REACH FOR THE STARS
At UCF, our motto is “Reach for the Stars.” It pushes us to think big and to refuse to be limited by what others say is possible. Since our founding in 1963, this mindset has helped UCF become one of the most innovative universities in the country, with a sense of entrepreneurship and optimism that is unique to Knight Nation.

Kiplinger, Forbes and The Princeton Review rank a UCF education among the nation’s best values.

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


UCF is the largest university in the state of Florida, based on enrollment.

With 27.5% Hispanic enrollment, UCF is designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education.

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

Our graduates earn Fulbright, Goldwater, Mellon, Rhodes, Truman and Udall scholarships.

We’ve earned the Carnegie Foundation’s highest ranking for research activity.

The Rosen College of Hospitality Management is ranked in the top 5 in the world by CEOWorld magazine.
BE PART OF MAKING A GREATER IMPACT.

We develop and design. We promote and protect. We learn, launch and lead the way. Through innovative faculty research, powerful student achievements and exciting academic offerings, UCF encourages brilliant ideas, empowers the next generation of talent and helps make the world a better place.
“UCF has benefits and opportunities that I wouldn’t be able to get at other schools, including a national championship-winning programming team and getting to represent one of the best schools in the country.”

“I’ve become more confident in my intellectual and technical abilities and just as a person. I know my limits when it comes to work, studying and keeping everything balanced.”

“Being so involved, I’ve learned that UCF literally has a resource for everything — it’s just a matter of finding the things that interest and best serve you.”

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At UCF, you’ll interact with caring faculty, immerse yourself in new challenges, explore groundbreaking research opportunities, and enjoy our student-centered approach to higher education. Discover what makes UCF exciting and engaging by learning about our 13 colleges and more than 230 degree programs.

Our 13 Colleges

Arts and Humanities
Burnett Honors College
Business
Community Innovation and Education
Engineering and Computer Science
Graduate Studies
Health Professions and Sciences
Medicine
Nursing
Optics and Photonics
Rosen College of Hospitality Management
Sciences
Undergraduate Studies
ROOTED IN RESEARCH

Every day at UCF, you can find students and researchers working together to generate real-world impact, improving the lives of our local and global community. A wide range of research opportunities are ongoing in the areas of energy, tourism, HIV, cancer, mental health, human behavior, civics education, language acquisition, cybersecurity, sea-level rise, building energy conservation, species conservation and the impact of art on health.

GRADUATE ON TIME

The Think 30 campaign encourages UCF students to complete 30 credit hours each year with the goal of a timely graduation that minimizes the expense of a college degree. Most undergraduate degrees at UCF require 120 credit hours, so enrolling in and completing 30 credit hours each year can help you stay on track for a four-year graduation. But graduating in four years won’t just save you time — you can save money, start grad school sooner and earn more in your career, too.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

When Carolyn Massiah started her collegiate journey, a mentor helped her pivot to a field she truly loves — marketing. Now as an associate chair and lecturer in marketing, she makes sure every interaction with her students counts because she knows it can make a world of difference. With UCF’s location in Orlando’s prominent service industry, she is able to continue her research in service marketing — and share the most current trends with her students.

“We’re given an amazing power as educators that can have lifelong impacts, and we should never take that for granted.”

BE A LEADER IN INDUSTRY

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE
As cyberdefense takes center stage, take the lead and engineer the future of security.

SPACE
Create bold plans to discover the universe beyond and propel space exploration further.

MODELING & SIMULATION
Advance the technologies of tomorrow — where high-quality education meets high industry standards.

HEALTHCARE
Healthcare education opens up many opportunities, empowering you to make an impact both locally and globally.

DIGITAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
Up the game in the digital world and become a game changer in digital arts and entertainment.

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
Put your future on the map with an award-winning education in a world-class destination.
With 103 bachelor’s degree programs, UCF does more than offer options — we provide opportunities. Our expert advisors and coaches will help you choose your path and stay on track.

**UCF OFFERS:**

- **103 Bachelor’s Degree Programs**
- **91 Master’s Degree Programs**
- **31 Doctoral Degree Programs**
- **3 Professional Doctoral Degree Programs**
- **3 Research Specialist Degree Programs**

[ucf.edu/degree-search](http://ucf.edu/degree-search)
Living in America’s most popular tourist destination has its perks, but there’s a lot more to Orlando than theme parks and thrill rides. From our dynamic downtown to our eclectic neighborhoods and wide-open nature reserves, Orlando offers more reasons to explore than you can imagine. And with 236 days of signature sunshine to enjoy, it’s no surprise that so many UCF alumni choose to stay in the region after graduation.

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS**
There are trails to hike, lakes to paddle and natural springs to explore. And in less than an hour’s drive, there are beautiful beaches to discover and enjoy.

