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**WELCOME TO THE UF** 

## CLASS OF '26

& THE GATOR NATION

We are pleased to welcome you to the freshmen class where inquisitive minds, passion and purpose meet. We want YOU at UF to continue to propel our campus forward in improving the lives of those around us through knowledge, research, outreach and discovery.

What are Gators? In general, they are students who thrive on the opportunity to be betterem—to go further—all with mentorship and support along the way. With a student body of more than 50K, there are at least 50K distinct definitions of what it means to be a Gator. Whether you're looking to pursue existing interests or discover new ones, UF will provide a community that accepts and supports you. We can't wait to hear what this special place will mean to you.

What's next? Officially join the class by confirming your enrollment by May 2. Be a part of the collective, invigorated spirit of this new UF class that will make its impact on our world.

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ADMITTED CHECKLIST

#### **NOW THAT YOU'RE A GATOR**

## **NEXT STEPS**

**Get Your Gator Credentials** • my.admissions.ufl.edu/account/login As a new student, you will need a UF identification number (UFID) to perform many necessary functions. You can locate your UFID by clicking the UFID link on your check status page. Log in using your MyAdmissions credentials. Connect with GatorLink 1 A few days after you are admitted, you will receive an email that will prompt you to create your GatorLink username and password. This account name is public and is used as your access to most UF information systems as well as it will become your UF email address. **Access Your Official UFL Email** helpdesk.ufl.edu/self-help/gatorlink-e-mail-setup GatorMail is the email service for our university and is the best way to stay in contact with your professors, advisors and others who are here to help you stay organized. Complete the FAFSA studentaid.gov/FAFSA To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA opens on October 1 of each year. To receive the best financial aid offer, complete the FAFSA as early as possible. **Review Housing Options** On-Campus Housing housing.ufl.edu/living-options/apply Complete the housing application and submit the \$25 non-refundable housing application fee. Applying establishes your priority for a housing assignment only and does NOT guarantee an offer of residence hall space. Students who have applied for housing can expect to receive offers within two weeks of admittance.

> **Off-Campus Housing** housing.offcampus.ufl.edu (352) 392-1207

The Off-Campus Life office can help you find a variety of housing options off campus in Gainesville prior to your signing a lease.

**Submit Health Information** healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu (352) 294-2925

Every new UF student is required to show proof of having health insurance and certain immunizations before arriving on campus. To register for classes, students must submit a completed UF Mandatory Immunization Health History form. If needed, these immunizations may be obtained from the Student Health Care Center on the UF campus in Gainesville.

**Register for Preview** welcome.ufl.edu/orientation

**Upload Your Gator 1 Card Photo** businessservices.ufl.edu/services/gator-1-card Questions? (352) 392-8343

**Before Attending Preview:** 

Upload a clear head/shoulders photo of yourself at the Gator 1 website at least 48 hours before your Preview appointment. Your Gator 1 card is your official campus photo ID that allows you access to many campus services.

**By May 1: Submit Official Test Scores** If you chose to self-report your ACT and/or SAT scores during the application process, arrange to have the testing agency send your official scores to UF by May 1.

By May 2: Confirm Enrollment my.admissions.ufl.edu/account/login Confirm your enrollment and pay the non-refundable \$200 tuition deposit via your UF application portal.

**By July 15: Ensure Arrival of Your Transcripts** 

> All offers of admission are tentative until the Office of Admissions receives your final high school and/or college transcripts. Make arrangements to send your final high school and/or college transcripts to our office, as your school may not automatically do this.

Send your transcripts to: The UF Office of Admissions P. O. Box 114000

Gainesville, FL 32611-4000

Complete these items ASAP.



NOW LET'S **SKIP TO THE** 

**GOOD PART.** 

#### WELCOME.UFL.EDU/ORIENTATION

Designed to assist you with your transition to the University of Florida, Preview, a mandatory orientation, is our official welcome event. Together with your family members, you will learn about the UF student experience, our culture of care, receive academic advising and register for your first semester of classes. You will have the opportunity to learn about financial aid, housing, student health care and campus involvement—right alongside fellow first-year students who are part of the Class of 2026.

#### PREVIEW REGISTRATION

You'll receive an email after you have confirmed your UF enrollment with information on dates and registration. Take advantage of this opportunity to make connections, learn more about the university and launch your academic journey.

