



# COUNSELOR

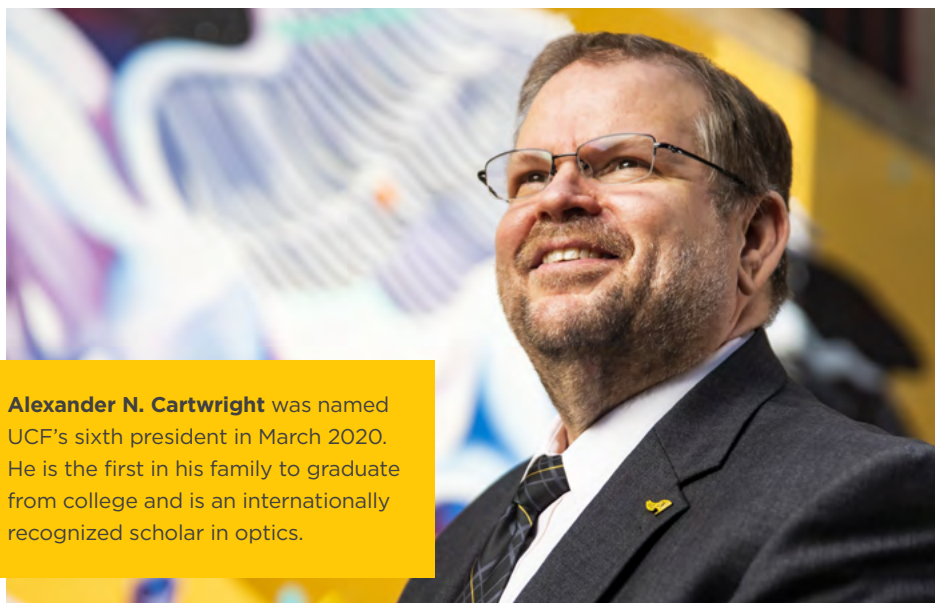
UPDATE FOR ENROLLMENT SERVICES - UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS • 2020-2021

## 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.

### SAFETY FIRST

**Virtual Campus Visits.** Touring campus is an important part of selecting the right university. However, like the rest of the nation, we currently have various measures in place to ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic, including putting our guided tours on hold. While we wait to show off everything from our palm tree-lined walkways and 80-acre nature preserve to our recreational facilities and sporting venues, we are offering virtual information sessions and tours.



**Alexander N. Cartwright** was named UCF's sixth president in March 2020. He is the first in his family to graduate from college and is an internationally recognized scholar in optics.

### FALL 2020 FTIC PROJECTED CLASS PROFILE

**82** NEW NATIONAL MERIT FRESHMEN

**4.18** GPA

**1322** SAT  
(EVIDENCE-BASED READING/Writing & MATH)

**28.7** ACT



### Top 5 Majors for Freshmen (FTIC)



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

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

# FRIENDS,

Greetings from the University of Central Florida! First and foremost, we want to thank you for your continued support of UCF and for all that you do for your students. These last few months have brought us all challenges we never imagined just last year and the 2020-21 academic year will surely present many more. In these unprecedented times, we look forward to working with all of you as we assist the Class of 2021 in navigating through the college admissions process.

This fall, we are welcoming one of the strongest freshman classes in UCF history. We project that our average GPA and test scores for Fall 2020 will be 4.18 GPA, 1322 SAT (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math), and 28.7 ACT. We are proving that a university can have it all — a diverse and inclusive community, high academic standards and affordable tuition. We are providing access, sparking innovation and positively impacting our community and the world. Our faculty and students are in a constant pursuit of excellence — in academics, athletics and research. We think boldly, push boundaries and shift paradigms to solve tomorrow's challenges. It's a great time to be a UCF Knight!

We encourage your students to experience UCF for themselves through our many virtual opportunities. Although we may not see you in person this year, we are committed to making sure we are accessible to you. We are only an email, phone, or Zoom call away. Again, thank you for your dedication, support and friendship.



