

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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70,000 Gators and not 1 to spare

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TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- Encourage your student to take First Year Florida- students who take this one credit hour transition course have higher GPA's and are more likely to graduate on time; a maximum of 24 students in each class!
- Encourage involvement in a variety of student activities
- Join the Gator Parent and Family Association!
- Your student should begin working with the nationally ranked Career Resource Center right away.
- Need help solving a problem? - UF's philosophy is to work through the person most directly involved
- Be aware of UF deadlines and resources
- Communicate frequently with your student
- Take the opportunity to talk about your expectations concerning alcohol use, money management, wellness and integrity
- Contact the Dean of Students Office if you are concerned for your student's well being. Trust your instincts! umatter@ufl.edu

GATOR PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION



The Gator Parent and Family Association is open to parents and family members of current UF undergraduate students.

Membership is **FREE!** All you need to do is activate your account online at: bit.ly/JoinGPFA

As a member, you will receive:

- A subscription to the Family Connection, our monthly electronic newsletter
- Invitations to special events throughout the year including opportunities to get involved

2015 – 2016 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



President Joselin Padron- Rasines

Vice President Kevin Doan

Treasurer Nicholas Y. Carre

Student Government includes over 500 student leaders and allocates a budget of over \$18M. Student Government supports such initiatives as SNAP, UF Mobile Safety App, and 24 hour study time at Library West!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Students add their Emergency Contact Information to the UF Directory System online (ISIS)
- Official Source of UF Emergency Information
www.ufl.edu
 - ufalert.ufl.edu
 - emergency.ufl.edu
- UF Emergency Hotline
 - 1-866-UF FACTS
- Student Emergencies
 - Contact Dean of Students Office during business hours, umatter@ufl.edu 7 days/week or UFPD 24/7/365 at 352-392-1111



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

■ Career Resource Center

www.crc.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1601

- Ranked the #1 Career Center by the *Princeton Review* (2010 & 2012)
- From career planning to major exploration, the CRC has you covered!

■ Center for Leadership and Service

www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1215

- Students performed 174,614 hours of community service at a value of approximately \$3.7 million
- 885 students participated in 3 University Days of Service and 445 mentored in the local schools
- Our staff offers free 1-on-1 service consultations for students new to the Gainesville area

■ Counseling and Wellness Center

www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc ~ (352) 392-1575

- FREE for registered students
- Services include: individual counseling, psychiatric services, testing, group therapy, and biofeedback

■ Florida Opportunity Scholars Program

<http://fos.ufsa.ufl.edu> ~ (352) 392-1265

- 64% four-year graduation rate which is comparable to UF rate (64-65%)
- 96% retention rate which is comparable to UF rate (95%)



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

▪ **GatorWell Health Promotion Services**

www.gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu ~ (352) 273-4450

- Services include: wellness coaching for academic success and appointments with health promotion specialists on topics such as relaxation, time management, and alcohol and other drugs

▪ **Housing and Residence Education**

www.housing.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-2161

- 8100+ undergraduate students live on campus in UF's residence halls
- Living in a residence hall adds a 12% net advantage to a student's chance of persisting in college & graduating

▪ **J. Wayne Reitz Union**

www.union.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1649

- Provides free events for UF students such as GatorNights, Big Orange Fest, concerts, speakers, movies, comedians, art events
- Offers leisure courses in dance, ceramics, golf, tennis, horsemanship, etc.
- Facility includes a game room, arts & crafts center, event space, food court, bookstore, barber shop and more
- Employs over 140 students

▪ **Multicultural and Diversity Affairs**

www.multicultural.ufl.edu/ ~ (352) 392-1217

- 86% of all available days throughout the year has a program or event planned by Multicultural & Diversity Affairs
- Campus Multi-Faith Cooperative (CMC) is a network of 17 faith communities



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

■ Off Campus Life

www.offcampus.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1207

- Helps find off-campus housing for students

■ Recreational Sports

www.recsports.ufl.edu ~ (352) 846-1081

- 87% of students use Rec Sports
- 165 group fitness classes per week & 48 club sports teams
- Largest employer of students on campus

■ Student Activities and Involvement

www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-1671

- UF has over 1000 registered student organizations
- 21% of undergraduates are Greek

■ Student Legal Services

www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu ~ (352) 392-5297

- FREE legal services for full-time University of Florida students



2015 FLORIDA FOOTBALL

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE:

- ▶ PREMIUM SEATS
- ▶ SEASON TICKETS
- ▶ SINGLE GAME TICKETS
- ▶ UF STUDENT GUEST TICKETS

MORE INFORMATION

GATORZONE.COM



DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

■ Care Team

www.dso.ufl.edu/care ~ (352) 392-1261

- Support for students in distress
- Medical Withdrawal Process
- Crisis Management
- U Matter, We Care – www.umatter.ufl.edu



■ Collegiate Veterans Success Center

www.dso.ufl.edu/veteran ~ (352) 294-7233

- Located in Yon Hall 418
- Serves student veterans at UF by providing a designated location on campus to study, meet with on and off campus resources, and to spend time with and support each other in a fun and relaxing space



DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

■ Disability Resource Center

www.dso.ufl.edu/drc ~ (352) 392-8568

- Over 7000 tests are proctored each year
- Over 1500 students are registered
- Accommodations for registered students
- Proctored testing and assistive technology provided

■ New Student and Family Programs

www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp ~ (352) 392-1261

- Convocation, Preview, Weeks of Welcome, First Year Florida & Family Weekend
- Over 20,000 students and family members attend Preview each year

■ Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr> ~ (352) 392-1261

- Ranked the #1 Student Conduct office in the country
- Student Code of Conduct & Honor Code
- Mediation and other alternate dispute resolution provided



CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

- Over 600 freshmen attended workshops focused on values this past year.
- Conduct over 9,000 on-campus interviews annually
- Have a database of 20,000 employers recruiting at UF
- Average 1100 job postings each month for new jobs
- Secure nearly 200 new employers recruiting at UF annually
- Host 7 on-campus fairs such as the Part-Time Job Fair (September) and the Summer Job & Internship Fair and promote 47 virtual fairs.

CRC ranked #1 for best career resources by The Princeton Review for 2010 and 2012; in the top five since the inception of the ranking system.

Featured on The Today Show during 2012 as one of the preeminent career resource centers in the nation.



CHOMP (CAREER HELP OR MAJOR PLANNING)



Login with your GatorLink to get started immediately!

www.crc.ufl.edu/chomp

- **Assess** your strengths, interests, personality and values
- **Explore** different majors
- **Research** careers and industries
- **Create** an action plan
 - Involvement
 - Gaining experience
 - Reflection

Greek Life:

- The all-Greek GPA continues to be higher than the overall UF GPA 3.31 vs. 3.29
- 65% of 2013-2014 Hall of Fame inductees are Greek
- At Dance Marathon, Greek students raised \$995,301.20 for the Children's Miracle Network (\$2 million total)
- At All Greek Service Day, Greeks contributed 852 hours of service (in one day!) across Gainesville and Alachua County

Travel and Recreation Program (TRiP)

- TRiP is an outdoor recreation and education program that specializes in student-led wilderness excursions.

Student Organizations:

- Over 1000 active registered student organizations.
- 3553 students hold leadership positions within these organizations
- The average student organization president's GPA is 3.44, higher than the overall UF GPA
- SAI Involvement Team did 511 individual involvement consultations during 2013 Preview. This resulted in 464 student organization memberships within their first year at UF.
- 84.61% of these students say they found a UF community with which they felt they belonged within one month of starting classes.

INVOLVEMENT!



CAMPUS RECREATION

- 700 student employees
- 2,600 teams participate in the intramural sports leagues
- 165 group fitness classes each week
- 3000 Midnight Fun Run participants
- 48 sport clubs

***87% of the entire student body participates with Campus Recreation



HOUSING AND RESIDENCE EDUCATION

- During the 2014-15 academic year, campus residents were engaged in over **2,000 programs**. Attendance at all programs was over 28,500.
- **Occupancy:** Over 8,100 students are housed in UF residence halls.
- **Staffing:** 350 full-time staff and 435 part-time staff including students work for UF Housing.
- **Why Live On Campus?** Current research indicates that students who live in residence halls --even just for one year -- have higher levels of satisfaction with their collegiate experience, have higher GPAs and higher levels of engagement and learning outside of the classroom.
- **Facilities:** UF Housing staff maintain 159 buildings totalling 2,932, 307 square feet.



MULTICULTURAL AND DIVERSITY AFFAIRS

- *Ambassador Program* – 120 students work and/or volunteer as part of the MCDA Ambassador Program across 5 areas: Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, Institute of Black Culture, Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures, Intercultural Engagement, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs. Great leadership and skill development opportunity!
- *Physical Spaces* - Three Locations: Peabody Hall, Institute of Black Culture, Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures
 - Two Institutes located on University Ave (near Chipotle) provide free meeting space, lounge space, programming, and SG-financed free printing for all students.
 - The 4th floor of Peabody Hall houses the Rainbow Room and APIA Resource Room
- *Gatorship* - an intense and thought-provoking weekend retreat during which over 60 participants and student staff have the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of peers across issues of difference. Has impacted 2000+ students over its 10 years at UF. Great way to get involved!
- *University Minority Mentor Program (UMMP)* – open to any first-year incoming student who identifies as non-white or first generation or low income of any race/ethnicity.
 - The previous year included 172 Faculty/Staff Mentors and 228 Mentees (first year students). Applications for new students go live around July 1, 2014.



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

- The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) has 89 sworn law enforcement officers whose mission is to preserve a safe, secure campus environment where diverse social, cultural and academic values are allowed to develop and prosper through a combination of reactive, proactive and educational law enforcement services.
- One of the largest in the country
- Accredited by 3 different associations



NEW EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR ALL INCOMING STUDENTS

- Beginning this summer,, UF will be requiring all incoming students to complete Campus Clarity's *Think About It* program.
- *Think About It* is a 2 ½ hour online educational program that will provide information on the laws of the State of Florida and UF policies on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking as well as information on alcohol and its relationship to these issues.
- It will also provide information on how students can help friends and be an active bystander to prevent these behaviors from occurring., consistent with our culture of care message.
- Students will need to complete this online seminar before they can register for classes for after their first semester. For example, students starting in the fall will need to complete the seminar before they can register for Spring classes.

www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE (R.A.D)

- R.A.D. is a self-defense program designed specifically for women. The R.A.D. approach to personal safety begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and progresses to hands-on physical defense
- There were 18 classes, hosting 483 women in 2014.