#### ADMITTED STUDENT PROGRAMS

We know choosing the right school for you is a big decision, that's why we offer various admitted student events to showcase all that UF has to offer and answer any questions. These events are optional and provide information through breakout sessions on topics such as academics, undergraduate research, student life and involvement, the Honors Program and more. You get to tailor your experience based on your interests and bring your family along with you. This is also a great opportunity to meet fellow #UF26 Gators and start building friendships that will last a lifetime.

> **Explore more at** ADMISSIONS.UFL.EDU/AFTER-BEING-ADMITTED

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## UF IS AFFORDABLE



#### UF is committed to providing a world-class education that is affordable to all students.

Based on national financial and employment research, a college education better prepares you for future employment. Students gain valuable life experiences, make lifelong friends and obtain a degree that will provide higher pay in a profession. But how is college made affordable to you?

UF's strong financial aid program demonstrates the value UF places on a campus community that is made of students from all economic backgrounds. UF is committed to providing strong financial aid packages to make college a reality for our students. Almost 85 percent of UF students receive some form of aid. Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA.



#### **ASK FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS**

or request additional information at the OneStop. 352-392-2244 | onestop.em.ufl.edu

In early March 2022, students can access information about their financial aid at one.uf.edu.

- View your financial aid offer and summary
- Monitor your financial aid disbursements and refunds
- Report additional scholarships
- Check "To-Dos" and "Holds" to see if you are missing requirements that could prevent the disbursement of your financial aid
- View campus finances, tuition statements, payment history and MORE!

#### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting October 1 each year. To receive the best financial aid offer, students should complete the FAFSA as early as possible. studentaid.gov/FAFSA

#### CHECK YOUR AID STATUS

Check your UF application status. In March 2022, admitted freshmen who have filed the 2022-23 FAFSA will receive an official aid offer online at one.uf.edu.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

#### The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program,

funded by the State of Florida, provides scholarships to Florida students based on high school academic achievement. The program has different award levels, each with its own eligibility criteria and award amounts. Awards are per credit hour. floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org

#### **The Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program**

(MFOS) provides financial resources and individual support to Florida students with the primary goal of graduating first-generation, low-income undergraduate students. By addressing systemic barriers and challenges, this distinguished scholarship provides funding up to the full cost of attendance for four years of undergraduate study. In addition, MFOS scholars will receive mentorship and comprehensive support programming to provide students with a positive and successful student experience at the University of Florida.

The Excellence Grant recognizes Florida's first-timein-college, high-achieving students. We offer this fourvear grant as part of a no-loan aid package to students who meet eligibility criteria.

For both the MFOS and Excellence Grant programs, the family income cap is \$55,000 and the family asset cap is \$35,000.

Grants are gift-aid (no repayment required) awarded to students who show financial need. Students who complete the FAFSA may be eligible for the Federal

Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Florida Student Assistance Grant, UF Excellence Grant, UF Undergraduate Grant, UF Welcome Grant and other forms of need-based financial aid.

Find other scholarship opportunities using UF's Scholarship Search Engine, a database of both college-awarded and private scholarships.

sfa.ufl.edu/search

#### ESTIMATE YOUR COST [



**BEST VALUE** 

IN PUBLIC

**EDUCATION** 

(KIPLINGER 2019)

Get an early estimate of financial aid, including federal, state and UF grants with this net price calculator. npc.collegeboard.org/app/ufl

#### 2021-22 COST ESTIMATES\* (FALL & SPRING TERMS)

#### **TUITION & FEES** •

\$6,380

\$28,658

UF has the LOWEST TUITION for both in- and outof-state students among the Top 50 national universities in U.S. News and World Report rankings.

#### **HOUSING**

\$5,800 IN-STATE & OUT-OF-STATE

FOOD A

\$4,600 IN-STATE & OUT-OF-STATE

#### MISCELLANEOUS\*\* ■

\$4,650 IN-STATE & OUT-OF-STATE

#### **ESTIMATED TOTAL**

\$21,430 IN-STATE

\$43,708 OUT-OF-STATE

Direct Cost: Paid directly to UF

**■** Indirect Cost: Paid by student

▲ Can be Direct or Indirect Cost

\*These costs reflect estimated 2021-22 undergraduate expenses for two semesters Your costs may vary. The 2022-23 estimated costs of attendance will be posted at sfa.ufl.edu/cost when available

\*\*The miscellaneous expense estimate includes books computer, cell phone. transportation clothing maintenance and other personal costs

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#### **FIND YOUR WAY AROUND**

## OUR CAMPUS

#### **Spaces for Recreation, Relaxation & Connection**

#### 1. REITZ STUDENT UNION

Home to the UF Bookstore and Welcome Center, the Reitz also contains dining facilities, meeting rooms, offices, a computer lab, a game room, an outdoor amphitheater, retail stores, an art studio, important student life services, and a hotel.

