



COUNSELOR

UPDATE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS • 2018–2019

THIS IS BIG

At UCF — one of the nation’s largest universities — bigger is better.

Being big means more access for people who might not otherwise get an opportunity to earn a high-quality college degree. Being big attracts experts from around the world to conduct innovative research and pass their knowledge on to students. And being big enables us to make the world a better place.

“I believe in the power of our people. And I believe in the power of our impact when we work together.”

– President Dale Whittaker

On July 1, Dale Whittaker became UCF’s fifth president, succeeding John C. Hitt, whose unprecedented leadership guided our university for more than 26 years. President Whittaker is focused on building UCF into the nation’s most impactful 21st-century university, with an emphasis on generating talent, ideas and innovation.



FALL 2018 FTIC PROJECTED CLASS PROFILE

82 NEW NATIONAL MERIT FRESHMEN

4.08 GPA

1320 SAT
(EVIDENCE-BASED READING/WRITING & MATH)

28.2 ACT



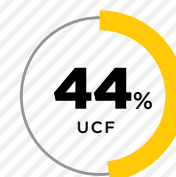
TOP FIVE MAJORS



1. ENGINEERING
2. COMPUTER SCIENCE
3. BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
4. BIOLOGY
5. PSYCHOLOGY

A Debt-Free Future

44 percent of UCF students graduate with no educational debt — compared to 34 percent nationally.

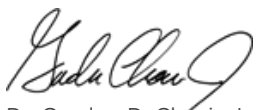


FRIENDS,

Thank you for your continued support, which has helped us enroll one of the strongest freshman classes in UCF history. The overall quality of our students continues to grow to record levels. We project that our average test score and GPA for Fall 2018 will be 1320 SAT (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math), 28 ACT and 4.08 GPA. We are also becoming more diverse, with an incoming freshman population that is 45.8 percent ethnic minority.

As we continue to work to support our mission of providing high-quality, broad-based education and experience-based learning for our students, we will harness the power of scale and the pursuit of excellence to solve tomorrow's greatest challenges and make a better future for our students and society. Through learning, discovery and partnerships, we will transform lives and livelihoods.

We encourage your students to experience UCF for themselves through our Campus Visit Experience or Knight For A Day Open House events. And we look forward to seeing you soon, as well. Thank you for your dedication, support and friendship.



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THE SSN AND THE FAFSA

Students should be encouraged to submit their Social Security Number (SSN) on their application for admission to UCF. Not doing so can lead to complications and delays in processing financial aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) requires an SSN to apply for aid; as a result, the SSN is a key piece of identifying information that the university uses to match award packages to enrolling students. By not supplying an SSN, students may face delays in having financial aid disbursed, and can even have aid canceled.

KNIGHTS CHARGE ON

Our Knights continue to enjoy immense success on the field and court, as well as in the classroom. The UCF National Championship football team highlighted the past year by going 13-0, winning its third American Athletic Conference title and beating Auburn in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. There was plenty of success to go around as the women's soccer team and rowing team won conference championships, the fourth in a row for the latter. Both teams, as well as the men's golf squad, competed in the NCAA Championships. At the end of the year, every single UCF team that plays head-to-head had a winning record, one of only four schools in the nation to do so. In the classroom, UCF student-athletes set a new program record this spring by earning an overall average GPA of 3.33. This marked the 21st consecutive semester that the Knights finished above a 3.0 GPA.

THE NEXT BIG THING

One of our most ambitious goals will soon become reality. Scheduled to open in Fall 2019, **UCF Downtown**, in partnership with Valencia College, is a game-changing campus in the heart of our great city that creates the opportunity for 7,700 students to live, learn and work in downtown Orlando. UCF Downtown will be the home base for a variety of degree programs including those focused on civic engagement and government, safety and justice, community well-being, content creation, digital art and communication. Our state-of-the-art campus will include a brand-new student housing option, Union West, and will increase access for students, provide pathways into high-demand career fields, foster collaboration with neighboring businesses and improve countless lives through the power of education. More info at ucf.edu/downtown.

