ADMISSION

Few students are admitted purely on academic merit. While the potential for academic success is a primary consideration, UF’s comprehensive holistic application review also considers personal essays, academic awards, extracurricular activities, family background and home community. All information in the applicant’s file, academic and non-academic, is considered in relation to the size and strength of the applicant pool.

Admission Information for all Applicants

The general requirements below apply to undergraduate admission and readmission to any college or division of the university.

Please understand that admission to the university is selective. Only minimum requirements for admission are provided; satisfaction of these minimums does not guarantee admission:

- Online application for admission received by the Office of Admissions by the deadline.
- A non-refundable application fee. Students who are eligible can have their application fee waived.
- A satisfactory academic record. Applicants must provide a complete chronological record of educational institutions attended. Official transcripts from all educational institutions must be submitted according to instructions on the application. Failure to declare attendance at another institution could invalidate an offer of admission and any credits or degrees earned.
- Satisfactory scores on achievement or aptitude tests; the SAT, ACT, and/or TOEFL.
- A satisfactory conduct record.
- Applicants must identify a preferred term of enrollment on their application. The application may be considered for and admission may be offered to terms other than the preferred term specified on the application. Applicants who wish to change their term of entry should contact the Office of Admissions immediately.
- Admission to on-campus degree programs must be validated by taking one or more on-campus courses in the specific semester for which the student is accepted. Correspondence and/or internet courses do not fulfill this requirement, and this rule does not apply to internet-based degree programs.

Residency for Tuition Purposes

Requests for in-state residency for tuition purposes are not granted to applicants who appear to have entered the state solely for educational purposes.

More Info (http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/residency.html)

Proof of Immunization

Before registering for classes, each person accepted for admission must submit proof of immunization. No student will be permitted to register until the Student Health Care Center has received and approved the mandatory health form.

More Info (http://shcc.ufl.edu/services/primary-care/immunizations)

Computer Requirement

Access to and ongoing use of a computer is required of all students. The university expects new students and continuing students to acquire computer hardware and software appropriate to the degree program. The cost of meeting this requirement will be included in financial aid considerations.

More Info (https://it.ufl.edu/policies/student-computing-requirements)

All official university correspondence is sent via email to the student’s GatorLink email address.

Notice of Admission

When an application for admission is approved, the university will send a notice of admission for a specific term. If the student is unable to enroll for the term indicated or wishes to be considered for entrance to a different term, the Office of Admissions should be notified immediately.

All offers of admission are tentative and will remain so until the Office of Admissions receives and reviews final transcripts and credentials. Students who are admitted conditionally may enroll, subject to verification of satisfaction of all conditions of admission. Admission offers will be revoked if final coursework/credentials do not meet admission requirements. Should that occur, the student’s classification will change to a non-degree status and enrollment will be denied.

Under no circumstances should an applicant make plans to depart for Gainesville until the university has provided official admission notification. An applicant who comes to campus without confirmation of admission does so entirely at their own risk. Presence on campus will not influence the admission decision.

Applicants who furnish false or fraudulent statements or information in connection with an application for admission or residence affidavit could receive disciplinary action, denial of admission and invalidation of credits or degrees earned.

Under Board of Education policy, the university can admit a limited number of students as exceptions to the requirements listed above.

Freshmen

Current high school students seeking college freshman placement and students who have earned fewer than 12 semester credits following graduation from high school.

Applicants who received their high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree at the same time should complete the freshman application. If a student is not able to be admitted as a freshman, they will be offered the chance to be reconsidered as a junior-level transfer student.

How to Apply

The University of Florida is a member of both the Coalition for College and the Common Application. Applicants should only apply using one of these platforms, and must complete all sections of the application, including the Student Profile and the UF supplemental section.

Apply Online (http://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman)

When to Apply

Admission priority is provided to qualified applicants whose applications and supporting documents are received by the Office of Admissions during the preferred application period from mid-August through November 1. Applications received outside this period will be considered on a space-available basis only.
Incoming Freshman Deadlines

- The freshman application period is mid-August through November 1, regardless of entering term.
- Freshman decisions will be available at the end of February for students who applied by November 1.

Freshman Selection

The selection process is based on the applicant’s academic credentials and a holistic review of the application. It is very difficult to predict the admissibility of any applicant without considering all information contained in the application and the size and strength of the applicant pool. All factors must be considered in the admission review.

The Office of Admission considers an applicant’s total high school record, including grades, test scores, educational objective and pattern of courses completed, and personal background and experiences. Admission becomes selective when the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of freshman spaces available.