#### 2. SOUTHWEST RECREATION CENTER

This 140,000 sq. ft. facility is the home to six indoor basketball courts, multipurpose spaces for indoor sports, split-level cardio room, large weight room, an indoor track and even two massage therapy rooms.

#### **UF Landmarks**

#### 3. CENTURY TOWER & UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

#### 4. BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM

"The Swamp" seats almost 92,000 and surrounds Steve Spurrier-Florida Field, home to Gator football games.

#### **5. PLAZA OF THE AMERICAS**

As one of UF's green spaces, this open area is close to libraries and classrooms making it the perfect destination for hammocks and outdoor dining on the lawn.

#### **6. TURLINGTON PLAZA**

A central hub on campus, Turlington Plaza is a courtyard space where students can pass by promotional tables for student organizations on their way to class.

#### Food & Dining

#### 7. REITZ STUDENT UNION FOOD COURT

This multi-purpose space has a large food court that makes it easy to grab food while making your way around the Reitz.

#### 8. HUB

Close to Turlington Plaza, the Hub in central campus is always bustling with students grabbing a snack between classes.

#### **Student Help & Needs**

#### 9. ONESTOP FOR ENROLLMENT NEEDS/OUESTIONS

In one central location, the OneStop provides students with access to information for UF enrollment services.

#### 10. DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE & THEIR CARE AREA

#### 11. STUDENT HEALTH CARE CENTER



Map is not in perfect scale. For accurate directions, refer to admissions.ufl.edu/visit. There is currently construction on campus. Follow directions to avoid closed roads.

RESIDENCE HALLS

DINING

LIBRARIES/STUDY AREAS



Living on campus means you're moments away from all that UF as to offer and in the center of all the action. By living in a residence hall, you're on the path to creating connections that will last a lifetime.

#### **ON-CAMPUS HOUSING**

For more information about Housing and Residence Life, refer to **HOUSING.UFL.EDU** or call 352-392-2161.

**TRADITIONAL/HALL STYLE** features a hallway of shared bedrooms with bathrooms and communal kitchens in each section.

**SUITE STYLE** allows a more private experience, with two to three bedrooms that share a bathroom. Communal kitchens are available on each floor.

**APARTMENT STYLE** features on-campus apartment living with bedrooms that share a living space, kitchen, and bathroom(s).

#### **OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING**

#### OFFCAMPUS.UFL.EDU

The Off-Campus Life office provides resources and services for students living off campus, including an online search service for off-campus housing, dedicated staff and monthly events to help you explore Gainesville.

#### **Benefits of Residence Halls**

LIVING ON-CAMPUS AT UF

- 26 Residence Halls for undergraduate students
- **Study Rooms**
- Social Lounges
- 24/7 Support
- Leadership
  and involvement opportunities
- Special Events
  designed just for residents
- Short Distances
  to/from classroom buildings
- And so much more!



#### LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE

#### RESIDENTS.HOUSING.UFL.EDU/ACADEMIC-INITIATIVES/LLC

Housing and Residence Life also offers **Living Learning Communities** that foster academic and special interests. LLCs range from narrow and academic to broad and interdisciplinary, and include targeted classes, resources, exclusive opportunities and dedicated staff. In these halls, students have access to events that are designed to support interests and needs of you and others that are interested in similar topics.





#### **GATORDINING.COM**

We know food is an important topic for any student heading to college. That's why UF has more than 40 dining locations on campus, including two buffet-style dining halls. Needing a pick-me-up before your early morning class? Stop by one of five Starbucks locations. More of an afternoon class person? We have plenty of lunch options that will meet all tastes and dietary needs. Dining off campus is always a great option, too, as Gainesville is a true foodie's dream. From local gems that have been around for decades to food truck festivals downtown — there's always something tasty to explore.



