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 official test scores from the SAT or the ACT. UF will superscore (take the highest scores for each section) to create the ACT composite and SAT total score. Please note that we will not be able to combine your highest scores from different versions of the SAT (new SAT and old SAT).
- The essay is optional for both the ACT and SAT.
- Test scores must be received by the Office of Admissions by December 15.

*Minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

What We Seek

The Office of Admissions conducts a comprehensive review of your application to determine if you have the potential to succeed and graduate from the University of Florida. In addition to academics, we look for various indicators of success, intellectual curiosity and personal commitment. Every section of the application is important because it helps us get to know you.

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.
The Decision-Making Process

At UF, we employ a comprehensive review process that evaluates academic and nonacademic criteria. When we review an application, we are looking at a candidate’s chance for admission based on what the student has accomplished within distinct opportunities and challenges. Our review is guided by these factors:

- The rigor of the academic record — the strength of the curriculum offered to the student and how the student has progressed over time
- Academic performance as measured by grades and scores — high school grades and SAT or ACT
- Extracurricular activities
- The quality of thought in the admissions 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 leaders, learners and thinkers.

Deadlines

The priority application deadline is Nov. 1. The SSAR is due Dec. 1. All test scores are due by Dec. 15. Applications received after Nov. 1 will receive decisions on a space-available basis only.

UF is a member of the Coalition Application, as well as The Common Application. The UF supplement to both applications will be available in August. Students can apply using either, but only need to apply once.

Sections of the Application

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. Please keep your essay within the word limit. Do not mail your essay. Please submit it online. Find the essay topics at admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman.

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 and grades from 9th-11th and your courses in progress for grade 12. It is recommended that you get a hard-copy transcript from your guidance counselor in order to complete the SSAR. The SSAR must be submitted AND linked by Dec. 1.

Choosing a university is no small feat. It’s important to make sure the schools you apply to have the programs and resources that meet your personal and academic needs. As you progress through high school, it also is important to understand what universities like this one expect from you. We believe UF offers some of the best academic programs and student services around; our undergraduates are some of the most accomplished and motivated students anywhere. If you want to become a Florida Gator,

START PLANNING NOW.