

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

This is the University of Florida

The University of Florida is the Flagship University of the State of Florida. It continually achieves national and international recognition and prominence for multiple academic disciplines and groundbreaking research. More importantly, the University of Florida assumes the primary responsibility for creating, developing, nurturing and inspiring Gators everywhere. The University of Florida is the Foundation for the Gator Nation.

THE GATOR NATION

Everyone associated with the University of Florida -- past, present or future -- is a member of The Gator Nation! The Gator Nation is everywhere and includes students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration and the family and friends of all those listed. In addition, Florida residents, university research and financial partners, funding agencies, private donors, politicians (local, state and national) and more are part of The Gator Nation. The University of Florida is in Gainesville, The Gator Nation is everywhere.

A GATOR

A Gator is anyone whose love for the University of Florida forever draws them to the university and to their fellow Gators. A Gator is more than a loyal alumnus or rabid sports team supporter. A Gator is somehow personally defined by his or her connection or bond to the University of Florida. Gators seek each other out. Gators support and encourage each other in success and stand together through adversity. Gators are proud to be part of The Gator Nation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA IS IN GAINESVILLE. THE GATOR NATION IS EVERYWHERE

Our campus is easy to find. The boundaries are well defined, tangible and concrete. The Gator Nation, however, cannot be confined to a map. It's everywhere Gators live and work. Some of us form companies, Some of us write novels, Others cure diseases, raise families or lend a helping hand. Yet we all share a common bond. We are The Gator Nation.

OUR PROFESSORS DO MORE THAN TEACH. THEY ARE BUILDING A NATION.

Our faculty have a unique responsibility. They are more than teachers; they are the architects of a nation. Last year more than 10,000 new members joined The Gator Nation, including more National Merit Scholars than any other public university and students from all 67 Florida counties, all 50 states and more than 100 countries. They are inspired and directed by more than 4,000 of the finest faculty members on the planet. We are The Gator Nation.



More than 50,000 students attend the University of Florida, making it one of the largest and most comprehensive universities in the nation. Florida students hail from all 50 states and countless countries worldwide.

CHANCES ARE YOU'VE MET MANY GATORS IN YOUR LIFE. CHANCES ARE YOU REMEMBER THEM.

As Gators, a unique experience defines us. We lead and know how to follow. We speak and know when to listen. We run Fortune 500 companies and cure diseases. We influence every field of business and science with unique perspectives and inspired collaboration. We come together to form an unbreakable bond that produces some exceedingly memorable Gators. We are The Gator Nation

Florida's campus encompasses more than 2,000 acres of land and boasts more than 900 buildings worth an estimated value of more than \$900 million.



The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art is one of the largest of its kind in the Southeastern United States. In addition to its American, African, pre-Columbian, Asian and contemporary collections, the museum offers a full range of programs from film and lecture series to workshops and performances.

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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

Home to hundreds of species of wildlife, including alligators, birds, raccoons and squirrels, Lake Alice is a popular on-campus site for students to study or enjoy a picnic.

DID YOU KNOW...

- In 1985, Florida became a member of the Association of American Universities, or AAU, the prestigious higher-education organization comprising the top 62 public and private institutions in North America
- UF placed second on the Kiplinger Personal Finance "Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges" in February 2008
- UF ranked third in the AAU for degrees awarded to African American students in a recent study.
- The University of Florida contributes nearly \$6 billion annually to Florida's economy and is responsible for nearly 75,000 jobs.
- UF promotes and practices sustainability, including efficient, campus use of energy and water and the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.
- UF's retention rate of 94 percent is among the highest in the United States.
- Two UF graduates are currently involved in the astronaut program
- UF is a leader in developing processes to produce cellulosic ethanol, a fuel derived from fibrous plant material such as corn stalks.
- Greek life is strong at UF, with 35 fraternities and 26 sororities and a combined membership of 5,135 students or 15 percent of undergraduates. About 1,500 live in the houses.

UF RANKS AMONG THE NATION'S ELITE

Enrollment 5th

Degrees Awarded

Bachelor's 3rd
 Master's 7th
 Doctoral 4th
 1st Professional 1st

Degrees Awarded to African-American Students

Bachelor's 2nd
 Master's 13th
 Doctoral 5th
 1st Professional 3rd

Degrees Awarded to Hispanic Students

Bachelor's 3rd
 Master's 3rd
 Doctoral 2nd
 1st Professional 1st

Undergraduate School National Rankings SEC Rankings

Taxation 5th 1st
 Chemical Engineering 8th 1st
 Industrial Engineering 9th 1st
 Marketing 9th 1st
 Finance 10th 1st
 Nuclear Engineering 10th 1st
 Materials Engineering 10th 1st
 Agricultural Engineering 11th 1st
 Accounting 11th 1st
 Mechanical Engineering 12th 1st
 Aerospace Engineering 12th 1st
 Environmental Engineering 14th 1st
 Business 17th 1st

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

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The Baughman Center, located on the shores of Lake Alice, opened in the fall of 2000. The building serves as a quiet study area for students and is used on special occasions.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Gainesville is home to Florida's largest and oldest University. Known for its preservation of historic buildings and the beauty of its natural surroundings, Gainesville's numerous parks, museums and lakes provide entertainment to thousands of visitors. A 2007 study ranked Gainesville, Fla., as the nation's best place to live – something that its growing population equally realizes.

