

Campus Life

With a population just over 120,000, Gainesville surrounds the University of Florida, making the small city truly feel like a college town. That college town atmosphere is very evident in the fall, when the colors of orange and blue are seen everywhere during a home football weekend.



Gators fans create a human tunnel to greet the football team walking into "The Swamp" before each home game.



ESPN's wildly popular Saturday football program "ESPN College GameDay" has become a regular production on the UF campus during the fall.



The Florida Museum of Natural History is the largest natural history / anthropology museum in the Southeast and one of the top-10 in the nation.



Over 200 concerts, art exhibits, speeches and theatrical productions occur annually on campus.



Gator Growl - The Largest Student-Run Pep Rally in the Nation

Many well-known comedians come to Gainesville for Gator Growl, the world's largest student-run pep rally held during Homecoming festivities each fall. Past comics include Robin Williams, Bill Cosby, David Alan Grier, Jay Leno, Dennis Miller, Jerry Seinfeld, Sinbad, Billy Crystal, Dave Chappelle, Frank Caliendo, Bill Engvall and Dane Cook.



Musical Performers Who Have Entertained On Campus In Recent Years Include:

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| 311 | Alison Krauss and Union Station |
| Ani DiFranco | Jewel |
| Billy Joel | John Mayer |
| Boston Pops | Lenny Kravitz |
| Busta Rhymes & Ludacris | Mick Jagger |
| Cher | Mystikal and Juvenile |
| Dave Matthews | Oysterhead |
| Elton John | Snoop Dogg and Nelly |
| Goo-Goo Dolls | Sting |
| Harry Connick Jr. | Stone Temple Pilots |
| Jane's Addiction | Widespread Panic |

ACCENT, a Student Run Speaker's Bureau, brings to UF several noteworthy speakers and entertainers each year. Past shows have included guests such as Spike Lee, Real World New Orleans, Ellen Degeneres, Oliver Stone, Michael Moore, George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton.



The Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts stage in 2008-09 will feature appearances by Riverdance, STOMP, Arlo Guthrie - The Lost World Tour, Christian McBride Band, Kodo, Dan Zanes and Friends, UF Opera Theatre in Tosca, Denyce Graves - Messo-soprano, The Wizard of Oz and Shakespeare & Company in Hamlet.