



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FAST FACTS

HISTORY

Florida's oldest and largest university, the University of Florida traces its beginnings to 1853. Today, UF, which is a land-grant school, is the fifth-largest university in the nation.

STUDENTS

University of Florida students number more than 50,000, coming from more than 100 countries, all 50 states and each of Florida's 67 counties.

About 10,000 are graduate students, and more than 3,500 are in professional programs. UF ranks number one among public universities in the number of new National Merit Scholars and first in National Achievement Scholars. UF's incoming class has an average 3.99 GPA and 1,241 SAT score. Nearly 80 percent of entering freshmen were ranked in the top-10 percent of their high school graduating classes.

FACULTY

A distinguished faculty of nearly 4,000 attracted \$583 million in research and training grants in 2006-07.

UF has been awarded three national scientific centers: the McKnight Brain Institute for the study of neurological disease, the Engineering Research Center for Particle Science and the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory.

PROGRAMS

Florida is a member of the Association of American Universities, the most prestigious higher education organization comprising of the top-62 public and private institutions in North America (60 U.S. schools and two Canadian schools). Membership is by invitation only and selects from over 1,300 college and universities to join.

Florida is one of the three most comprehensive universities in the country, with 16 colleges and more than 150 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes. UF has prestigious multidisciplinary entities and offers 100 undergraduate degree programs, some 200 graduate programs and 30 combined degree programs.

FACILITIES

The University of Florida has a 2,000-acre campus located within the limits of a 120,917-population urban area and has more than 900 buildings (including 174 with classrooms and laboratories).

The 24 single-student residence halls house 7,500 students, and five graduate and family housing apartment villages house nearly 2,000 residents.

Some of the most well-known facilities include:

- Florida Museum of Natural History (among the top 10 U.S. natural history museums)
- Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- Harn Museum of Art
- McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity Research (houses one of the world's largest and most complete butterfly collections)
- University Gallery
- World-class cast-bell carillon in Century Tower
- McKnight Brain Institute
- Self-contained intensive-care hyperbaric chambers
- World's largest citrus research center
- A public television station, a public radio station and two commercial radio stations
- Engineering Research Center for Particle Science
- The Stephen C. O'Connell Center
- The UF Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences has an office in all 67 Florida counties
- The nine University of Florida Libraries create the largest information resource system in the state

BUDGET & PRIVATE SUPPORT

The University of Florida contributes nearly \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy and is responsible for nearly 75,000 jobs.

UF ranked 15th among AAU public universities for endowment assets from private funds in 2003-04.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S RANKINGS AMONG AAU UNIVERSITIES

Alumni Giving Rate (Public)	5th
Royalty Income (Public and Private)	5th
Kiplinger's Top Values, In-State Universities	2nd
Money Magazine's 10 Best College Values	10th
Freshman Retention Rate	8th
Freshman Acceptance Rate	11th
U.S. Patents Awarded in 2005 (Public and Private)	7th
Graduation Rate	11th
Total Voluntary Support (Public)	15th
Endowment Assets (Public)	15th
Holdings of Research Libraries	20th
Out-of-State Tuition and Fees	23rd
In-State Tuition and Fees	34th



The Baughman Center, located on the shores of Lake Alice which is home to hundreds of species of wildlife, including more than 1,000 alligators, serves as a quiet study area for students and is used on special occasions.



MAJOR COLLEGE UNITS INCLUDE:

- College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Warrington College of Business Administration
- College of Dentistry
- College of Design, Construction and Planning
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Fine Arts
- College of Health and Human Performance
- College of Health Professions
- College of Journalism and Communications
- Levin College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Veterinary Medicine



Plaza of the Americas



Three radio stations are broadcast out of UF's Weimer Hall, which houses the College of Journalism.



The picturesque University Memorial Auditorium has been seen in several movies, including "Just Cause" with Sean Connery and "Parenthood" with Steve Martin.



Library West



UF's libraries form the largest information resource system in the state of Florida, containing more than four million volumes, 6.3 million microfilms and thousands of full-text electronic journals.



GATORADE'S BIRTHPLACE

Gatorade, the sports drink that started an industry, was invented at the UF College of Medicine by a team of researchers led by Dr. Robert Cade. Gatorade was first field tested in a football scrimmage near this site and was first used in an October 1965 Gator victory. The invention was prompted by concern about the effects of heat on the human body. After collecting fluid from a Gator player...

WHAT MAKES A UNIVERSITY GREAT?

At the University of Florida, it's a long track record of outstanding achievements. UF's students, faculty and staff consistently rank among the nation's top performers in research, academics, athletics and a host of other fields.

