

# STUDENT LIFE

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## Division of Student Life

The University of Florida Division of Student Life champions meaningful experiences that foster community connection, career design, and lifelong wellbeing.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Life, located in 135 Tigert Hall, has administrative responsibility for:

- Career Connections Center (<https://career.ufl.edu/>)
- Center for New Student & Family Programs (<http://welcome.ufl.edu/>)
- Counseling and Wellness Center (<https://counseling.ufl.edu/>)
- David and Wanda Brown Center for Leadership & Service (<https://leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://dso.ufl.edu/>)
- Disability Resource Center (<https://disability.ufl.edu/>)
- GatorWell Health Promotion Services (<https://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/>)
- Housing and Residence Life (<https://housing.ufl.edu/>)
- J. Wayne Reitz Union (<https://union.ufl.edu/>)
- Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program (<https://opportunity.ufl.edu/>)
- Off Campus Life (<https://offcampus.ufl.edu/>)
- Recreational Sports (<http://recsports.ufl.edu/>)
- Student Engagement (<https://studentengagement.ufl.edu/>)
- Student Government Advising & Operations (<https://sg.ufl.edu/>)
- Sorority & Fraternity Life (<https://greeks.ufl.edu/>)
- Student Legal Services (<https://studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>)

More Info (<https://studentlife.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0026>)

## Campus Facilities

### Newell Hall

Originally built in 1909, Newell Hall is the 3rd oldest building on campus. The facility was renovated to create a state-of-the-art active learning environment for both undergraduate and graduate students. It provides a high-tech, collaborative environment with open plan study rooms to foster a creative environment focused on innovation, flexibility, and accessibility.

Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0013>)

### Reitz Student Union

The Reitz Union is the University of Florida's student union. The Reitz Union offers programs and services that create a unique Gator student experience. The facility is home to the Arts & Crafts Center, Game Room, Reitz Union Hotel, The Gallery, and Office of Event Services. It is also home to the Brown Center for Leadership & Service, the Career Connections Center, GatorWell Health Promotion Services, Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars, Student Engagement, Sorority & Fraternity Life, Student Government, Student Legal Services, UF Bookstore, Reitz Union Barbershop, SG Bike Repair, study spaces, meeting rooms, dance studios, lounge spaces and more. #

More Info (<https://union.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0686>)

### Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, or *The Swamp*, is widely recognized as one of the toughest environments for a visiting team in all of college football. Several facelifts after the stadium's original construction in 1930 have made Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium a state-of-the-art facility. *The Swamp* is the largest stadium in the state of Florida.

More Info (<https://floridagators.com/facilities/?id=1>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0157>)

### Florida Museum of Natural History

The Florida Museum of Natural History has been inspiring people to value and protect the biological richness and cultural heritage of our diverse world for more than a century. Located on the University of Florida campus, the Florida Museum is home to more than 40 million specimens and artifacts, one of the nation's largest natural history collections.

More Info (<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0181>)

### Harn Museum of Art

The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, with 18,000 square feet of exhibit space, is one of the largest museums in the Southeast. The Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts attracts world-class symphony orchestras, Broadway plays, operas, and large-scale ballet productions to Gainesville.

More Info (<http://harn.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0309>)

## O'Connell Center

The Stephen C. O'Connell Center covers three acres and is used by the university for classes, intercollegiate sports, general recreation, and a variety of other entertainment events. An Olympic-sized swimming pool, dance studio, gymnastics studio, martial arts room, free style weight room, Nautilus center, track, badminton, volleyball courts, and practice basketball court are located in and around the perimeter of the 12,000-seat main arena. The versatility of this facility permits as many as eight recreational activities to be conducted simultaneously. All recreational, educational and entertainment facilities within the O'Connell Center have been designed to accommodate persons with disabilities.

More Info (<http://oconnellcenter.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0094>)

## Campus Safety and Security

**Contact:** Email ([wbarber@ufl.edu?Subject=Campus%20Safety%20and%20Security](mailto:wbarber@ufl.edu?Subject=Campus%20Safety%20and%20Security)) | 352.273.3309

The University of Florida is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the nation. The university community is not unlike many other municipalities, and as such, has the same safety and security concerns as Anytown, USA.

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) recognizes that it must maintain the safest and most secure environment possible for all students, faculty and staff, and campus visitors. The UFPD has the utmost concern for personal and property safety, but with an open campus environment, safety becomes a shared responsibility.