#### **VISIT YOUR NEW HOME**

We offer a range of visit and engagement opportunities to help you learn more about UF. Join us on campus for an information session with our admissions officers followed by a guided tour led by one of our current students.

#### Can't make it to campus?

Sign up for one of our weekly virtual information sessions and download our self-guided tour through the **GatorWay** app to check out the UF campus from anywhere in the world.

ADMISSIONS.UFL.EDU/VISIT







BIG-TIME
OPPORTUNITIES

**LEARN MORE ABOUT** 

## GAINESVILLE, FL

It starts with 224 days of sunshine, perfect for exploring in Gainesville's quaint downtown, adventuring to one of our eight state parks or soaking up nature at a freshwater spring. With a median age of 26, Gainesville is a quintessential college town — alive with energy, fueled by good coffee and great food.

**VISITGAINESVILLE.COM** 



#### **GAINESVILLE IS A FOODIE'S PARADISE**

Melt-in-your-mouth pancakes, juicy burgers, authentic Caribbean food, fall-off-the bone BBQ, and locally sourced, organic cuisine... there is truly something for every taste!



#### **CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES & NIGHTLIFE**

When it comes to cultural opportunities and nightlife, Gainesville has many venues for you to discover. Perhaps you'll take in a musical theatre show or concert at the Hippodrome Theatre, the Phillips Center or the O'Connell Center. Or visit one of the world-class museums, including the Florida Museum of Natural History, the Harn Museum of Art and the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention. For a truly magical experience, venture inside the Butterfly Rainforest, featuring more than 50 species from all over the world in an open-air enclosure.

#### WHERE IS GAINESVILLE?

Gainesville is located on the I-75 corridor halfway between Atlanta and Miami, and is serviced by several major airlines at the Gainesville Regional Airport. Disney World, Universal Studios and Sea World are less than a two-hour drive.





#### THE HIPPODROME THEATRE

Pensacola

(341 miles)

A main landmark of downtown Gainesville, the Hippodrome is a theatre that stages multiple productions each year. In addition to live plays, the Hippodrome also runs international, limited-release and avant-garde films.

Tallahassee

(150 miles)



Jacksonville

(71 miles)



#### **FRESHWATER SPRINGS & WATER ACTIVITIES**

North Florida has more than 1,000 freshwater springs all within a short drive from Gainesville. The crystal-clear water runs at 72 degrees year-round, which is a perfect temperature for the Florida heat. It is especially popular to rent kayaks or inner tubes and float down Ginnie or Itchetucknee springs.



#### **EXPLORE FLORIDA LAND AND WILDLIFE**

Gainesville is full of walking, hiking, running and biking trails. A local favorite destination is Sweetwater Wetlands Park, with more than 1,300 acres of open trails for you to roam. The park is known to have plenty of wildlife, so bring along your camera.



#### SHORT DRIVE TO FLORIDA BEACHES

With our central location within Florida, Gainesville is the perfect location to get to some of the best beaches. UF is located less than two hours away from either Florida coastlines. Locations like St. Augustine beach offer popular destinations for UF students on the weekends.

#### **FIND YOUR UF**

## COMMUNITY

UF has nearly 1,000 student organizations providing pathways for you to find community based on your interests. From pre-professional clubs and service organizations to dance troupes and the Falling Gators skydiving club, there are many ways to pursue your passions outside of class.



#### THE CAMPUS QUAD

Relax under a canopy of large oaks lining a multi-acre green space. Known as the Plaza of the Americas, it's the perfect sanctuary to gather with friends, study or dine while enjoying the Florida sun.



#### **TWO LAKES**

Eight miles south of campus is UF's Lake Wauburg, which offers water sports, a climbing wall, a disc golf course, sports fields, mountain biking trails, a swimming area and more. The second lake, located on campus, is Lake Alice — an open water marsh with a boardwalk for viewing birds



and the occasional alligator.



60+ Greek organizations and four Greek councils make it easy for students to choose the experience that best fits them.

#### greeks.ufl.edu

- **+** INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
- **MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL**
- **NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL**
- PANHELLENIC COUNCIL



UF has more than 2,760 intramural teams with almost 13,000 participants. Expand your horizons and try a new sport or maintain your on-the-field skills.



#### **TWO FITNESS CENTERS**

Including the 140,000sq.-ft., state-of-the-art Southwest Recreation Center.