- UF placed second on the 2008 Kiplinger Personal Finance "Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges."
- Florida is a member (since 1985) of the Association of American Universities, or AAU, the prestigious higher-education organization comprising the top-62 public and private institutions in North America.
- The University of Florida contributes nearly \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy and is responsible for nearly 75,000 jobs. UF is one of the largest research universities in the nation.
- UF recently opened a new proton beam cancer treatment facility in Jacksonville, Florida. One of only three in the U.S., proton beam therapy represents a major step forward in the treatment of cancer.
- UF's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred serves as the home of the world's largest citrus research center dedicated to a single commodity.
- UF partnered with Spain to create the world's largest telescope in the Canary Islands and is a nationally renowned leader in specialized aeronautics and space research.
- UF's Honors Residential College at Hume Hall is the first honors residential college in the United States designed and built specifically for honors students.
- UF was 7th among universities – public and private -- in the number of U.S. Patents awarded in 2006.
- UF consistently ranks among the top 10 universities in royalty income.



The George Steinbrenner Band Building - constructed in 2008 with generous donations from New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, Stephen Stills of Crosby, Stills and Nash, and numerous friends of music - represents the first phase of an ongoing project to install state-of-the-art facilities at the School of Music to serve UF's students, faculty and community.

- UF ranked third in AAU for professional degrees awarded to African-American students in 2006-07 and second in the number of professional degrees to Hispanic/Latino students.
- Fall 2007 Student to Faculty ratio: 21.7 to 1
- UF's freshman retention rate of 94 percent is among the highest in the United States.
- UF has 331,500 living alumni in all 50 states and 137 foreign countries.
- Seven athletic teams had 100 percent Graduation Success Rate as reported by the NCAA in October of 2007. Fourteen of UF's 16 athletic teams were above the national average and

the overall athletic program checked in at 89 percent or 12 points above the national average.

- The University of Florida athletics program finished sixth in the 2007-08 Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings, marking the 25th consecutive year the Gator program has ranked among the nation's top 10 in all-sports standings.
- UF owns some of the world's largest magnets used to investigate brain and spine-related diseases and injuries.

UF LICENSE PLATE FIRST IN THE STATE TO SELL MORE THAN 100,000 IN A SINGLE YEAR

Thanks to the University of Florida specialty license plate, more than 100,000 Florida drivers now have The Gator Nation behind them wherever they go.

The UF plate outsold every contender and beat the second-place design, "Protect the Panther," by more than 20,000 sales.

The 105,361 sales in 2007 spell good news for the newly redesigned license plate. In addition to bragging rights, UF license plate sales bring with them a financial benefit to the University.



- UF scientists are making some food healthier, such as lower-carbohydrate potatoes, dubbed "Gator Taters."
- The Microkelvin Research Lab extends 40 feet below ground. In this physics lab, scientists are able to take matter to within one millionth of one degree of absolute zero (minus 459.79 Fahrenheit). This is the coldest temperature reached anywhere in the world!
- Professor John Griggs Thompson won the 2008 Abel Prize for Mathematics, the world's most prestigious award in mathematics.
- In the past four decades, more presidents of the American Bar Association have come from the UF Levin College of Law than any other U.S. law school.
- With more than 28 million specimens, UF's Florida Museum of Natural History has the nation's fifth-largest natural history collection.
- UF's McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity at the Florida Museum of Natural History is the world's largest butterfly and moth research facility.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A UF-created ink-removal technique allows plants to save trees and enhance profits by recycling multiple types of paper at lower costs.
- The Wendy's restaurant located in the J. Wayne Reitz Union is the busiest Wendy's in the world!
- UF's McKnight Brain Institute is one of the world's most comprehensive centers devoted to neuroscience.
- Over 200 campus concerts, art exhibits, speeches, and theatrical productions occur annually.
- Gainesville averages 2,803 hours of sunshine each year.
- UF has the largest occupied bat house in North America.
- Gatorade was invented at the University of Florida in 1965 by UF kidney disease specialist Robert Cade and his associates.

- Since 2004, UF has ranked No. 1 nationally for research and development expenditures in the agricultural sciences.
- In 2007, three UF professors won the prestigious Humboldt Prize, which honors international research cooperation. Only one other institution, Cornell University, had as many winners.
- In fall 2006, UF, along with Colorado State University and Washington State University, was one of the first three U.S. institutions to offer an undergraduate degree in organic farming.
- UF's Center for Food Distribution and Retailing, described by researchers as the first of its kind in the world, conducts research and education on the entire food distribution chain.
- UF's Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead is the only state university research center in the continental U.S. focusing on tropical and subtropical crops.
- In the 1940s, collaborative work between UF's Citrus Research and Education Center, the Florida Citrus Commission and the U.S. Department of Agriculture led to breakthroughs in production of frozen orange juice concentrate, spawning an entire industry and making orange juice available worldwide.
- UF is a leader in developing processes to produce cellulosic ethanol, a fuel derived from fibrous plant material such as corn stalks.