The UFPD is a state of Florida and nationally accredited law enforcement agency. There are more than 90 fully certified and sworn officers who patrol the UF campus and its surrounding properties 24 hours per day, every day. The department has its own Criminal Investigations Division employing highly trained detectives to investigate any reported crime on campus. The officers of the Uniformed Patrol Division are highly trained campus law enforcement professionals who are equipped with the most contemporary crime-fighting techniques and tools. The Community Services Division is proactive in providing everyone in the campus community with the very latest information regarding personal and property protection through classes, programs and documents.

More Info (<http://www.police.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0027>)

## Career Connections Center

The Career Connections Center (C3) is the University of Florida's comprehensive career services operation responsible for providing world class career and professional development for all students. As the # 2 Career Center in the country according to Best Colleges, the C3 prepares students for contributions in work, citizenship, and life. The center supports the overall student experience starting during Preview and moving beyond graduation.

The C3's mission is to educate and create connections for the University of Florida community to facilitate the holistic career development of students. The center provides a variety of services, tools, networks, and events for UF students and alumni. Whether exploring career options, developing professional skills, finding meaningful experience, or preparing for life after graduation, the C3 is there to help students on their unique journey. Through the university's Career Pathways initiative, students can access customized information, connections, and programs to personalize their professional development experience and community.

It's recommended that UF students engage early and often with the Career Connections Center to enhance their University of Florida experience and post-graduation success.

### Visit the Career Connections Center to:

- Assess skills and interests to help select a major
  - Explore various career options
  - Secure internships and other work experience before graduating
  - Conduct mock interviews
  - Prepare for graduate school
  - Start a job search
  - Create a Gator CareerLink to explore internships and full-time positions
- More Info (<https://career.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0686>)

## Counseling and Wellness Center

As the primary provider of mental health services on campus, the Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) offers high quality counseling care, including clinical and outreach services. All the center's programs and services are designed to help students develop the personal awareness and skills necessary to take advantage of the educational opportunities at the university.

Students can access crisis support services 24/7 via the CWC's main phone line or walk-in to the 4th floor of Peabody Hall to be seen in person. Other clinical services, including group counseling, short-term individual counseling, and case management, are offered virtually or in-person at the CWC's Radio Road office (3190 Radio Road). These services are covered for all currently enrolled students who have paid the health fee.

To initiate clinical services, students can schedule a brief consultation online or by phone to meet with a member of the CWC's Consultation and Referral Team (CART) who will evaluate their needs and help connect them to appropriate resources.

The CWC's Outreach Program offers a wide range of developmental, supportive, and preventative services that are accessible without a brief consultation or appointment. These services include workshops and events, Gator-2-Gator (a peer support program), ASK IT! (Q&A service), and Letters of Care; in addition to, focused programming for specific populations (UFGIFT, ASPIRE, and Geeky Gator Wellness).  
More Info (<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0081>) | 352.392.1575

## Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office in 202 Peabody Hall provides programs and services to support student's academic success and personal development.  
More Info (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0004>)

## Campus Assistance & Resources for Empowerment

Campus Assistance & Resources for Empowerment (C.A.R.E.) is an area within the Dean of Students Office that supports and guides every Gator through anticipated challenges and unexpected events that may impact their wellness or success. C.A.R.E. includes case management services, the medical petition and withdrawal process, the Collegiate Veterans Success Center, and the Hitchcock Field and Fork Pantry—all dedicated to helping students meet their basic needs and achieve academic and personal success.  
More Info (<https://care.dso.ufl.edu/>)

## Collegiate Veterans Success Center

As a veteran-friendly campus, it's important to provide a place for student veterans to meet, study, and spend time in a safe and relaxing environment. Ranked among the top centers for veterans in the country, the UF Collegiate Veteran's Success Center provides ongoing support for UF student veterans, service members, and their family members.  
More Info (<https://veterans.dso.ufl.edu/>)

## The Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field and Fork Pantry

The Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry is a free food pantry open to any current student, faculty, or staff member experiencing food insecurities. The pantry offers supplementary staples such as bread, nonperishable canned items, frozen meats, and seasonal produce from the on-campus Field & Fork Farm and Garden.  
More Info (<https://pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu/>)

## U Matter, We Care

At UF, every Gator counts. U Matter, We Care serves as UF's umbrella program for UF's caring culture and provides students in distress with support and coordination of the wide variety of appropriate resources. Families, faculty, and students can contact U Matter, We Care seven days a week for assistance for students in distress.  
More Info (<https://umatter.ufl.edu/>) Email ([umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu))

## Emergency Response

Coordinates the university's response to student emergencies and crises. Assistance for students in distress is available seven days a week.