STUDENT NIGHTTIME AUXILIARY PATROL (SNAP)

- SNAP is a free, nightly, campus safety and transportation service providing a point-to-point vehicular escort service.
- In 2014 126,551 escorts were provided by SNAP staff.



CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

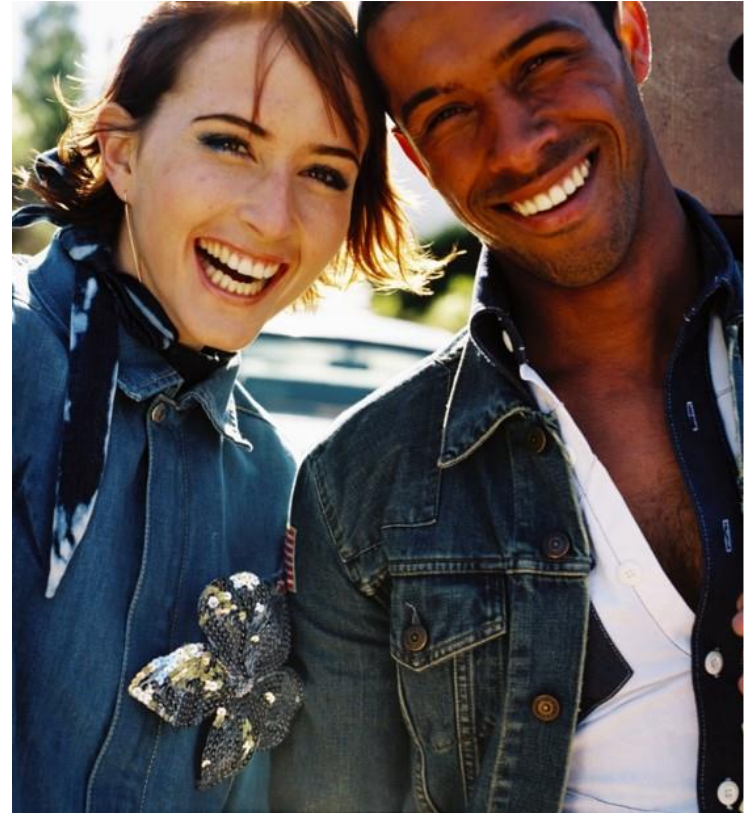
- **MentorUF:** 445 UF students participate in 1-on-1 and group mentoring in local elementary, middle, and high schools
- **Summer Plunge, Gator Plunge, and MLK Days of Service:** 885 UF students participate in service projects over these days of service while connecting social issues in Gainesville
- **Florida Alternative Breaks:** Over 200 UF students travel around Florida, the southeast and internationally to learn more about social issues and provide service to communities
- **Conferences:** Students can attend the Servant Leader Institute, Innovation Academy Servant Leader Series, Greater Gator Conference, or the Gator Global Initiative to learn more about leadership and social issues



UF graduates continue leading through service after graduation. UF ranks nationally in producing volunteers for Peace Corps (#3) and Teach for America (#5).

GATORWELL

- GatorWell's Wellness Coaching for Academic Success is particularly useful to students with 96% indicating they were satisfied with their Wellness Coaching sessions and 95% indicating they would recommend the service to other UF students.
- The **GatorWell** Health Hut Program reached 6,218 students last year; 96% of students indicated their interactions at the Health Hut were valuable to them OR 83% indicated they learned something new they would implement in the future.
- Over 14,600 students attended one of GatorWell's health-related presentations; 94% were satisfied with the presentation and 90% found the health topic relevant to them.



OFF CAMPUS LIFE

- 80% of UF students live off campus.
- **Off Campus Life** provides one on one appointments with students and family members who are looking for off campus housing or have off campus questions. Simply complete the appointment request form on the OCL website to schedule a meeting with an OCL staff member. Off Campus Life is here to help!



UF LIBRARIES

- The libraries of the University of Florida form the largest information resource system in the state of Florida.
- The **UF Libraries** consist of seven libraries; six are in the system known as the George A. Smathers Libraries
- and the seventh is the Legal Information Center at the Levin College of Law.
- The libraries have built nationally significant research collections in Latin America, Judaica, and Floridiana to name a few.
- The University of Florida Digital Collections (UFDC) contain over 385,763 items, representing 125,394 different titles, and new materials are being added every day.



STUDY ABROAD

- UF offers over 80 faculty led programs all over the world!
- Students can take courses that count for their major, minor, or general education requirement while studying abroad
- Students can fulfill their summer residency and can carry over their financial aid
- Additional scholarships are available through the International Center and other organizations
- Over 2000 UF students study abroad annually, ranking us 15th in the top 25 institutions awarding credit for study abroad



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