President’s Welcome

Welcome home!

The University of Florida is the nation’s most dynamic, forward-thinking university in the best college town in America — and we are honored to welcome you into the Gator family.

This is just a jumping off point — an intro to life on campus, classes, majors — because what you gain from this experience is up to you. We want you to engage with unfamiliar perspectives, wrestle with complicated truths and be sharpened by the hard work of thoughtful debate.

Education is about humbly and fully engaging ideas. Being at UF will give you this opportunity. You’ll also get the chance to build community, strengthen resilience, embrace agency — and cultivate grace. Ultimately, this is an opportunity to develop the habit of learning. In an era of work that is rapidly being disrupted in big fascinating ways, we want to build Gators who are lifelong learners.

Ours is a community of trust and respect. We owe each other a hearing, and we owe each other the best possible construction of the other’s argument. This is challenging, but it’s a good challenge — bodybuilding for the mind and soul. As you push through the reps in your mental workouts, you’ll still have time to root for the Gators, explore campus, and create a network of friends who will help you, and have your back, for the rest of your lives.

UF students, you’re at a radically practical, yet elite university that is setting a new standard in higher education in this country. Embrace this experience. These are glorious years.

Ben Sasse, president

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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