#### **BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM**

Open for exercise and recreation when not hosting 90,000 fans on game days



#### STUDENT EVENTS

There's always something going on at UF to fill your social calendar. From events that bring entertainment to campus to programs that help you explore Florida, fun activities abound.



THE GATOR EXPERIENCE

**HEAR FROM A UF STUDENT** 

### TAMIA LINDGREN

Tamia reminisces on getting accepted to UF and her experiences on campus. Scan the QR code to hear the full story.

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HEAR FROM UF STUDENTS

#### **SUCCESS STARTS WITH**

## CONNECTIONS

- **Career Connections**
- **Ontions** Internship Connections
- **Alumni Connections**
- Industry Connections

UF offers you all of this. Our students and graduates are highly sought by employers and grad schools because of the reputation of UF's curriculum. In 2019-20, the average salary for UF undergraduates one year after graduation was \$55,485.





### SEYI OLUWALEIMU

Listen to Seyi's experience with UF mentorship and how it helped him land a job before graduation. Scan the QR code to hear the full story.

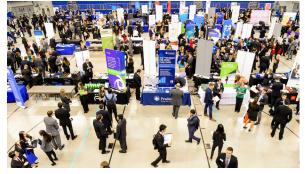




#### **GUAMAY MARTELL**

Guamay discusses the great help available through UF's Career Connections Center. Scan the QR code to learn more about how the center set her up for success.





#### **UF CAREER SHOWCASE**

The UF Career Showcase allows students to meet top company representatives in their respective fields. With at least 60 percent of students having a job upon graduation, UF makes your future a priority.





## Goto

#### TONY PHAM

Tony discusses the opportunities UF gave him and the family he found here. Scan the QR code to hear the full story.



#### **TOP CAREER CONNECTIONS CENTER**

UF's Career Connections Center is a nationally ranked centralized, comprehensive center providing a diverse range of services to connect job seekers to employers and vice versa.

**CAREER.UFL.EDU** 

#### **20K**

Companies that current students have access to for employment in our database

#### 700

jobs and internships posted monthly for UF candidates

#### **52**

Fortune 100 companies and 1,955 unique companies recruited UF students at Career Fairs on campus



Here, as a Gator, you can explore more about yourself and others, and grow enormously while knowing you are mentored and supported every step of the way. Through transformative educational experiences and developmental opportunities,

the Center for Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement celebrates and empowers diverse communities and advocates for an

inclusive campus for all students across identities.

**MULTICULTURAL.UFL.EDU** 

**FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS** 

At the University of Florida, we are dedicated to increasing college access and providing opportunities for all students. The term "first-generation" refers to students who are the first in their families to attend college. The First-Generation Student Success Office provides UF first-generation students with opportunities, resources and a supportive community to navigate toward a successful college experience.

firstgeneration.ufsa.ufl.edu



#### **FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION PROGRAMS**

Preview isn't the only opportunity to embed yourself into UF life before you start your classes. The Center for Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement hosts early arrival and first-year transition programs for incoming students. Each program is specifically designed to support incoming Gators in finding and building community with peers, faculty and staff with shared identities and interests.

**ADELANTE**, a three-day, early-arrival program, focuses on the successful high school to college transition of incoming Hispanic-Latinx students.

hispaniclatinoaffairs.multicultural.ufl.edu/initiatives/adelante/

**FIND**, Forming our Identities through Networking and Development, is a two-day initiative for incoming UF students who self-identify as Asian Pacific Islander Desi to help with a successful transition to campus.

apia.multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/eai/

**PAACT**, Pledging to Advance Academic Capacity Together, is a three-day program that focuses on the successful transition of incoming Black first-year students.

blackaffairs.multicultural.ufl.edu/initiatives/paact/

**HORIZONS** is a two-day program in early fall that focuses on supporting LGBTQ+ students in their transition to UF. Horizons is for first-year, transfer and international students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

lgbtq.multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/horizons/



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WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR YOU TO JOIN THE GATOR NATION.

Engage with us and share your pride on social media.

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**y** @UF

**o**uflorida

Tag us for the opportunity to be featured on our social channels.

**DESIGN:** 

Communications,
Division of Enrollment Management

The University of Florida is committed to nondiscrimination with respect to race, creed, religion, age, disability, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status.



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