

## The Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies

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Established in 1981, the Pete Parks Center for Regional Studies serves as an academic center for the study of the people and culture of Arkansas, Louisiana, east Texas and southeast Oklahoma. Faculty and students participating in the Center's various programs have a unique opportunity to research the history, folklife, architecture, politics, literature, art, music and religion of this region in an interdisciplinary manner. The Center also promotes service to others as an important component in understanding the peoples and cultures of this mid-south region. The programs offered through the Center include:

### **4173, 4183. Folkways of the Red River Region: I, II**

This course deals with the cultural history of the Upland South in general and with the Red River Region of Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana in particular. Emphasis is given in the course to the literature, history, music and architecture of the region. The class is taught at Old Washington State Park in Washington, Arkansas. Double-listed in the English and History departments. **Summer.**

- \* "Voices of the South" Oral History Project..... each semester
- \* The President's Symposium..... Spring of even-numbered years
- \* The Arkansas Storytelling Festival..... Fall
- \* Academic Research Grants..... Fall, Spring
- \* Special Conferences and Workshops ..... each semester
- \* Research in Regional Studies..... each semester
- \* "Regional Studies at Ouachita" newsletter..... annually
- \* Academic Publishing

### **Academic Skills Development Program (ASKL)**

Courses in the Academic Skills Development Program provide assistance in the acquisition of college level reading, mathematics, English, and study skills. The number of hours required for graduation is increased by the number of hours taken in ASKL courses.

#### **1001. Resources for Learning.**

A study of basic learning skills including effective listening, note-taking, studying and test-taking. The course is required of certain students on academic warning. **Fall, Spring.**

#### **1013. Intermediate Algebra.**

A beginning course in algebra for students needing a foundation for college mathematics courses. A grade of C or better is required before a student is eligible to enroll in a higher mathematics course. **Fall, Spring.**

#### **1031. Fundamental Reading.**

A diagnosis of reading problems and an intensive search for their solution. The course is required of students who score below college level on the Nelson-Denny Reading Test. **Fall, Spring.**