Brad Wilkerson was a member of the USA Baseball team that brought home the gold medal from the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.



VISION IN ATHLETICS

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC. MISSION STATEMENT

The University Athletic Association, Inc. exists to advance the University of Florida's teaching, research and service missions. Through the education and the promotion of the health and welfare of students, the University Athletic Association seeks to link experiences of all backgrounds, races, origins, genders and cultures to prepare generations of students to be productive members of society. The character of the athletic programs at the University Athletic Association reflects the character of the University of Florida as a major, public, comprehensive institution of higher learning.

The University Athletic Association is dedicated to the intellectual, physical and personal development of the student-athlete. Demonstrating leadership in all decisions affecting college athletics, the University Athletic Association will act in an ethical and honest manner, will promote an environment fostering the professional and personal achievement of coaches, administrators and staff and attain excellence in athletic performance, sportsmanship, financial strength and superior fan satisfaction. This vision in athletics is at the core of our responsibility to the University, to our students and to the public at large.

2007-08 GATORS BY THE NUMBERS

- 12** top-10 national finishes by 2007-08 Florida teams matched school record
- 4** Gators named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans
- 12** national titles earned by UF teams since 1992
- 89** percent Graduation Success Rate for UF, as reported in 2007 NCAA Federal Graduation Rate Data. UF was one of only three programs in the 2007-08 U.S. Sports Academy National All-Sports top 10 to post a GSR above 85%
- \$48.2 million** contributed since 1990 by the UAA to UF to fund academic endeavors
- 1.1 million+** More than 1.1 million fans attended 169 home events in 2007-08. Four UF teams ranked among the nation's top 10 in attendance
- 348** student-athletes participated in 1,877 hours of community service in 2007-08, partnering with 43 local schools, 27 civic organizations and 19 non-profit organizations



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The Gator baseball program has totaled 10 Southeastern Conference championships and 18 SEC Eastern Division titles.





2007-08 GATOR ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

On the strength of a program-record-tying 12 athletic teams notching top-10 finishes during the 2007-08 season, the University of Florida placed sixth in the 2007-08 United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings. This finish marked the 25th consecutive year the Gator program had ranked among the nation's top 10 in all-sports standings.

Points are awarded based on finishes in 20 NCAA Division I sports, based on participation. Florida fielded 17 sports that advanced to NCAA Championship action, compiling 1,126.75 points for the sixth-place overall finish. Only two programs in the nation - Florida and UCLA - have ranked among the country's top 10 in each of the national all-sports rankings over the last 25 years. Stanford collected its 14th consecutive Directors' Cup title in 2008 with 1,461 points.

Florida's top 2007-08 finishes both came during the month of May. The Gator softball squad capped its best season in the 12-year history of the program by tying for third in its first Women's Col-

lege World Series appearance. Women's tennis advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Championships for the 19th time in the last 22 years.

Florida won five regular-season SEC Championships in 2007-08 to raise its total to 42 since the 1998-99 academic year, the most by any conference school during the 10-year span. The Gators took the SEC crown in five women's sports - golf, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

The University of Florida once again won the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group's Southeastern Conference All-Sports competition overall crown, as well as the All-SEC women's title. In addition to the two top finishes, Florida placed second in the men's All-SEC standings.

The overall SEC All-Sports title was the 18th for Florida, while the Gator program also earned its 15th women's title. UF has won all but three of the last 21 overall titles.

2007-08 SPORTS ACADEMY DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

1.	Stanford	1461.00
2.	UCLA	1182.00
3.	Michigan	1161.50
4.	Arizona State	1146.00
5.	Texas	1129.50
6.	FLORIDA	1126.75
7.	California	1120.00
8.	LSU	1085.00
9.	Penn State	1041.00
10.	Georgia	1040.00

FLORIDA'S TOP-10 TEAMS IN 2007-08

- Softball (No. T-3)
- Women's Tennis (No. T-3)
- Gymnastics (No. 4)
- Women's Swimming & Diving (No. 6)
- Men's Swimming & Diving (No. 8)
- Men's Indoor Track & Field (No. 8)
- Women's Indoor Track & Field (No. T-8)
- Women's Golf (No. 9)
- Women's Outdoor Track & Field (No. 9)
- Soccer (No. T-9)
- Men's Tennis (No. T-9)
- Volleyball (No. T-9)



The Florida women's golf team won its eighth overall SEC Championship and first-ever NCAA Regional title during the 2007-08 season. The Lady Gator golfers took ninth at the 2008 NCAA Championship, earning a top-10 finish in their last five showings at the tournament.

