Campus Life Student Organizations Campus Garden Scholarships** Diversity Advising Human Resources **Testing Services Extended Education Donaghey Student Center Health Services Applied Communication**

Donaghey Scholars Counseling Services Bursar's Office Budget Office Financial Services Nanotechnology School of Education Mathematics **Computer Science** MBA English **Theatre Arts** Music Biology eLearning **Blackboard Student Support** Mass Communication School of Art and Design **Rhetoric and Writing**

Anthropology Sociology Interpreting Education **Applied Science Physics** Psychology Philosophy Geology History **Construction Management** Chemistry Speech Language Pathology Accounting **Economics and Finance** International Business Marketing Management

High-five to CBHHS! All academic department/program sites have been reviewed.



SITE ARCHITECTURE / ORGANIZATION

- How the pages are organized within the site
- How different audiences arrive at the information that is relevant to them
- How to improve our global navigation
- Worked with a higher education expert, OHO Interactive
- Data-driven decisions
 - Five rounds of tree testing (testing various versions of navigation, with each version improving upon the previously tested results)
 - More than 100 students, faculty, and staff participated



SITE ARCHITECTURE / ORGANIZATION

Current/Original Global Navigation: 118 links

ADMISSIONS	ACADEMICS	STUDENTS	COMMUNITY	RESEARCH	ABOUT

Proposed Global Navigation: 54 links

ACADEMICS ADMISSIONS & AID STUDENT EXPERIENCE RESEARCH COMMUNITY IMPACT

Resources for: Current Students Faculty & Staff

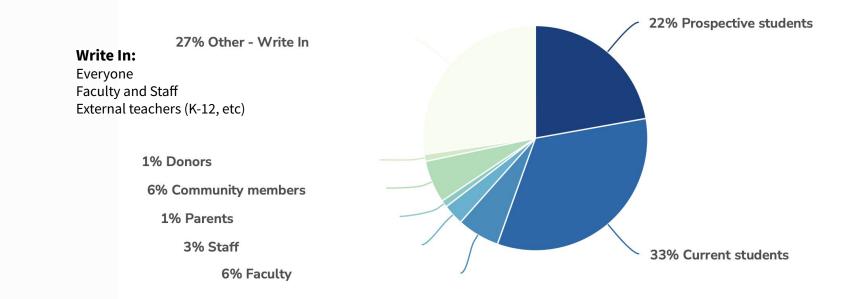




WEB EDITORS SURVEY

- April 2023; 99 participants
 - 66 staff
 - 27 faculty
 - 2 students (student-specific surveys completed in 2022)
 - 4 senior administration

Who would you identify as the primary audience for the content you manage on the UALR website?



What content issues do you deal with the most? Select all that apply.

52% Outdated Content

50% Difficult to measure content impact

43% Finding the time to do the work

29% Understaffed to support content needs

28% Poor visual content



- How do you receive web content tasks?
- What is your process for creating, editing & publishing content on your site?
- How effective do you feel this publishing process is?
- How would you make the publishing process more effective or efficient?
- What tools/resources/training would help you feel more supported?

WEB GOVERNANCE

"Launching a new site is a huge undertaking, but it's really only the beginning. To stay as fresh and relevant as it is on the day of launch, your website needs lots of love and attention — that's where governance comes in.

Not only will a governance plan help you map out day-to-day management for your website, but the process of defining the plan will force you to ask important questions about your resources and priorities, and consider how to make sure your new website is not just a technical but also a cultural success."

WEB GOVERNANCE

To guarantee the success of our website, we have to make sure we can support it post-launch.

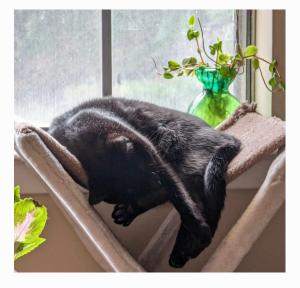
Guidelines, publishing workflows, and other processes must be clearly defined.

