## **Loan Comparison Chart**

	Stafford	PLUS	Grad PLUS	Optional
Types of Loans	Non-credit based loan for undergraduate and graduate students	Credit based loan for parent of dependent student	Credit based loan for graduate students	Credit based loan for undergraduate and graduate students
	Subsidized Loans are need based and available only to undergraduate students.			
	Unsubsidized Loans are non- need based			
	For information about the grace period, please visit Federal Direct Stafford Loan.			
Interest Rate	Undergraduate:	Rate prior to 7/1/18: 7.0% fixed	Rate prior to 7/1/18: 7.0% fixed	Variable interest will be based on the credit worthiness of the borrower and/or co-borrower.
	Subsidized & Unsubsidized rate prior to 7/1/18: 4.45% fixed	Rate on or after 7/1/18: 7.6% fixed	Rate on or after 7/1/18: 7.6% fixed	
	Subsidized & Unsubsidized rate on or after 7/1/18: 5.05% fixed	Lender may have borrower benefits that include interest rate reductions during	Lender may have borrower benefits that include interest rate reductions during	
	Graduate Current Rate:  Subsidized loans are available only to undergraduate	repayment	repayment	
	students.			
	Unsubsidized rate prior to 7/1/18: 6% fixed			
	Unsubsidized rate on or after 7/1/18: 6.6% fixed			
Loan Fees	Effective 10/1/17, 1.066% charged by Dept of Ed	Effective 10/1/17, 4.264% charged by Dept of Ed	Effective 10/1/17, 4.264% charged by Dept of Ed	Optional loan lenders have no limits on processing fees and may vary per lender.
	Effective 10/01/18, 1.062% charged by Dept of Ed	Effective 10/1/18, 4.268% charged by Dept of Ed	Effective 10/1/18, 4.268% charged by Dept of Ed	
Interest Accrual	Subsidized – government pays interest on behalf of student during in-school deferment (while enrolled for at least half-time) and during a 6 month	Parent is responsible for interest that accrues from time of disbursement until loan is paid in full	Student is responsible for interest that accrues from time of disbursement until loan is paid in full	Accrued interest may be capitalized as often as monthly
	grace period (after no longer being enrolled for at least half- time)		Unpaid accrued interest is capitalized at repayment.	
	Unsubsidized – student is responsible for interest that accrues from time of disbursement until loan is paid in full			

Repayment	6 month grace period after student is no longer enrolled for at least half-time.  Deferred payments while inschool for at least half-time.	Optional 6 month grace period after student is no longer enrolled for at least half-time; Important: In order to postpone payments, parent must apply for a PLUS loan grace period prior to entering repayment	6 month grace period after student is no longer enrolled for at least half-time  Deferred payments while inschool for at least half-time and during grace period	Deferment options vary widely per lender
		Forbearance request is up to the U.S. Department of Education's discretion.		
Eligibility	FAFSA  U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen as defined by the FAFSA	Dependent for whom the parent is borrowing must meet the following:	FAFSA U.S. citizenship status or eligible non-citizen status as	Student and/or co-signer must be credit worthy as determined by the lender Eligibility criteria vary per lender: degree- seeking, SAP, and enrollment
	Have a high school diploma or equivalent.	U.S. citizenship status or eligible non-citizen status as defined by the FAFSA	defined by the FAFSA  Meet UCF Admission requirements	Eligibility criteria may vary per lender (citizenship, degreeseeking, SAP, and enrollment). Students should
	Degree-seeking status at UCF in an eligible program  Meet UCF Admission	Have a high school diploma or equivalent.	Degree-seeking status at UCF in an eligible graduate program	research to understand the terms and conditions of the loans from the lender(s).
	requirements  At least half-time enrollment in	Degree-seeking status at UCF in an eligible program	At least half-time enrollment in UCF classes	The Optional loan combined with other aid cannot exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.
	Acceptance of Direct Stafford Loan(s) on myUCF	Meet UCF Admission requirements	Satisfactory Academic Progress  Complete all To Do List items	Loan application process with lender must be completed
	Satisfactory Academic Progress	At least half-time enrollment in UCF classes	Complete Verification if selected	
	Complete all To Do List items	Satisfactory Academic Progress  No default/overpayment in	No default/overpayment in financial aid	NOTE! International students must have a valid Social Security Number or an Individual Tax Identification
	Complete Verification if selected  No default/overpayment in	Parent must have credit-	Not exceed loan aggregate limits	Number (ITIN).
	financial aid  Not exceed loan aggregate	worthiness and not have a default/overpayment record in financial aid	Student must have credit- worthiness	
	If in receipt of a Federal Stafford Loan during this academic year at another institution, make sure that the remainder of that loan is canceled before applying for	If in receipt of a Federal PLUS Loan during this academic year at another institution, make sure that the remainder of that loan is canceled before applying for a loan at UCF.	If in receipt of a Federal Grad PLUS Loan during this academic year at another institution, make sure that the remainder of that loan is canceled before applying for a loan at UCF.	
	a loan at UCF.		You MUST borrow the maximum Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans before applying for a Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan!	
Loan Limits	Loans and any other financial aid may not exceed Cost of Attendance, Aggregate Limits, nor Annual Limits for details, visit Borrowing Limits and	Up to Cost of Attendance minus any other financial aid eligibility, including federal Stafford loans  U.S. Department of Education	Up to Cost of Attendance minus any other financial aid eligibility, including federal Stafford loans  U.S. Department of Education	Up to Cost of Attendance minus any financial aid eligibility, including federal loans
	Stafford Loans	will run credit check to determine credit-worthiness for requested amount	will run credit check to determine credit-worthiness for requested amount	Lender will run credit check to determine credit-worthiness for requested amount
How to Apply	How to apply Federal Direct Stafford Loans	How to apply Federal Direct PLUS Loans	How to apply Federal Direct GradPLUS Loans	How to apply Optional Loans