

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*

- **Graduation** from a regionally accredited or state-approved secondary school or the equivalent (G.E.D., etc.)
- **Sixteen academic units**, distributed as follows:
 - Four years of English (with substantial writing)
 - Four years of Mathematics (Algebra 1, Formal Geometry, Algebra 2)
 - Three years of Natural Sciences (two units must include laboratory)
 - Three years of Social Sciences
 - Two years of a foreign language (must be sequential)
- **A cumulative C grade point average** in the academic core, as computed by the university, at all institutions attended, high school and college.
- **Students taking dual-enrollment courses** must present a minimum 2.0 GPA at every institution attended.
- **A record of good conduct.** Major or continuing difficulty with school or other officials may render an applicant ineligible regardless of academic qualifications.
- **All applicants must submit test scores from the SAT and/or the ACT.**
UF will superscore (take the highest scores for each subsection) to create the highest possible total score. UF does not require or encourage applicants to complete the essay portion of the ACT.
- **Test scores must be received** by the Office of Admissions by **December 15.**



HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS: In addition to grades and ACT or SAT scores, students attending a home school are encouraged to take core classes and submit grades from an accredited secondary or post-secondary institution.

AT UF... We employ a comprehensive review process that evaluates academic and nonacademic criteria. When we review an application, we are considering a candidate’s chance of success at UF based on what the student has accomplished within distinct opportunities and challenges. The admissions review process tries to balance the subjective and objective components of the application. The university recognizes that there is great variation among applicants’ personal circumstances, home communities and high schools, including schools’ course offerings and grading practices.

RESIDENCY

Generally, though there are exceptions, in-state status is only for those residents who reside in the state permanently with an established legal domicile in Florida. Most dependent applicants younger than 24 years of age will need a parent or guardian to complete and sign the residency pages. The student or guardian “resident” must have established and maintained a legal Florida residence at least 12 months before the first day of the semester for which admitted.

**These are the minimum requirements for applying to UF. Note that admission to UF is competitive, and most admitted students will exceed these requirements.*

35,000+
UNDERGRADS

97%
FRESHMAN
RETENTION RATE

RANKED #5
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD
REPORT (2022)

17:1
STUDENTS TO
PROFESSORS

450,000+
ALUMNI STRONG.
WE CALL THEM THE
GATOR NATION.

120+
MAJORS ACROSS
THE ARTS, SCIENCES,
HUMANITIES AND
PROFESSIONAL
STUDIES

Applying to the University of Florida

APPLICATION SECTIONS

Personal application: Your contact information, information about your family and demographics.

Family information: Tell us about your family and family life. Do you have to work to supplement your family income, and if so, what do you do? Do you have family obligations that limit your participation in extracurricular activities?

Educational background: Provide details about your high school education, college courses taken and test score results.

Residency information: This information determines your residency status for tuition purposes.

Personal résumé: A résumé provides us with more information about you in addition to your family life and educational background. In the résumé section, you can provide information on extracurricular activities, community service, honors and awards, programs and activities that helped you prepare for college, and your employment.

Personal essay topic: Your personal essay is a very important part of your application, and what you write helps the university know more about you as an individual, independent of your grades and test scores. Keep your essay within the word limit. Submit your essay as part of your Common or Coalition Application. Find the essay topics at admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman.

PERSONAL RÉSUMÉ SECTION

Extracurricular activities: List the organizations that are most important to you and in which you have had the highest achievement. If you have held leadership positions, list those and in what activity. Include the number of hours you have contributed each week.

Community service: List the type of community work you have done, your role in this community service and the hours you contributed each week.

Honors, awards and recognition: List each and describe the level and the number of years of your involvement.

Programs and activities that promote academics: List any programs that helped prepare you for college, such as Upward Bound, University Outreach, Talent Search, etc.

Employment: List and describe each job you have had, the dates of employment, your job title, and hours you worked each week.



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DEADLINES

The priority application deadline is Nov. 1. Applications received after **Nov. 1** will be reviewed on a space-available basis only. UF is a member of the Coalition for College as well as the Common Application. The UF supplement to both applications is available in August. Students can apply using either, but only need to apply once.

The SSAR is due Dec. 1. The Student Self-reported Academic Record (SSAR) is UF's self-reported transcript. It is an online form where you enter your high school and dual-enrollment courses from grades 9 - 11 and your courses in progress for grade 12. It is recommended that you get a hard-copy transcript from your guidance counselor to accurately complete the SSAR. The SSAR must be submitted AND linked by Dec. 1.

All test scores are due by Dec. 15. Standardized test scores must be received by December 15. Applicants can send them directly from the testing agency or self-report their scores via their application status page.

OUR HOLISTIC REVIEW IS GUIDED BY...

No one single factor determines an admissions decision.

- **Secondary school academic performance:** UF calculates a core, weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale as part of the evaluation process. Dual-enrollment courses in core areas and any AP, IB or AICE classes receive an extra 1.0 credit weight, meaning that an A is worth a 5.0 on a 4.0 scale. Pre-AICE, pre-AP, pre-IB and Honors classes receive a 0.5 credit weight, meaning that an A is worth a 4.5 on a 4.0 scale. Beyond this GPA calculation alone, UF evaluates strength of the curriculum the student has taken based on the offerings available to the student as well as how the student has progressed academically over time.
- **SAT or ACT** scores.
- **Extracurricular activities:** Consistent involvement throughout high school that demonstrates a student's interests and passions, as well as how applicants contributed to their school, community and/or family.
- **The quality of thought** in the personal essay.
- **Personal background and experiences:** We search for students who show the potential and desire to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. After all, they will be UF's future community of learners, leaders and thinkers.