## Center for New Student and Family Programs

Organizes first-year experiences and new student programs including UF's new student orientation, Preview and First Year Floria, a one-credit course for first-year students to help them adjust to their new home.  
More Info (<http://welcome.ufl.edu/>)

## Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution

Administers the university's student conduct code and academic honesty guidelines.  
More Info (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/>)

## Medical Withdrawals

Conducts the petitions process for students who withdraw from the university for medical reasons.  
More Info (<https://care.dso.ufl.edu/medical-petition-portal/>)

## Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center works with thousands of Gators with disabilities and goes beyond access by removing barriers and engaging with faculty and staff to promote an accessible campus community for all.

In addition to accommodations, the Disability Resource Center provides:

- Support Services
- Assistive Technology
- Student Involvement Opportunities
- Events
- Scholarships
- And so much more!

**Contact:** Email ([DRCaccessuf@ufsa.ufl.edu](mailto:DRCaccessuf@ufsa.ufl.edu)) | 352.392.8565

More Info (<https://disability.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0020>)

## Florida Fresh Dining

Florida Fresh Dining at the University of Florida is the official food service provider for the university and offers several meal plans (<https://dineoncampus.com/UF/meal-plan-options/>).

More Info (<https://dineoncampus.com/uf/>)

## GatorLink | GatorOne Card | UFID

### GatorLink

GatorLink establishes a unique computer identity for every student. The GatorLink account provides access to all online services and creates the UF "username@ufl.edu" email address.

More Info (<https://it.ufl.edu/helpdesk/self-help/gatorlink-account-resources/>)

*All students must maintain and regularly check their GatorLink email as this is where all official university communications are sent.*

### GatorOne Card

The GatorOne card is the official university photo ID. The ID Card Services office is located on the ground floor of the UF Bookstore and Welcome Center complex on Museum Road.

More Info (<https://businessservices.ufl.edu/services/gator-1-card/>)

All enrolled students, faculty and staff must have this card to:

- Enter CIRCA computer labs, university libraries, the infirmary, recreation centers.
- Sign up for intramural sports activities.
- Participate in the textbook deferment program at the UF Bookstore.
- Purchase tickets to university events.
- Vote in Student Government elections.
- Purchase food on campus with a Gator Dining or prepaid vending account.
- Use as an ATM/debit card when activated through Wells Fargo Bank.

### UFID

UFID is an eight-digit number that serves as the primary identifier for all university records and transactions. Like a social security number, no two people will have the same number, and each person has only one. The UFID is assigned by the university, not chosen like a PIN. All students, faculty and staff have UFIDs, and the number is printed on the GatorOne card.

More Info (<http://identity.it.ufl.edu/process/uf-identifier/>)

## Housing and Residence Life

Welcome to where Gators live at the University of Florida. On-campus living means students are in on all the action and seconds away from everything as they get involved, build the path to their successful future, and make connections that will last a lifetime. UF Housing offers various living options for all students. Don't wait to apply! Housing is not reserved for first-year students, so applying early allows you to secure your spot in line for your room selection.

- Living Options (<https://housing.ufl.edu/living-options/>)
- [Apply for Housing \(https://housing.ufl.edu/apply/how-to-apply/\)](https://housing.ufl.edu/apply/how-to-apply/)
- [Off-Campus Housing Information \(https://offcampus.ufl.edu/\)](https://offcampus.ufl.edu/)

More Info (<https://housing.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0753>)

## Student Engagement

Student Engagement is dedicated to creating opportunities for all areas to find and build community. Within the are the offices of Campus Engagement (oversees student government advising, campus events, and traditions), Community & Belonging (offers programs, services, and engagement opportunities for all students and student organizations), Sorority & Fraternity Life (<https://greeks.ufl.edu/>) (provides guidance, education, and support to the Florida Greek community), and Student Legal Services (<https://studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>) (assists student with a wide range of legal needs).