The Florida softball team took both the regular-season and SEC Tournament titles in 2008 and became the first squad in school history to earn a trip to Oklahoma City for the Women's College World Series.





SIXTH IN THE NATION



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow made college football history in 2007, when he became the first sophomore to receive the Heisman Trophy. He was also named the Davey O'Brien and Maxwell Award winner. A first-team AP All-American and the AP SEC Offensive Player of the Year, Tebow enjoyed a record-breaking season that included setting the NCAA single-season rushing touchdown record by a quarterback with 23. Tebow was the first quarterback in college football history to pass and rush for 20 touchdowns in a season.



14-time All-American Gemma Spofforth won two individual titles at the 2008 NCAA Championships, brining her career total to three. By winning the 100 and 200 back, she became just the second female Gator to win both distances of the backstroke in the same year at the NCAA meet. Spofforth was also the first female athlete at UF to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Florida soccer won its eighth SEC title in 2007. The Gators also won their eighth SEC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Round of 16.

UF ANNUAL FINISHES IN THE NATIONAL ALL-SPORTS COMPETITION

The University of Florida is one of only two schools in the country to finish among the nation's top 10 overall most successful programs each year since 1983. Florida finished sixth in the nation in the 2007-08 Sports Academy Directors' Cup Standings.

Academic Year	UF Finish	Academic Year	UF Finish
1983-84	5th	1996-97	5th
1984-85	4th	1997-98	T2nd
1985-86	8th	1998-99	4th
1986-87	4th	1999-00	7th
1987-88	5th	2000-01	7th
1988-89	9th	2001-02	3rd
1989-90	5th	2002-03	7th
1990-91	5th	2003-04	6th
1991-92	5th	2004-05	6th
1992-93	4th	2005-06	5th
1993-94	4th	2006-07	6th
1994-95	5th	2007-08	6th
1995-96	3rd		

FLORIDA'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

- Men's Golf (1968 NCAA Championship)
- Men's Golf (1973 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Swimming (1979 AIAW Championship)
- Gymnastics (1982 AIAW Championship)
- Women's Swimming (1982 NCAA Championship)
- Men's Swimming (1983 NCAA Championship)
- Men's Swimming (1984 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Golf (1985 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Golf (1986 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Track (1992 NCAA Indoor Championship)
- Men's Golf (1993 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Tennis (1996 NCAA Championship)
- Football (1996 Associated Press/Coaches')
- Women's Tennis (1998 NCAA Championship)
- Soccer (1998 NCAA Championship)
- Men's Golf (2001 NCAA Championship)
- Women's Tennis (2003 NCAA Championship)
- Men's Basketball (2006 NCAA Championship)
- Football (2006 BCS/Associated Press)
- Men's Basketball (2007 NCAA Championship)
- Football (2008 BCS/Associated Press)



The Florida volleyball team won its 17th straight SEC regular-season title in 2007, tying the NCAA Division I women's volleyball record for most consecutive conference championships.



The 2008 Gator women's tennis team captured the 23rd SEC regular-season Championship in the 29-year history of the event, the most team titles won by any other league school in any women's sport.



NCAA COMPLIANCE

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

You are a "prospective student-athlete" when you start ninth-grade classes. Before the ninth grade, you become a prospective student-athlete if a college gives you (or your relatives or friends) any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to prospective students generally.

You become a "recruited prospective student-athlete" at a particular college if any coach or representative of the college's athletics interest (booster or representative) approaches you (or any member of your family) about enrolling and participating in athletics at that college. Activities by coaches or boosters that cause you to become a recruited prospective student-athlete are:

- providing you with an official visit;
- visiting you or any other member of your family anywhere other than the college campus;
- placing more than one telephone call to you or any other member of your family; or
- signing a National Letter of Intent or a University of Florida written offer of athletically-related financial aid.

ACADEMICS

It is extremely important for you to give maximum academic effort as you conclude your high school attendance. To practice or play during your freshman year, you must meet the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 14.3, which include: (a) graduating from high school, (b) achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average in 16 core courses, and achieving a corresponding minimum combined score on the SAT, or a minimum sum total score on the ACT as determined by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The NCAA Clearinghouse must certify all incoming freshman student-athletes. Therefore, you must register with the Clearinghouse as soon as possible.



For online Web access, contact:
www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

INDUCEMENTS

All institutional staff members and boosters are prohibited from offering or providing any financial aid or other benefits to you or your relatives or friends, other than those expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Specifically prohibited inducements include:

- providing cash or loans in any amount, or signing or co-signing for a loan
- providing gifts of any kind, including clothing or equipment
- providing special discounts for goods or services
- providing free or reduced housing/rent

Should you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, please feel free to contact the University of Florida Athletic Association Compliance Office at (352) 375-4683, ext. 6022.

Remember, Ask Before You Act

