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.

Beginning 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, which will be evaluated for both freshman and junior-level admission standards.

How to Apply

Freshman applicants must apply online.
Apply Online

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 August 1 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 August 1 through November 1, regardless of entering term.
• Freshman decisions will be available in mid-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 2017 Freshman Class

• High school GPA of 4.3-4.6
• SAT scores of 1280-1430
• ACT scores of 28-32

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:

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• A cumulative C 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, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE). 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.

The Office of Admissions classifies an applicant as an undergraduate if he or she has not earned a university degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree.

How to Apply

International applicants must apply online.

Apply Online

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

- International applicants are required to submit secondary and college or university credentials from non-U.S. institutions to a credential evaluation agency for a course-by-course evaluation with grade point average calculation.

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 proficiency 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 requirements 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.

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

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