More Info (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/student-life/studentengagement.ufl.edu>)

## Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFA) in S107 Criser Hall administers financial aid programs. SFA awards aid according to financial need.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/>)

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is money provided to students and their families as gift aid (scholarships, grants) or self-help programs (loans and/or work) to help pay college costs. Financial aid can be awarded singly (one type of aid) or as a package.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/>)

## Grants

Grants are awarded based on financial need. The largest grant program at UF is the Federal Pell Grant. Other grants include Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant, Florida Student Assistance Grants, UF Excellence Grant, UF Undergraduate Grant and UF Graduate Grants.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/grants/>)

## Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and /or financial need. Most scholarships are awarded through the SFA and individual UF colleges. SFA administers a limited number of scholarships from private donors.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/scholarships/>)

## Student Employment

Federal Work-Study jobs may be awarded by SFA to students with demonstrated financial need as part of an aid package. Other job programs, such as OPS employment, do not require financial need and are open to any student with the desire to work who meets the basic criteria of half-time enrollment and a 2.0 GPA. Student jobs usually are 15-20 hours a week and pay at least minimum wage.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/employment/>)

## Loans

Loan programs include Federal Direct loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized loans, Federal Direct PLUS loans, and UF institutional loans. These programs offer long-term, low-interest loans that must be repaid when the borrower graduates, withdraws, or drops to less than half-time enrollment. Parents of dependent undergraduate students can take out educational loans through the Federal Direct PLUS loan program.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/loans/>)

## When to Apply

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available October 1 each year. Although SFA cannot award financial aid until students have been admitted to UF, they should apply for aid as soon as possible on or after October 1.

- How to Apply for Financial Aid (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/applying/>)
- Enrollment Requirements for Financial Aid (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/receiving/enrollment-requirements/>)
- How to Apply for Student Employment (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/employment/>)

## Financial Aid Academic Progress Requirements

UF students receiving financial aid are required to be in good standing and to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

More Info (<http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/additional/academic-progress/>)

## Recreational Sports

With a vibrant student community and ample sunshine, campus life revolves around recreation. With a wide offering of intramural sports, holistic wellness services, and its very own lakefront, UF RecSports is the premier destination for Gators seeking to get an active lifestyle. RecSports offers experiences that enrich the lives of University of Florida students through excellence in facilities, fitness, sport, adventure, and play. RecSports enhances the UF community by encouraging the development of the whole person, inspires self-discovery, and fosters a sense of belonging through inclusive recreational experiences.

More Info (<http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/>) Locations (<http://recsports.ufl.edu/locations/>)

## Student Health Care Center

More Info (<http://shcc.ufl.edu/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0018>)

## General Information and Helpful Links

*Appointments, Hours and Locations, Excuse Notes, Fees for Services, and more.*

The Student Health Care Center (SHCC), established in 1906, is an accredited outpatient clinic staffed by licensed, board-certified medical providers who pride themselves on keeping UF's students, faculty, and staff healthy through a variety of primary and specialty care services, including general medical care, immunizations, dermatology, massage therapy, nutrition, occupational medicine, physical therapy, sports medicine, travel, women's health and workers compensation. The SHCC also conducts the annual campus flu shot campaign.

More Info (<http://shcc.ufl.edu/services/primary-care/flu/>)

All registered UF students paying the tuition-included health fee may access SHCC services. If a student takes time off (for example, no Summer classes), they must pay the per-semester optional health fee to receive care, which covers the costs associated with most SHCC office visits but is not considered health insurance. Items not covered by the health fee that patients are financially responsible for include, but are not limited to, health

insurance, hospital visits, external community providers/facilities, physicals, procedures, X-rays, lab tests, medical equipment, prescriptions, non-prescription medications, vaccinations, massage, and physical therapy.

In addition to university-sponsored insurance plans, the SHCC can direct-bill many private insurance companies for covered medical charges. Visit the SHCC's Health Insurance Options for more information on private insurance usage and verification, as well as current university-sponsored insurance details.

More Info (<http://shcc.ufl.edu/fees-and-insurance/health-insurance-options/>)

## **UF Bookstore and Welcome Center**

### **Bookstore**

The University of Florida Bookstores are in the UF Welcome Center on Museum Road just next to the Reitz Union, in the Health Science Center and in the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF Bookstores offer new and used textbooks, school supplies, gifts, and clothing. Bookstore programs include textbook reservations and a 50% guaranteed book buyback.

More Info (<http://www.bsd.ufl.edu/bookstore/>) Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0886>)

### **Welcome Center**

The UF Welcome Center is within the main UF Bookstore next to the Reitz Union. The Welcome Center is maintained by the Office of Admissions and is the university's front door to visitors, providing weekday and Saturday information sessions and walking tours of campus.

More Info (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/visit.html>)

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