

ADMINISTRATION

Welcome!

Greetings! I offer you my warmest welcome to the University of Florida and to the beginning of a new academic year.

UF is wonderfully diverse and comprehensive, with more than 100 undergraduate majors, more than 200 graduate programs, an amazing variety of experiential learning opportunities and numerous undergraduate and graduate students participating in research and scholarship.

Our excellent faculty are committed to teaching and interacting with students to both challenge your academic skills and encourage you to think in new ways. Our nationally renowned academic support professionals will help you navigate your courses and major – and our student affairs staff are eager to assist with orientation, career counseling, leadership and volunteering opportunities and all the aspects of student life.

You are at the University of Florida at a great time in our history, a time when the State of Florida and the Gator Nation are united behind our shared ambitions to be one of the very best universities in the world. I encourage you to be a part of this journey by fully embracing your experience at UF – taking classes that challenge you, as well as those that appeal to your career interests and curiosity; finding opportunities to learn and serve outside of the classroom; and making new friends by reaching out to faculty, staff and students across UF's very diverse community.

This catalog will give you a starting point by providing the information and tools you need to explore UF's broad selection of courses and majors and discover our many student services. I hope that you spend time exploring your options so that you have a sense of the full range and depth of possibilities before you.

I know that you are among the most academically accomplished students in the nation, and I look forward to seeing what you and our university can achieve together.

Mission Statement

The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land-grant foundation. We are The Gator Nation, a diverse community dedicated to excellence in education and research and shaping a better future for Florida, the nation, and the world.

The university's mission is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural, and societal benefit.

The university welcomes the full exploration of its intellectual boundaries and supports its faculty and students in the creation of new knowledge and the pursuit of new ideas.

Teaching

Fundamental purpose of this university at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Research and Scholarship

Integral to the educational process and to the expansion of our understanding of the natural world, the intellect and the senses.

Service

Reflects the university's obligation to share the benefits of its research and knowledge for the public good. The university serves the nation's and the state's critical needs by contributing to a well-qualified and broadly diverse citizenry, leadership and workforce.

The University of Florida must create the broadly diverse environment necessary to foster multi-cultural skills and perspectives in its teaching and research for its students to contribute and succeed in the world of the 21st century.

These three interlocking elements — teaching, research and scholarship, and service — span all academic disciplines and represent the university's commitment to lead and serve the state of Florida, the nation, and the world by pursuing and disseminating new knowledge while building upon the experiences of the past. The university aspires to advance by strengthening the human condition and improving the quality of life.

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