

2025-26 COUNSELOR UPDATE

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS | ENROLLMENT PLANNING & MANAGEMENT



FALL 2025 FTIC ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

4.1-4.5 GPA MIDRANGE
(WEIGHTED CORE)

1310-1430 SAT
MIDRANGE

28-32 ACT
MIDRANGE

92-100 CLT
MIDRANGE

71 NEW FRESHMAN NATIONAL
MERIT SCHOLARS

STUDENTS INVENT THE FUTURE AT UCF

UCF is where students come to invent their future — and technology is the key to unlocking it. It's true that we're Florida's top producer of engineering and computer science graduates. But at UCF, technology is woven into disciplines across the university, from healthcare and education to business, design and the arts.

Students use immersive tools and work alongside top faculty to visualize complex data and test bold ideas. They participate in cutting-edge research that powers real-world impact. And with strong industry partnerships, UCF connects students to opportunities that fuel discovery and growth. Here, technology isn't just a major — it's a mindset. No matter their field, students graduate ready to shape the world ahead.

EARLY ACTION DATES FOR SUMMER & FALL 2026 ANNOUNCED

REVISED DEADLINES GIVE STUDENTS MORE TIME TO SUBMIT MATERIALS, INCLUDING OCT. TEST RESULTS

UCF is introducing new Early Action (EA) deadlines for the 2025-26 admission cycle. First-time-in-college (FTIC) students who wish to apply through EA must submit their application and \$30 application fee (or approved fee waiver) by **October 15**. All required supporting documents, including official test scores and the SPARK Form, must be received by **November 15**.

Students are encouraged to request their official SAT, ACT or CLT scores well in advance of the deadline to ensure timely delivery. Applicants who meet the EA deadlines will receive a final admission decision or deferral for new information on **December 5**.

Early Action at UCF is **non-binding**. Students admitted through this option must confirm their enrollment by **May 1**. Admitted EA students also receive **priority consideration for merit scholarships** and **early access to the on-campus housing application**.

UCF will continue to review applications on a **rolling basis** for students who complete their application after November 15. These applicants will receive decisions on a rolling basis between **January and May**. Students who apply after the EA deadlines are not eligible for deferral and may receive an admission decision of **admit, pathway admit, waitlist, or deny**.

TOP 5 MAJORS FOR FRESHMEN (FTIC)

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

KEY DATES	Early Action	Regular Decision
Application Deadline	Oct. 15 S F	Mar. 1 S May 1 F
Material Submission Deadline	Nov. 15 S F	Mar. 1 S May 1 F
Decision Notification	Dec. 5 S F	Mar. 1 S May 1 F
Decision Outcomes	Admit, Pathway, Defer, Deny	Admit, Pathway, Deny, Waitlist

S Summer Term **F** Fall Term

Dear Friends,

At UCF, student success and well-being are at the heart of everything we do—and they are central to our Unleashing Potential strategic plan.

Within the Division of Student Success and Well-Being, our mission is to help students thrive across four essential dimensions: Belonging, Engaging, Achieving, and Meaning (BEAM). This framework supports students in turning their goals into accomplishments and encourages them to build a strong sense of belonging, take part in meaningful experiences, reach their full potential, and pursue purpose in all aspects of their college journey.

Through BEAM, students are encouraged to forge meaningful connections with others – both in and out of the classroom – access the many campus resources available to support their growth, and identify and develop their passions in ways that prepare them for a successful future.

With the guidance of our supportive network of coaches, advocates, faculty and staff, every Knight has the tools to succeed.

We invite you and your students to explore UCF in person through our daily Campus Visit Experience or our weekend Knight for a Day open house events.

As always, we're here for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone or email if we can offer any support or guidance.

Thank you for your continued commitment, partnership and friendship.



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APP NUMBERS DEMONSTRATE POPULARITY OF EARLY ACTION

Early Action proved to be a popular choice for first-year students applying to UCF in 2025. Of the 65,787 first-year applications received for Fall 2025 - a 16% increase over the previous year - more than two-thirds of admitted students applied through EA. In total, 17,087 students were admitted through this non-binding process, compared to 8,542 through regular or rolling admission.

The strong participation in EA reflects students' desire to plan early, demonstrate interest in UCF, and benefit from the flexibility of early notification, priority scholarship review, and early access to the on-campus housing application.

COLLEGE REALIGNMENT & NEW DEGREES ADDED

As part of a strategic academic realignment, the **College of Undergraduate Studies and its degree programs will be integrated into the College of Community Innovation and Education**. The Fall 2025 change will streamline student support and enhance the academic experience.

NEW: Health Informatics

This fully online program prepares students to manage and analyze health data using technology to improve patient care and healthcare systems.

