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From Our Director



Greetings from Gainesville! By now, many of your students have received their admission notification from our office. We congratulate more than 16,000 students who were offered admission to UF for the summer, fall, spring (Innovation Academy) and UF PaCE. Students are encouraged to visit campus to learn more about UF through our admitted student programs (Florida Days and Destination UF), Gator for a Day, or through one of our daily tours and information sessions. We look forward to answering any questions students may have as they transition to UF.

As you may have noticed, the admissions process to UF was more selective this year. We received almost an 8% increase in applications this year or approximately 35,000 applications. We admitted just over 13,000 applicants for 6,600 spaces in our summer and fall terms. The middle 50% ranges for our admitted class included 4.3-4.6 recalculated GPA, a 1280-1430 SAT, and 28-32 on ACT. For the many students we were unable to offer admission, we understand the disappointment in our decision, but we are happy to advise on opportunities to become a Gator in the future either through transfer or graduate admission.

As you counsel and advise your students about their admission decision to UF, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff if we may assist you. Thank you for all you do! Go Gators!

Andrea Felder, Ed.D.
Director Freshman and International Admission

Confirmation Deadline

All students admitted to UF must confirm enrollment by May 1. Please direct students to the admissions website at <http://admissions.ufl.edu/enroll/deposit> for instructions/information about confirming and paying the \$200 tuition deposit. Please note, for students living on campus there is a separate fee for the housing deposit. The housing deposit is not confirmation of enrollment.

Welcome Center

Are your students interested in taking a tour? Students can visit our admissions website at admissions.ufl.edu/visit/tour. There will be no tours during Spring Break beginning Monday, March 6, through Friday, March 10. Additional tours will be offered March 13 through April 14 to account for an increased number of visitors. Tours will be offered at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 2:00pm Mondays - Thursdays, and 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm on Fridays.

Round Two Decisions

Freshman decisions for students who applied after November 4 or did not submit the SSAR or test scores on time will be available online after 6 p.m. on Friday, March 31. Students must log in to their online application status using their Coalition username and password.

The Honors Program

The University of Florida Honors Program application is now available at www.honors.ufl.edu. The application will close at 11:59pm on Wednesday, March 1. Late applications will not be accepted. Students admitted through PaCE or UFOnline are not eligible for the program.

Students will be applying to a Freshman Honors Program (FHP). Upon successful completion of the FHP, students will automatically join the University Honors Program for the remainder of their undergraduate time at UF. All applications to the FHP will be reviewed carefully. Essays are particularly important and carry the greatest weight during review. UF Honors should be viewed as an opportunity for potential leaders and scholars to maximize their undergraduate experience. It is not a reward for high school achievements and should not be approached as such. Personalized advising and coaching, an involved community of likeminded achievers, and support for taking on new challenges are hallmarks of the program.

Please especially encourage those students who are risk-takers, adventurers, and growth-minded individuals and are interested in engaging fully in our program. We will release our FHP decisions on April 1. Accepted students must confirm program participation by May 1, which is separate from the UF confirmation. For more information, visit <http://www.honors.ufl.edu/prospective/admissions/>

Scholarships

Immediately following our highly-anticipated February Decision Day, our merit-based scholarships were awarded:

For Florida Residents:

- Presidential Platinum (\$10,000/year)
- Presidential Gold (\$8,000/year)
- Presidential (\$5,000/year)

For Non-Florida Residents

- Gator Nation (up to \$20,000 waived/year)
- Sunshine (\$16,000 waived/year)
- Alumni (\$8,000 waived/year)

Students were awarded scholarships based on a holistic review of information submitted with their applications. Scholarship recipients were notified of their awards via email, and award letters will be mailed shortly. Congratulations to all of the talented students who were selected for a scholarship!

In order to accept the award, the scholarship agreement must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian, then returned via email, fax or mail to the Office of Admissions by May 12, 2017; otherwise, the scholarship will be cancelled. Questions can be directed to Jessica Roth, Assistant Director for Scholarships & Regional Recruitment, at scholarships@admissions.ufl.edu.

Students should also follow up with the Office of Student Financial Affairs after submitting their 2016-2017 FAFSA to determine if any additional information is needed to complete their file for review and awarding of need-based scholarships, grants, or loans. Packaging of financial aid awards will begin in early March.

