WILL YOU BE A GATOR INNOVATOR?

Welcome to The Gator Nation and the Innovation Academy!

MANY MAJORS, ONE MINOR

INNOVATION MINOR

The UF Innovation Minor is exclusive to IA students. There are two tracks— General Concentration and Artificial Intelligence. The Innovation Minor courses are designed to provide a core knowledge base and skill set to prepare IA students for the 21st century economy.

CREATIVITY
These courses examine the dynamics of creativity, discovery and invention across disciplines. Students learn problem-identifying and solving skills through design thinking.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Courses teach entrepreneurial thought and action that students can utilize in starting companies or executing R&D projects in large companies.

ETHICS
Course provides a grounding in ethical theory and practice, and in careful reasoning about moral issues with a focus on changes and their consequences.

LEADERSHIP
Students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to move an innovation from creation to implementation.

LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITY

What can you expect from a living/ learning community (LLC)?

IA LLC IGNITE provides exclusive programming in Beaty Towers residence hall for Innovation Academy students. Content focuses on personal leadership, career and scholarship development.

62% OF INCOMING IA STUDENTS LIVE IN BEATY TOWERS

IA LLC IGNITE

Programming includes: Welcome & Social Events Leadership Seminars · Career Exploration Sessions StrengthsQuest Sessions · Campus Resources Deep Dives Fab Lab 101 Sessions · Academic Advising Success Sessions Recognition Ceremonies for Students

CO-CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

CAMPUS LIFE
Students can stay engaged in their clubs and organizations, and attend UF social and athletic events.

STUDY ABROAD
IA's fall semester without classes can provide students with a full semester to benefit from studying abroad.

EMPLOYMENT
IA has caught the attention of many employers and leaders who have sought upper-level students to work for them full time in the fall when other students return to campus or can only work part time.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
IA offers a very successful fall internship program with start-up companies in Gainesville where students work in teams and earn four credits. IA also offers an independent internship database to support students who want national opportunities.

ONLINE CLASSES
Students can use the fall to get ahead academically with two options: online classes through UF or courses at their local state or community college.

SPRING/SUMMER BENEFITS

IA's unique spring/summer academic calendar allows for a free fall semester to engage in internships, study abroad, research or other professional development opportunities during a less competitive time.

A culmination of these experiences and acquired skills helps IA students become highly sought-after candidates, ready for the first day on the job as polished, prepared professionals.

AMBASSADORS
Develop leadership skills including marketing and public speaking.

3D PRINTING & LASER-CUTTING
Learn new, tangible skills in prototyping to bring your ideas to life.

INTERNSHIPS
Experience mentoring and professional development through local start-up companies and access to a job database.

STUDY ABROAD
Gain experience and exposure prior to freshman year with a pre-enrollment opportunity in Maynooth, Ireland.

CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES
Gain unique programmatic and community engagement opportunities.

TAILORED ADVISING
Access dedicated IA advisors who help students navigate through the IA curriculum/program.

PROTOTYPE & BUILD

3D PRINTING
3D printing is available at UF libraries and at the Infinity Fab Lab.

COMPETITIONS
IA students enter their ideas and creations into various competitions such as The Big Idea, MuniMod and more!

INCUBATION SPACE
UF encourages students to use The Innovation Hub, Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute, and Launchpad Scholars Program to foster innovation and growth.

APP DEVELOPMENT
Mobile App Development Environment (MADE) at UF is a university initiative to provide students with the necessary equipment and training to develop an app.

AVAILABLE MAJORS*

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES
Agricultural Education and Communication
Biology
Entomology & Nematology

WARRINGTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Accounting
Business Administration - General Studies
Finance
Information Systems
Management
Marketing

COLLEGE OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING
Sustainability & the Built Environment

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Education Sciences

HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Computer Science
Digital Arts and Sciences

COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS
Advertising
Journalism
Public Relations
Media Production, Management & Technology

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
African American Studies
Anthropology
Biology
Chemistry
English
Geography
History
Mathematics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

*Available majors subject to change

IMPORTANT DATES, EXCITING EVENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

DISCOVER IA
Spring 2022
March 4 · March 18 · April 1 · April 15
innovationacademy.ufl.edu

Discover IA sessions allow prospective students and their families to learn about the IA program and its exciting benefits.

UF CONFIRMATION DEADLINE
May 2, 2022
admissions.ufl.edu

☑ LAUNCH INTO IA
The official new student convocation brings all incoming IA students together for a university welcome.

☑ SPEAKER SERIES
The Innovation Academy invites various industry professionals and thought leaders to speak to IA students as guest lecturers.

☑ IA LLC IGNITE
Exclusive programming in Beaty Towers focuses on leadership and scholarship.

☑ CATALYST
A student showcase where freshmen present a prototype they design of a product, service or model developed in an interdisciplinary team environment.

☑ SENIOR PROJECT
Seniors present their solution to launch projects in a juried event.

☑ SUMMIT
Summit celebrates students' successful completion of the Innovation minor and their graduation from the University of Florida by awarding the IA graduation medallion.

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