Minimum Requirements for Freshman Admission Consideration

Middle 50% of the 2020 Freshman Class

- High school GPA of 4.4-4.6
- SAT scores of 1330-1470
- ACT scores of 30-33

Minimum freshman admission requirements include:

- Graduation from a regionally accredited secondary school or the equivalent (G.E.D., etc.).
- 18 academic units, 16 distributed as follows:
  - Subject | Required Years
  - English (with substantial writing) | 4 years
  - Mathematics (Algebra 1, Formal Geometry, Algebra 2) | 4 years
  - Natural Sciences (two units must include laboratory) | 3 years
  - Social Sciences | 3 years
  - Foreign Language (must be sequential) | 2 years
- A cumulative C (2.0) average in the academic core, as computed by the university, at all institutions attended, high school and college.
- A record of good conduct. Major or continuing difficulty with school or other officials may render an applicant ineligible regardless of academic qualifications.

Home Schools and Non-Accredited Schools

In addition to the freshman application requirements listed above, homeschooled students and students attending non-accredited schools must complete the following additional requirements:

- Send transcripts from all previous institutions you have attended, including a homeschool transcript.
- Submit scores from the SAT Subject Tests in mathematics (Level II-C), foreign language, science and social science if you have not completed two courses in a specific subject area at an accredited institution, such as a local high school, Florida Virtual School, or a state community college.

Credit by Examination

There are several credit-by-examination programs that earn credit toward a UF degree. The university participates in the Advanced Placement (AP) program (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/exam-credit), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/exam-credit), the International Baccalaureate (IB) program (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/exam-credit) and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) (http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/exam-credit). Students may receive university credit for or exemption from such courses without credit, depending on the results.

Dual-Enrollment Credit

Courses from Florida public colleges and State University System schools generally adhere to the Statewide Course Numbering System. If the prefix (first three letters) and the last three digits of the course number are the same, then the course is considered equivalent.

Equivalent courses will generally fulfill the same requirements (e.g., general education) that the UF course fulfills. However, whether a course fulfills UF’s writing requirement is determined by specific criteria, not course number equivalency.

Courses taken at private and out-of-state institutions need to be evaluated by the student’s college to determine if they will fulfill specific requirements.

Tuition Deposit after Admission

- Freshmen are required to submit a $200 non-refundable tuition deposit no later than May 1 to secure their place in the class.
- The tuition deposit will not be reimbursed if the student does not enroll in the term offered for admission.
- The tuition deposit will be credited to the student’s account and applied toward the first-semester tuition. If there is a credit balance on the account at the end of drop/add, the balance will be refunded.
- This deposit is waived for those students who qualified for an SAT or ACT fee-application waiver. Students who qualify for Pell Grants may receive a tuition deposit reduction if they appeal.

International Students

The Office of Admissions classifies an applicant as an undergraduate if they have not earned a university degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree.

How to Apply

International applicants must apply online. Apply Online (http://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/international)

Applications cannot be considered until the Office of Admissions receives ALL required credentials. International applicants should supply the following:

- All international applicants should apply online.
- Submit the non-refundable $30 application fee (U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank or credit card).
- Submit appropriate test scores:
• Freshmen must submit official SAT or ACT scores.
• Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Michigan English Lab Assessment Battery (MELAB)
• Applicants are exempt from the English proficiency requirement if enrolled for one academic year in a degree-seeking program at a recognized/regionally accredited university or college in a country where English is the official language prior to your anticipated term of enrollment or if you are from one of the following countries. More Info (http://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/international/countries.html)
• International freshman applicants are required to submit secondary credentials from non-U.S. institutions to a credential evaluation agency for a course-by-course evaluation with grade point average calculation. International transfer applicants are also required to submit college or university credentials from non-U.S. institutions to a credential evaluation agency for a courses-by-course evaluation with grade point average calculation.

Transfer Students
A transfer student is defined as an applicant who has earned at least 12 semester credits of credit following graduation from high school and who has not received a bachelor’s degree.

How to Apply
Transfer applicants must apply online. Apply Online (http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer)

When to Apply
Transfer applicants generally are received six to nine months before the term begins. Apply by your intended college’s deadline. More Info (http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer/trapdates)

Transfer Eligibility
• Must have completed an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public institution or at least 60 transferable semester credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
• Must show competency in a foreign language. Students can do this by providing a high school transcript showing completion of two years of the same foreign language OR by completing 8-10 semester hours by the same foreign language.
• Must have a minimum 2.0 overall GPA and a minimum 2.0 GPA at the last institution attended as calculated by UF.
• Must complete or will complete specific prerequisites for intended major before attending UF.
• Must be in good standing and eligible to return to any institution previously attended.

Students with less than 60 semester credit hours or who have already completed a bachelor’s degree are not eligible to transfer to an on-campus program.