UF Online

While deadlines have passed for fall admission on campus, the deadline for the UF Online fall term is June 12, 2017. Students can choose from a wide variety of majors, including some of the university's most popular and nationally ranked programs. Additionally, students can complement these majors with five minors in UF's fully online undergraduate degree program.

UF's Warrington College of Business, a top-20 program among public universities according to U.S. News and World Report, offers two majors within UF Online. The online business BA features eight different specializations. The College of Journalism and Communications also offers two majors within UF Online, public relations and telecommunication media & society. The programs from the College of Journalism and Communications have been ranked among the top 10 in the nation consistently for the last 20 years. Anthropology, Biology, Computer Science, Environmental Management, Health Education & Behavior, Psychology and Sport Management are some of the other popular majors offered by UF Online.

Online students learn from the same faculty that teaches on campus and earn the same degree as their residential counterparts. The only difference is that their classes are taken online. Learn more today by visiting the UF Online website. We offer major specific and general virtual information sessions on a regular basis, so be sure to check out the schedule.

Innovation Academy

Congratulations to all of the admitted IA Gators! Innovation Academy is excited to welcome in the class of #UF21!

We invite all admitted IA students to attend Discover IA Information sessions this Spring Semester! These sessions allow prospective students and their families to learn about the IA program and its exciting benefits. Students will attend a presentation that includes an overview of the IA experience, as well as interaction with current students, faculty, and advisors. Discover IA sessions are hosted on the UF Campus. Visit our website at <http://innovationacademy.ufl.edu/events/discover-ia/> for a list of dates.

Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) takes pride in our work with students to facilitate specific disability-related accommodation needs, foster self-advocacy skills, and provide awareness of services offered by our office and by campus and community resources.

The Disability Resource Center in the Dean of Students Office utilizes knowledge and expertise in the fields of disability and higher education to:

- Act as a resource for students with physical, learning, medical, sensory or psychological disabilities.
- Facilitate and provide support for reasonable accommodations for students in order to afford equal access to academic courses, programs, and activities.
- Provide services to address the impact of disabilities on student performance and success in and out of the classroom.
- Empower students to articulate their strengths and advocate for their accommodations.
- Create opportunities to educate the campus community on disability laws, trends, programs, and services.

Cypress Hall, a 225 bed residence hall, is equipped with the capability of supporting 35 students with significant mobility impairments. In support of students with mobility impairments, Cypress Hall offers the following:

- Enhanced rooms that include SureHands lift systems to aid in the transportation of students throughout their residence hall rooms.
- Flexible restroom configurations.
- Adequate floor space to accommodate students who utilize mobility equipment and/or who require personal care assistance; and state of the art system from controlling access to residence hall room, video equipped doorbell, window blinds, lights, etc.

For further information please contact Tara Scuggs, learning specialist for Cypress Hall, in the Disability Resource Center at (352)392-8565 or TaraSc@dso.ufl.edu.

Housing

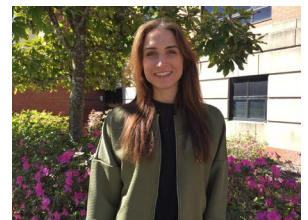
Admitted Gators who want to live in UF's residence halls should complete a housing agreement before their personal due date to secure a place in the Heart of the Gator Nation! If an incoming student completes a contract and then decides to live off campus, they can cancel the agreement for any reason before May 1, 2017. All housing questions should be directed to contactus@housing.ufl.edu or 352-392-2161. For more information please visit the housing website at www.housing.ufl.edu.

Transcripts

Final transcripts for newly admitted students should be sent to the Office of Admissions by July 31. Please avoid sending partial or current transcripts, as our office is currently receiving a high volume of documentation.

Student Spotlight

Michelle is an international student from Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country located in the Balkan region of Europe. She is a sophomore majoring in finance and enjoys learning about accounting and linguistics. "I've had a great experience living in Gainesville. The transition was smooth, and I love going for a run around campus, grabbing a coffee from Starbucks, or finding a quiet spot in the library." Click [here](#) to learn more about the opportunities offered to international students.



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To request an admissions officer attend your next event, please email us at RequestUF@admissions.ufl.edu. To join the counselor listserv, following the directions listed at <http://admissions.ufl.edu/counselors>. You also can follow UF Admissions on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We appreciate all of your support this year as we admit a new group of students to the Gator Nation.

