The Academic Common Market is an agreement among 12 Southern Regional Education Board states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia). According to the agreement, if one of these states does not offer a particular degree program in its state-supported universities, a resident of that state may enroll in that degree program at a university in one of the other states without having to pay out-of-state tuition. Each state specifies which programs offered at out-of-state universities it will allow its residents to attend as common market students. The states of Florida, North Carolina and Texas do not participate in the Academic Common Market.

To be eligible for consideration for the Common Market at Auburn, students must be enrolled in degree programs agreed to by their home states, be classified as a junior or senior at Auburn, have a 3.0 GPA for all college-level course work attempted, including transfer work, and be certified as a resident of one of the other states. Auburn students who enter as common market students and do not complete 12 hours per term, do not maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, or who later change to a degree program not certified as eligible by their home states, lose the waiver of out-of-state tuition.

Since out-of-state residence is a requirement for being a common market student, students may not use the time spent as common market students to qualify them as residents of Alabama.

See the Common Market website, http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/undergrad_studies/corefaq.html, for more information. Application materials are due by March 15 for the following year. If space remains, applications for spring semester received by October 15 will be considered.