NEW: Health Information Management

This program trains students to oversee the secure use and maintenance of health records and information systems. It combines healthcare knowledge with business, technology and regulatory compliance to support patient care and organizational efficiency.

NEW: Interdisciplinary Healthcare Studies

Designed for students seeking a broad foundation in healthcare, this program in the College of Health Professions & Sciences integrates coursework from multiple disciplines to explore the delivery, policy, and practice of healthcare. It prepares graduates for diverse roles in health services, administration, and community health.

NEW: Business Analytics

This new degree option provides students with the foundational education required to work in this fast-growing field of business. Students have to declare Pre-Economics BSBA as a major first and then fill out a form to declare Business Analytics after they are admitted to the College of Business.

QUICK FACTS

DEGREE PROGRAMS

104 Bachelor's

97 Master's

33 Doctoral

3 Professional Doctoral

3 Research Specialist

MALE-FEMALE RATIO

44% Male • 56% Female

FACULTY

3,500 • 85% with terminal degrees

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

Students come from 67 Florida counties, all 50 states and more than 150 countries — with the highest number from Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia, India 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 in the nation.

SLATE.ORG GIVES REAL-TIME ADMISSION INSIGHTS

Starting Fall 2025, UCF will provide eligible high school counselors with access to applicant data in the Slate.org portal, enhancing communication and further streamlining the application process.

Slate.org is a free platform that allows counselors to easily view admission decisions, facilitating better guidance for students navigating the search process. This resource underscores our commitment to supporting students and strengthening relationships with school counselors. For information on Slate.org and to sign up for access to the Slate.org portal, visit <https://slate.org/>.

A PREMIER OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

For your top-performing students who are ready to go further, the **Burnett Honors College** offers an elevated academic experience designed to challenge, inspire and prepare them to lead in any field.

With small, discussion-based classes, personalized advising, priority registration, and access to undergraduate research, honors college students benefit from a highly engaged and supportive learning environment. They also have exclusive opportunities for scholarships, study abroad, graduate and professional school preparation.

Admission to the Burnett Honors College is selective and students must apply

separately in addition to submitting the university admission application. We encourage you to identify strong candidates early and direct them to honors.ucf.edu for requirements and additional information.

Honors applications are available from September 15 through March 15 with a priority application deadline of January 15.

STUDENTS CAN BE KNIGHTS FOR A DAY DURING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

It's no secret that the best way to get to know any college is to visit. Students and families can explore our beautiful campus and discover what it's like to be a Knight for a day during our fall open house events. Programs are held on select Saturdays and include campus tours, information sessions, and opportunities to meet faculty, staff and current students. See what makes UCF exceptional at our 2025-26 Open Houses:

- **September 13**
- **October 11**
- **October 25**
- **January 24**

A special series of invitation-only tours and events will be offered in March and April for admitted students. Details will be shared in early 2026.

UCF PRODUCES 25% OF FLORIDA'S ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATES
(State University System)



MOST INNOVATIVE

UCF is recognized as the most innovative university in Florida and ranks among the nation's top 15 most innovative colleges, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

U.S. News & World Report ranks UCF #56 on its list of best undergraduate teaching programs based on factors such as graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, and financial resources.

FOSTERING SOCIAL MOBILITY

At UCF, more than 20% of current students are the first in their families to attend college.

SUPPORTING VETERAN SUCCESS

UCF is recognized as a top school for veterans and their dependents due to its comprehensive support services and commitment to veteran success.



100+ MAJORS. ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES.

ZERO DEBT

70% of FTICs go on to graduate from UCF with no educational debt

72%

of undergraduate students received financial aid

NO. 1

hospitality and tourism school in the world: UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

—*ShanghaiRanking*

No. 1

supplier of graduates to the aerospace and defense industries

—*Aviation Week Network*

NO. 1

graduate and **No. 5** undergraduate game design programs in the world

—*The Princeton Review* and *PC Gamer*

BIENNIAL 'OVERKNIGHT SHOWCASE' RETURNS IN 2026

The OverNight Showcase for high school counselors will return in February 2026. This uniquely UCF tradition will feature opportunities to see campus, meet with faculty and administrators, and gain a fuller understanding of our policies and processes – all to help strengthen your toolkit and become a better resource for your students. To place your name on the “first to know” list, email us at visit@ucf.edu. Official dates will be announced in November.

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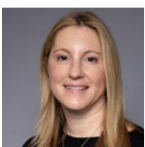
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**Kiplinger and *Forbes*
rank a UCF education
among the nation's
best values.**



The Dr. Phillips Nursing Pavilion, the College of Nursing's new home at UCF's Academic Health Sciences Campus, opens in Fall 2025 to address the nursing shortage and foster innovation and collaboration.

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Housing & Residence Life
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New Student and Family Programs
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Student Financial Assistance
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Student Success and Well-Being
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