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Are your students hoping to become UCF Knights?

We invite students and their families to learn more about life at UCF, our academic programs and financial aid opportunities. Knight For A Day Open House events are offered on the following Saturdays:

- Sept. 22, 2018
- Oct. 13, 2018
- Nov. 3, 2018
- Jan. 26, 2019

Students must register for an Open House event at admissions.ucf.edu/visit. Students should register early as space is limited.

TOP 10 KNIGHTS INITIATIVE CHARGES ON

Our Top 10 Knights initiative continues to be an enormous success. Established in 2013, Top 10 Knights recognizes student achievement in high school and provides Florida families with greater certainty by guaranteeing admission to one of our three terms of enrollment.

Students who qualify will be notified of their admission status no later than March 1. On-campus housing is still guaranteed for all Top 10 Knights who complete and submit a housing application by May 1. For more information, visit admissions.ucf.edu/toptenknights.



To qualify for Top 10 Knights, students must:

1. Currently attend a Florida high school
2. Rank in the top 10 percent of their senior class. If the high school does not provide rankings, a minimum GPA of 3.9 (based upon UCF's recalculated academic core GPA) is required
3. Earn a minimum score of 1090 (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math) on the SAT or 21 composite on the ACT
4. Submit a completed application and provide all required documentation to the UCF Office of Undergraduate Admissions by Jan. 15
5. Successfully complete at least four units of approved academic core math by the end of their senior year

TWO NEW COLLEGES

This summer, we launched two new colleges and a new interdisciplinary school, aligning areas of strength and leveraging new opportunities for academic excellence. The **College of Health Professions and Sciences** includes health-related programs such as physical therapy, kinesiology, social work, health sciences, and communication sciences and disorders. The **College of Community Innovation and Education** includes civic engagement and governing, safety and justice, public administration, legal studies, criminal justice and education programs. And the **Nicholson School of Communication and Media** combines the Nicholson School of Communication with digital media and film from the School of Visual Arts and Design, as well as the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy.

MEANINGFUL RESEARCH

UCF is ranked among the **best in the nation for research** leading to new tech spinoffs, according to a report from The Milken Institute. The rankings put UCF alongside institutions such as **Columbia University, MIT** and **Carnegie Mellon University**.

GRADUATE SUCCESS

U.S. News & World Report ranked **25 UCF programs among the top 100** in their fields in its *Best Graduate Schools 2019* guide.

HIGH-VALUE DEGREES

Kiplinger and *Forbes* consistently rank a UCF education among the nation's best values.

DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

45.8 percent of UCF students are minorities, **24.9 percent** of whom are Hispanic and more than **25 percent** of undergraduates are first-generation students.

UCF BY THE NUMBERS

#1 UCF is the No. 1 supplier of talent to the aerospace and defense industries according to *Aviation Week*.

#2 With **316 National Merit Scholars**, UCF ranked second-highest among Florida state universities in 2017.

#2 The Rosen College of Hospitality Management is ranked the No. 2 hospitality management program in the world (*CEOWORLD Magazine*).

\$32 MILLION

awarded to Bright Futures students (third-largest amount in Florida)

To learn more, visit ucf.edu/big.



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THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Burnett Honors College
honors.ucf.edu

Housing and Residence Life
housing.ucf.edu

LEAD Scholars
lead.sdes.ucf.edu

Office of Student Involvement
osi.ucf.edu

Orientation
orientation.ucf.edu

Student Financial Assistance
finaid.ucf.edu

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION
Orlando, Florida

ENROLLMENT
67,000

DEGREE PROGRAMS
95 Bachelor's
87 Master's
3 Specialist
28 Research Doctorate
3 Professional Doctorate

MALE-FEMALE RATIO
45% Male
55% Female

FACULTY
2,481

76% with Ph.D.s

**GEOGRAPHIC
DIVERSITY**
Students come from
all 67 Florida counties,
all 50 states and 154
countries — most
notably Brazil, China,
Saudi Arabia, Venezuela
and Vietnam.