While locales such as Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville are within a short drive and provide many entertainment opportunities, one needs not look further than Gainesville itself. Former Presidents, Grammy winning artists, Oscar-nominated actors and directors and comedic icons have all ventured to Gainesville, providing UF with one of the most dynamic scenes of any college campus in the country.



UAA MISSION/OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Recognizing that student-athletes face unique pressures, the University of Florida Athletic Department instituted the Office of Student Life (OSL) in 1979.

The award-winning program of personalized, professional guidance in numerous areas on a day-to-day basis has become a leader in student-athlete services, while also demonstrating UF's commitment to the "total development" philosophy for UF student athletes. OSL staff responsibilities include: orientation to college life, academic advisement, mentoring, tutorial services, personal counseling and referral, study skills, career exploration and development, personal development, life management skills, community service and leadership training. The University of Florida Athletic Association has a comprehensive substance abuse program and gambling awareness education program for all student athletes.

Academic Advisement

Advising student-athletes in planning a course of study leading toward graduation is one of the most important functions of the Office of Student Life. Their approach to advising encourages the collaborative efforts of student athletes, faculty and the OSL staff to develop a plan of action tailored to the unique needs of each student-athlete. Academic advising is essential to the student-athlete's success at the University of Florida.

Until a student-athlete is accepted into the college of her selected major, her OSL counselor is her guide through class selection and registration. Once she is accepted in to a college, class selection and registration is a combined effort between her college advisor and her OSL counselor. This double-team effort assists her until the degree is complete.

Champs/Life Skills Program

Florida's Office of Student Life was selected in 1995 as one of 50 programs in the country to participate in the NCAA Life Skills Program. The mission of the NCAA Life Skills Program is to provide a systematic personal development program designed to reach each student-athlete based on his or her individual needs. The focus of the programs is in the following areas, Personal Development, Community Service, Career Development, Academics and Leadership.

Office of Student Life Programs and Services

- Orientation & Assessment
- Tutorial Services
- Study Skills
- Personal Development
- Community Service
- Gambling Awareness
- Comprehensive Substance Abuse Education
- Services for Students with Learning Disabilities
- Academic Advisement
- Personal Counseling and Referral
- Career Exploration and Development
- Life Management Skills
- Leadership Training

Cassisi Learning Lab

Opened in the summer of 2004, the Cassisi Learning Lab features eight individual sound proof rooms that are used by the Learning Strategy Tutor Program which services the student-athletes with disabilities. The state-of-the-art \$300,000 addition is located on the third floor of the Academic Advising Building. The addition of these rooms addresses the increasing need for a separate area that meets the specific needs of LD student-athletes.

Each room has its own computer and printer with specific programs aimed at teaching learning strategies to the students in the areas of organization, time management, and study skills. Each room provides an environment for one-on-one tutoring which minimizes distraction while providing a quiet and separate area to learn.

Award Winning Programs

In October of 1998, the Office of Student Life was one of eight Division I programs to win a Lifetime Program of Excellence for Life Skills Award, honoring excellence in academics and life skills programs.

The UF Office of Student Life has been recognized by the National Consortium of Sports and Academics for Community Service and Degree Completion Programs for the last five years.

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.



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FLORIDA YEAR IN REVIEW

Sixth in the Nation

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 marks the 25th consecutive year the Gator program has 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 their first Women's College 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.



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.

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 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



FLORIDA YEAR IN REVIEW



Sophomore Mariam Kevkhishvili became the first UF athlete to win an NCAA indoor shot put championship in 2008 with a school-record toss of 17.83m/58-6.

14-time All-American Gemma Spofforth won two individual titles at the 2008 NCAA Championships, bringing 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'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)



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



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.



23-time All-American Caroline Burckle finished her illustrious career with two national championships (200 and 500 freestyle) and as the 2008 Honda Sports Award Winner for Swimming and Diving. Burckle broke Janet Evans' 20-year record in the 500-free en route to winning the first of her two national titles.

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		



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.

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 Center. The NCAA Initial Eligibility Center must certify all incoming freshman student-athletes. Therefore, you must register with the Eligibility Center 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, extension 6022.

REMEMBER, ASK BEFORE YOU ACT