



COUNSELOR

UPDATE FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES - UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS • 2019-2020

CHARGE ON AND CHANGE THE WORLD

At UCF, we are driven to do more and be more. To protect endangered sea turtles and explore the depths of outer space. To pioneer PTSD treatment and guard the nation against cyberattacks. To make discoveries in the lab, take a bow on stage and break records on the field. Because as Knights, we are driven to be smarter and stronger. To be our best. And to always Charge On.

REACH NEW HEIGHTS

UCF Downtown is more than a college campus. It is innovation in higher education. Beginning this fall, UCF students have the opportunity to live, learn and work in downtown Orlando in close proximity to internships and field-related work. UCF Downtown, the university's new, 15-acre campus in Orlando's Creative Village, is now the home base for digital media, communication, public service and health technology degree programs. Learn more at ucf.edu/downtown.



FALL 2019 FTIC PROJECTED CLASS PROFILE

90 NEW NATIONAL MERIT FRESHMEN

4.13 GPA

1325 SAT
(EVIDENCE-BASED READING/WRITING & MATH)

28.4 ACT



Top 5 Majors for Freshmen (FTIC)

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

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

FRIENDS,

Thank you for your continued support, which has helped us enroll one of the strongest freshmen classes in UCF history. The overall quality of our students continues to grow to record levels. We project that our average GPA and test scores for Fall 2019 will be 4.13 GPA, 1325 SAT (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math), and 28.4 ACT. We are also becoming more diverse, with an incoming freshman class that is 47.3 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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SSN AND FAFSA

Students should be encouraged to submit their Social Security Number 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 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.

NEW SCHOOL & MAJORS

A new school has formed in the College of Sciences. The **School of Politics, Security and International Affairs** replaces the Department of Political Science. Its creation recognizes the numerous opportunities for students to make a global impact in fields that are relevant and in-demand. sciences.ucf.edu/politics

A new undergraduate degree in **Integrative General Studies** offers a flexible and self-designed curriculum to students seeking a multidisciplinary education. The program focuses on specific learning outcomes, including understanding of scientific methods, analytical, statistical and computational competencies, leadership, and writing proficiency. undergrad.ucf.edu

Debuting in Fall 2019, the **Materials Science and Engineering** bachelor's degree emphasizes lab and experiential learning to help undergraduates become materials engineers. Graduates may be employed in fields ranging from space and defense to energy and biomedicine. cecs.ucf.edu

Looking ahead to 2020, a new degree in **Senior Living Management** will combine

health management and hospitality services and will be the first undergraduate degree program of its kind in the nation. The degree will be an interdisciplinary program between the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and the College of Community Innovation and Education. hospitality.ucf.edu

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Beginning Fall 2019, letters of recommendation will no longer be considered in the admission process at UCF. Some limited- or restricted-access majors may request recommendations, but students should be advised to research the requirements for their intended degree program before submitting them. Letters of recommendation from denied students may be considered as part of the formal appeals process. As we strive to improve efficiency and reduce paper use, please do not encourage students to send recommendations as part of the general application process to UCF unless otherwise instructed.

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Are your students hoping to become UCF Knights?

We invite prospective 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. 21, 2019	Nov. 23, 2019
Oct. 26, 2019	Jan. 25, 2020

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 IS GOING STRONG

Our Top 10 Knights initiative continues to be an enormous success. Established in 2014, 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 and submit completed

applications by January 15 will be notified of their admission status no later than March 1. On-campus housing is guaranteed for all Top 10 Knights who complete and submit a housing application by May 1. For more information, including requirements, visit admissions.ucf.edu/toptenknight.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES

Students applying for admission to the Summer or Fall 2020 term and beyond may now be considered for a UCF merit scholarship, even if their residency status is listed as "pending." Previously, students had to be classified as Florida or non-Florida to be awarded a Pegasus or other merit scholarship from Undergraduate Admissions. Now, students who qualify will be awarded with a disclaimer that their residency status must be finalized by June 1 to keep their award. Students awarded with a scholarship that is incompatible with their final residency status may see their award amount adjusted.

KNIGHTS ON TOP

UCF student-athletes produced one of the most well-rounded and successful years in school history during the 2018-19 season. The Knights' volleyball, men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, women's and men's tennis, women's rowing and women's golf teams all clinched NCAA Tournament berths, while the football team appeared in its second straight New Year's Six bowl game. In addition, five UCF teams won an American Athletic Conference Championship. UCF Cheerleading brought home big trophies, too, after taking top honors at the Game Day and University World Cup championships. Meanwhile ESPN's iconic football show, College GameDay, made its first appearance on our campus in November, and had one of the largest turnouts in the program's history. In the classroom, UCF student-athletes continue to impress by earning an overall average GPA of 3.24. This spring also marked the 23rd consecutive semester that the Knights have finished above a 3.0 GPA as an overall department.

MOST INNOVATIVE

UCF ranks among the nation's top 10 Most Innovative colleges, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

BEST VALUE

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

BEST GRAD SCHOOLS

U.S. News & World Report ranks 27 UCF grad programs among the top 100 in their fields — including three in the top 10.

DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE

47.3 percent of UCF students are minorities. And with 26 percent Hispanic enrollment, UCF is designated a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.

FOSTERING SOCIAL MOBILITY

At UCF, more than 17,000 current students are the first in their families to attend college. The graduation rate of low-income students increased by 43.3 percent during the past five years — and is nearly twice the national average of all four-year institutions.

KNIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS



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Supplier of graduates to U.S. aerospace and defense industries
Aviation Week

1

Cyberdefense team in the nation
The Department of Energy's CyberForce National Competition

Programming team in the nation
Association of Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Contest

Cheerleading team
Game Day and University World Cup Championships

#4

Hospitality and hotel management school in the world
CEOWorld

#5

Video game graduate program in the world
The Princeton Review and PC Gamer

TOP 15

Online undergraduate programs in the nation

BEST ONLINE PROGRAMS
& WORLD REPORT
US NEWS
BACHELOR'S 2019

NEW RECORD



For 23 straight semesters, UCF student-athletes have earned a GPA of 3.0 or better as an overall department.

\$57 MILLION

Awarded to Bright Futures students last year

324

National Merit Scholars enrolled in 2018-19, a UCF record

To learn more, visit ucf.edu.

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We continuously update our counselor email list. If you are not on the list, please send your name, title, school, mailing address, email address and telephone number to Elizabeth Costello at Elizabeth.Costello@ucf.edu.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admissions
admissions.ucf.edu

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

FACULTY

2,533
76% with Ph.D.s

ENROLLMENT

68,500

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

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

DEGREE PROGRAMS

101 Bachelor's
88 Master's
32 Doctoral
3 Specialist

MALE-FEMALE RATIO
45% Male • 55% Female