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## FTIC APPLICANTS TO SELF-REPORT GRADES

Students applying to UCF for Summer/Fall 2021 and beyond will be asked to self-report their high school courses and grades. A Self-Provided Academic Record for Knights (SPARK) form will be required of each applicant. Electronic and hard-copy transcripts will not be processed at the time of application, but will be required of enrolling students to verify satisfactory completion of high school and graduation. FTIC applicants will be emailed a link to the SPARK form at the time of application submission. Reminders will be sent periodically to applicants who have not completed their form. A list of FAQs relating to the SPARK form and procedures is available at [admissions.ucf.edu/faq](https://admissions.ucf.edu/faq).

## UCF TO BEGIN SUPERSCORING ACT

UCF will begin superscoring the ACT for students applying to Summer/Fall 2021 and beyond. UCF had previously only superscored the SAT. The ACT superscore will be compiled using the highest English, Math, Reading and Science scores from all test components received. UCF does not prefer one test over the other, and since students perform differently on each test, they are encouraged to take both exams, if possible.

## NEW KNIGHTS MAJOR EXPLORATION AND TRANSITION CENTER OPENS FOR UNDECIDED STUDENTS

UCF launched an innovative academic advising model this summer that will enhance collaboration between university departments and help students select and complete their degree programs. The new Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center will serve students with undeclared majors and students who are exploring degree programs. This “hub” will coordinate a network of support services to help students discover pathways to academic success, connect them to resources and assist in their transition to UCF. [academicsuccess.ucf.edu/kmetc](https://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/kmetc).

## 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.

## RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Recommendation letters are not considered and will not be accepted as part of the general admission process to 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 continue to improve efficiency and reduce paper use, please do not encourage students to send recommendations unless otherwise instructed. Other supplemental information — such as the essay and/or a list of activities/involvement — may be submitted within the application for admission, but WILL NOT be accepted piecemeal.

## 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. Students applying for admission to Summer/Fall 2021 and beyond must rank in the top 10% of their graduating class and present a minimum SAT score of 1100 or ACT score of 22. Students whose schools do not rank may qualify by presenting a weighted high school GPA of 3.9 or higher (based on UCF's recalculated academic core).

[admissions.ucf.edu/toptenknights](https://admissions.ucf.edu/toptenknights).

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Admitted students may 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.

### MOST INNOVATIVE

UCF ranks among the nation's top 20 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 two in the top 5.

### DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE

UCF ranks fourth for number of bachelor's degrees earned by 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 12,500 current students are the first in their families to attend college.

# KNIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS



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

Game design graduate program in North America  
*The Princeton Review and PC Gamer*

Cheer team in the nation  
*UCA National Championships*



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2

Cybersecurity team in the nation  
*National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition*

Emergency and crisis management graduate program in the nation  
*U.S. News & World Report*



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4

Hospitality and hotel management school in the world  
*CEOWorld*



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5

Nonprofit management graduate program in the nation  
*U.S. News & World Report*

TOP 16

Online undergraduate programs in the nation



## NEW RECORD



For 25 straight semesters, UCF student-athletes have earned a GPA of 3.0 or better as an overall department.

\$88.6  
MILLION

Awarded to Bright Futures students last year

340

National Merit Scholars enrolled in 2020–21, a UCF record

To learn more, visit [ucf.edu](https://ucf.edu).



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WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR TEAM:

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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](mailto:Elizabeth.Costello@ucf.edu).

# QUICK FACTS

### LOCATION

Orlando, Florida

### DEGREE PROGRAMS

99 Bachelor's

89 Master's

31 Doctoral

3 Professional Doctoral

3 Research Specialist

### MALE-FEMALE RATIO

45% Male • 55% Female

### FACULTY

1,970

81% with PhDs

### GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

Students come from 66 Florida counties, all 50 states and 148 countries — with the highest amount from Bangladesh, China, India, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admissions

**[admissions.ucf.edu](https://admissions.ucf.edu)**

Burnett Honors College

**[honors.ucf.edu](https://honors.ucf.edu)**

Housing and Residence Life

**[housing.ucf.edu](https://housing.ucf.edu)**

LEAD Scholars

**[lead.sdes.ucf.edu](https://lead.sdes.ucf.edu)**

Office of Student Involvement

**[osi.ucf.edu](https://osi.ucf.edu)**

Orientation

**[orientation.ucf.edu](https://orientation.ucf.edu)**

Student Financial Assistance

**[finaid.ucf.edu](https://finaid.ucf.edu)**

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