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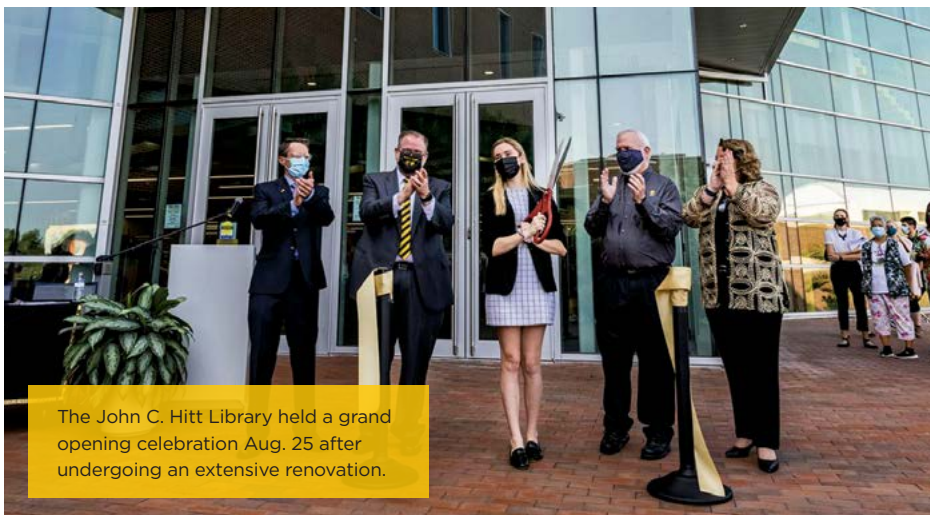
CHARGE ON AND CHANGE THE WORLD

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!

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

In-Person or Virtual Visits. Touring campus is an important part of selecting the right university. And while we're back to full operations on campus, we recognize that some families may still wish to engage virtually for the time being. That's why we've retained many of our virtual visit opportunities and streaming information

sessions, even while welcoming visitors back on campus. For a complete selection of guided and virtual campus tours, in-person events and web-based information sessions and student panels, visit admissions.ucf.edu/visit or admissions.ucf.edu/info-sessions.



The John C. Hitt Library held a grand opening celebration Aug. 25 after undergoing an extensive renovation.

FALL 2021 FTIC PROJECTED CLASS PROFILE

107 NEW NATIONAL MERIT FRESHMEN

4.25 GPA

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

28.6 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. The past year and a half has brought us all unimaginable challenges, and the new academic year will surely present many more. In these uncertain times, we hope that you and your students are safe and well, and we look forward to working with all of you as we assist the Class of 2022 in navigating the college admissions process.

This fall, we are welcoming one of the most academically talented freshman class in UCF history, including a record 107 National Merit Scholars. We project that our average GPA and test scores for Fall 2021 will be 4.25 GPA, 1325 SAT (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math), and 28.6 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 either in-person or virtual opportunities. And though we may not see many of you for another 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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NEW “FUTURE KNIGHT PORTAL” IS LIVE

The UCF institutional application for admission made its successful migration to the Slate platform this August. We believe the new platform will be more intuitive, lead to fewer mistakes, and enhance the overall user experience. The changeover also means that students will no longer view their application status in myUCF. A new “Future Knight Portal” will provide status updates, along with a clear checklist of items required to complete their application and confirm their enrollment. Information and steps for checking the Future Knight Portal will be provided to students upon application submission for both the institutional application and the Common App.

FTIC APPLICANTS SELF REPORT GRADES VIA THE SPARK FORM

Students applying to UCF have now been self-reporting their high school courses and grades for the past year. The Self-Provided Academic Record for Knights (SPARK) Form is 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 complete the SPARK in their Future Knight Portal. School counselors should not submit hard copy or electronic transcripts at the time of application. A list of FAQs relating to the SPARK Form and procedures is available at admissions.ucf.edu/faq.

SSN AND FAFSA

Students should be encouraged to submit their Social Security Number (SSN) on their application for admission to UCF. 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. As a reminder, UCF's FAFSA priority filing date is December 1.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

UCF awards most of its merit scholarship funds between November and January of each application cycle. Students who wish to be considered for a merit award should submit their application in early fall of their senior year. 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.



TOP 10 KNIGHTS INITIATIVE CHARGES ON

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. To qualify as a Top 10 Knight, students must rank in the top 10% of their graduating class and present a minimum composite SAT score of 1100 or composite 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/toptenknight.



MOST INNOVATIVE

UCF ranks among the nation's top 20 most innovative colleges, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

TOP PRODUCER

UCF awards more than 17,000 degrees a year and is one of the top producers of graduates among public universities.

BEST GRAD SCHOOLS

U.S. News & World Report ranks 30 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 27.5 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



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

Graduate video game design program in North America

The Princeton Review and *PC Gamer*

Cybersecurity team in the nation for the fourth time

National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

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Emergency and crisis management graduate program in the nation

U.S. News & World Report

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3

Hospitality and hotel management school in the world
CEOWorld

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9

Nonprofit management graduate program in the nation

U.S. News & World Report

TOP 15

Online undergraduate programs in the nation



NEW RECORD



For 27 straight semesters, UCF student-athletes have earned a GPA of 3.0 or better as an overall department.

\$103.7

MILLION

Awarded to Bright Futures students last year

360

National Merit Scholars projected for 2021-22, a UCF record

To learn more, visit ucf.edu.

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QUICK FACTS

LOCATION

Orlando, Florida

DEGREE PROGRAMS

103 Bachelor's

91 Master's

31 Doctoral

3 Professional Doctoral

3 Research Specialist

MALE-FEMALE RATIO

44% Male • 56% Female

FACULTY

1,906

82% with PhDs

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

Students come from 66 Florida counties, all 50 states and 146 countries — with the highest amount from Venezuela, Columbia, China, Haiti, and Brazil.

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

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