

2023-24 COUNSELOR UPDATE

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS | ENROLLMENT PLANNING & MANAGEMENT



UNLEASHING POTENTIAL

Our mission: UCF is a public research university invested in unleashing the potential within every individual, enriching the human experience through inclusion, discovery, and innovation, and propelling broad-based prosperity for the many communities we serve.

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER TO OFFER FREE APPLICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOPS

The Department of Writing and Rhetoric and the University Writing Center are pleased to offer free virtual workshops on writing college admission and scholarship essays. Students will learn tips for getting started, review example prompts, develop a plan for revision and more!

Workshops are open to prospective students of any year, as well as parents, guardians and others who support prospective college students. For details and to register, visit uwc.cah.ucf.edu/events and for questions, email uwc@ucf.edu.

FALL 2023 FTIC PROJECTED CLASS PROFILE

4.3 GPA

1323 SAT (EBRW + MATH)

28 ACT

79 NEW FRESHMAN NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

TOP 5 MAJORS FOR FRESHMEN (FTIC)

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

FTIC DECISION RELEASE UPDATE

Our freshman Application Completion Deadlines will remain unchanged for the coming cycle (March 1 for summer and May 1 for fall). We continue to encourage students to apply early in their senior year and anticipate that the first FTIC decisions for Summer and Fall 2024 will be released in early December. Following the initial release of admission offers, decisions will be issued on a rolling basis until the **May 1** deadline.

FRIENDS,

Since last year, UCF has been focused on the promotion of student success through the creation of a new division, Student Success and Well-Being. The division has united staff and units that serve and support students across their entire undergraduate journey, from prospective student to job placement.

A critical part of that new organizational structure is a new unit of Enrollment Planning and Management, bringing the offices of Undergraduate Admissions, Student Financial Assistance, and the Registrar's Office under one umbrella. Leading the unit is a new Interim Associate Vice President Alicia Keaton.

Keaton has served UCF with distinction as the director of Student Financial Assistance for the past 10 years. Prior to that time, she served in positions at Wayne State University and the University of Florida, earning a strong reputation in our state and across the country as a fierce advocate for access and student success. Leading this unit, Keaton takes over from Gordon Chavis, who retired from UCF in 2022.

Our mission to unleash the potential within every individual and propel broad-based prosperity to the many communities we serve has not changed. We do this by providing the best undergraduate education available, at a cost that is among the lowest in the nation. We invite you and your students to visit us for yourselves through our daily Campus Visit Experience or a weekend open house. We are also committed to being accessible to you, so please reach out by phone or email if we can be of service. Thank you again for your tireless dedication, support and friendship.



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A THRILLING NEW MAJOR DEBUTS AT UCF'S ROSEN COLLEGE

To best prepare students for the expansion of the tourism industry, UCF is launching a new management degree that will give students unparalleled experience in the tourism capital of the world.

Beginning in Fall 2023, the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management will offer a bachelor's degree in theme park and attraction management, giving students a specialized understanding of the complex, global tourism industry. UCF will be the only institution in Florida to offer a management-focused, undergraduate degree of its kind.

TOP 10 KNIGHTS INITIATIVE SUNSETS

UCF's Top 10 Knights initiative has ended after a nine-year run. The decision will reduce inequities and inconsistencies in how Top 10 Knights were identified and is effective immediately for all application cycles.

In recent years, some Florida high schools and/or districts changed the way class rank is calculated and reported, making it impossible to accurately evaluate and determine students for Top 10 Knights qualification.

UCF remains committed to a holistic application review process that includes consideration of course selection, curriculum, rigor, GPA, test score(s) and other subjective factors. When accurately reported, class rank will be a consideration, however, unranked

students will not be disadvantaged in the admission review process.

All students, regardless of placement within their graduating class, are encouraged to apply to UCF before **Nov. 1** of their senior year. The timing of their application remains one of the most consequential factors in being admitted to UCF.

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION

Orlando

DEGREE PROGRAMS

104 Bachelor's

97 Master's

33 Doctoral

3 Professional Doctoral

3 Research Specialist

MALE-FEMALE RATIO

44% Male • 56% Female

FACULTY

1,875

81% with Ph.D.s

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

Students come from 67 Florida counties, all 50 states and 146 countries — with the highest number from Venezuela, Brazil, India, Columbia and Vietnam.

TOP PRODUCER

UCF awards more than **18,000** degrees a year and is one of the top producers of graduates among public universities.

FTIC APPLICANTS SELF-REPORT GRADES VIA THE SPARK FORM

Students applying to UCF will continue to self-report their high school courses and grades in lieu of sending in-progress transcripts. The Self-Provided Academic Record for Knights (SPARK) Form is required of each first-time in college (FTIC) applicant. Electronic and hard-copy transcripts will not be accepted or 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 after they have successfully submitted their application and fee or fee waiver. A list of FAQs relating to the SPARK Form and procedures is available at admissions.ucf.edu/faq.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE

The Scholarship Priority Deadline for FTIC students remains **Nov. 1**. FTIC students should submit a complete application for admission, including the application fee or waiver, SPARK Form, and official SAT, ACT or CLT test scores by this date for priority scholarship consideration. Scholarship funding is limited, and the Scholarship Committee reviews admitted FTIC students until all funding has been allocated. Scholarship funding for FTIC students is usually exhausted by January for the incoming summer and fall classes.

SSN AND 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. As a reminder, UCF's FAFSA priority filing date is **Dec. 1**.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO SECURE HOUSING EARLY

Living on campus provides students with a variety of engagement opportunities and has been proven to increase student retention and persistence. With easy access to classes, dining, support services, social activities and athletic events, it's easy to see why on-campus housing fills quickly. FTIC students are given priority in the housing application process. However, with economic and inventory issues affecting housing around the country, it's more important than ever that students wishing to live in our residence halls apply as soon as possible. Housing applications typically open in October and students can complete their housing agreements upon admission.

240+ MAJORS. ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES.

**\$615.7
MILLION**

in financial
aid awarded

72%

of undergraduate
students received
financial aid

NO. 1

supplier of graduates to
the aerospace and defense
industries, six years in a row
—*Aviation Week Network*

TOP 5

hospitality and tourism
school in the world
—*ShanghaiRanking*

NO. 2

graduate and **No. 6** undergraduate
game design programs in the world
—*The Princeton Review and PC Gamer*



MOST INNOVATIVE

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

BEST GRAD SCHOOLS

U.S. News & World Report ranks 23 UCF grad programs among the top 100 in their fields — including three in the top 20.

DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE

UCF ranks fourth for number of bachelor's degrees earned by minorities. And with 28% Hispanic enrollment, UCF is designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.



FOSTERING SOCIAL MOBILITY

At UCF, more than 17% of current students are the first in their families to attend college.

OVERKNIGHT SHOWCASE RETURNS TO UCF

After a four-year hiatus, the acclaimed OverKnight Showcase for high school and college counselors will return in February 2024. Space will be limited. Be the first to know when registration opens by emailing us at uaevents@ucf.edu. We'll email you in November with save the date information and provide you with priority registration on a first-come, first-accommodated basis.

ADMISSIONS STAFF

We are pleased to introduce you to our team:

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LEAD Scholars Academy

lead.sdes.ucf.edu

Office of Student Involvement

osi.ucf.edu

Orientation

orientation.ucf.edu

Student Financial Assistance

ucf.edu/financial-aid

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COUNSELOR EMAIL LIST

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.



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

At UCF, 62% of FTIC students graduate with no educational debt from UCF.