All parts of the website must be accounted for and actively maintained. Editors must have defined roles and responsibilities, and they must be empowered to fulfill them with appropriate training and support.

What's coming:

- Governance plan: who is responsible for the content
- Different roles and permissions in WordPress
- Training and documentation

CURRENT WORK





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WIREFRAMES AND DESIGN

Like a blueprint; a visual guide that represents the skeletal framework of a website. It shows the different elements of a website and where the content will go. (Floor plans for a house)

- Staffing changes resulted in progress being paused on design work
- Partnering with web agency Fruition to finish the wireframe and design work

WIREFRAMES AND DESIGN

8-10 wireframes will be created

Wireframes in progress:

- Academic department homepage (ex. ualr.edu/masscomm)
- Degree page within the academic department (ex. ualr.edu/masscomm/ba)
- Non-academic department page (ex. ualr.edu/campusliving)
- General content page
- Top-tier page/site

WIREFRAMES AND DESIGN

Top-tier page/site:

Priority landing pages or sites that will have specific content related to that area or audience.

Academics Admissions & Aid Student Experience Research Community Impact Faculty & Staff Current Students About

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UPCOMING WORK





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LOGGED-IN CONTENT

Top tier pages will be customized by audience.

Phase 1:

Expanded content for users who are logged in vs not

Phase 2:

Different content based on user type (faculty and staff, current students, etc)



LOGGED-IN CONTENT

WordPress dashboards could also be customized

Content Editors and Site Owners will see information relevant to their roles:

- Links to relevant training documentation
- Media Library space
- Gravity Forms menu
- Relevant reminders

UPDATE TO GRAVITY FORMS

Current Gravity Forms interface:

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Last Name

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Gravity Forms will function a little more like the Block Editor

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TIP: USE HEADINGS CORRECTLY

When headings are used incorrectly (out of order, for example), it gets flagged as an accessibility issue.

Headings have to be used correctly so that all users can navigate our website in an efficient and inclusive way.



Master of Education: Gifted, Creative, and Talented Education

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Admission Requirements

All applicants must have:

- A valid teacher license (Arkansas or other state), and
- Favorable recommendations from faculty in the program
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (4.0 scale), ${\bf or}$
- GPA of at least 3.0 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate courses, or
- Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Admitted to the UA Little Rock Graduate School. <u>View the steps to apply</u>.

Program and Graduation Requirements

The master's degree requires a minimum of 30-33 credit hours, including 15 education core area hours; three additional approved gifted and talented hours; three elective hours; and a written comprehensive examination or 33 hours for the thesis or National Board Certification option.

- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on an approved program of study
- Passing of the comprehensive exam

USE HEADINGS CORRECTLY

- The page title is always an H1 (Heading 1). The title is the only H1 on the page.
- Headings are not for decoration or styling
- After the title (H1), the next heading would be an H2.

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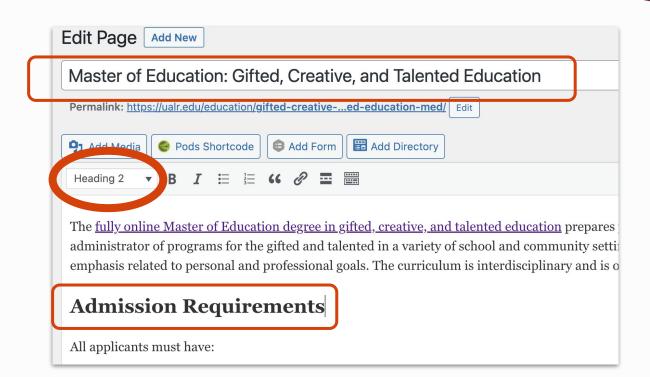
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RESOURCES

- Monthly emails to campus
- Redesign Website and Project Blog: ualr.edu/redesign
- Continued Lunch and Learns
- Analytics report for your site
- Broken links report for your site

Our request form: ualr.edu/webteam



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