**ARTS EPICENTER**
Orlando’s world-class entertainment, music and arts venues host pop stars, opera divas, Broadway actors, art shows and performers of every type and genre.

**THEME PARKS APLENTY**
Whether you seek the thrill of roller coasters or are drawn to the magic of imagination, UCF is perfectly positioned for students to enjoy quick access to world-famous attractions, including Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort and SeaWorld Orlando.

**SPORTS HUB**
UCF is Orlando’s hometown team, but we also cheer for the local pros, including the Orlando Magic, Orlando City Soccer Club, Orlando Pride and Orlando Solar Bears.

**CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES**
There are hundreds of festivals, fairs and fiestas happening year-round that draw Central Floridians together to celebrate food, culture, film, music, theater and more.

**TOP EMPLOYERS**
Get real-world experience through internships and co-ops at nearby companies that are renowned industry leaders in areas including hospitality, engineering, healthcare and more.

**ADVENTURES BEGIN HERE**
Orlando makes it easy to travel with two international airports, local and national train service, a seaport for cruises and multiple bus lines. Plus, students can ride any Lynx bus for free with a valid UCF ID.

**NO. 2 BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS**
Each year, Florida welcomes new businesses to the area and has been recognized as one of the Best States for Business by Chief Executive Group.
From Spirit Splash to UCF Celebrates the Arts, these time-honored traditions are just a few of our favorites. Get ready to make friends, make memories and make the most of your time at UCF.

**PEGASUS PALOOZA & THE KNIGHTING**

Pegasus Palooza, UCF’s official welcome week, takes place each fall and is packed with social, academic and service activities to help you find your place. It kicks off with The Knighting, a formal convocation ceremony welcoming new Knights to campus.

**SPIRIT SPLASH**

Spirit Splash is one of the most popular events on campus — and has been voted one of the best college traditions in the nation. Part of Homecoming Week, this wet and wild pep rally invites Knights to charge into the Reflecting Pond and catch collectible rubber ducks and commemorative T-shirts.

**KNIGHT-THON**

Grab your comfy shoes for this one. The Knight-Thon dance marathon takes place in spring and will keep you on your feet all night for a great cause, raising more than $1 million each year for a local children’s hospital.
UCF CELEBRATES THE ARTS

Cultivate your creativity during UCF Celebrates the Arts. This 10-day festival features musicals, living art and concert performances that showcase creativity, innovation and collaboration across the university.

UNIVERSAL KNIGHTS

If you like roller coasters, you’ll love Universal Knights. Each spring, join thousands of Knights with exclusive, late-night access to Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure. It’s the greatest study break of the year. And best of all, it’s free!

DIVERSITY WEEK

Take part in our largest cultural celebration. Diversity week activities connect students and build a more inclusive culture, including community service activities, presentations by renowned speakers and social events.

RESEARCH WEEK

Student Research Week is a showcase of discovery and scholarship. Each April, students participate in workshops and events, including poster sessions where they present research and creative scholarship to the UCF community.

ucf.edu/about-ucf/traditions
Knights athletic teams have earned impressive victories on state and national stages — from American Athletic Conference titles to a 25-game winning streak. But some of our student-athletes’ most important triumphs have been in the classroom. For 27 consecutive semesters, UCF student-athletes have collectively earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**BLACK & GOLD FAN ZONE**

Ready to cheer on the Knights? Students have access to free admission to every sporting event on campus. Grab your face paint and get all the details at ucfknights.com.

**CHAMPIONS**

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

- **BASEBALL**
- **MEN’S BASKETBALL**
- **WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**
- **CHEERLEADING**
- **WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**
- **FOOTBALL**
- **MEN’S GOLF**
- **WOMEN’S GOLF**

- **WOMEN’S ROWING**
- **MEN’S SOCCER**
- **WOMEN’S SOCCER**
- **SOFTBALL**
- **MEN’S TENNIS**
- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
- **WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD**
- **WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

**ORLANDO’S HOMETOWN TEAM**
THE BOUNCE HOUSE
Our on-campus stadium is home to UCF football games and 45,000 cheering fans.

ADDITION FINANCIAL ARENA
Home to men’s and women’s basketball, this 10,000-seat venue also hosts concerts, comedians and shows.

PLAY HERE
MAKE YOUR HOME ON CAMPUS

Living on campus is one of the best decisions you can make at UCF. You’ll be in the middle of the action with quick, easy access to classes, dining and recreation from any of our 11 housing communities. It’s a big advantage. Plus, our modern facilities — from kitchens and laundry centers to community spaces — provide all of the conveniences, amenities and resources you need to make UCF your home away from home.

LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE

A Living Learning Community (LLC) brings together students who share a common major, interest or program affiliation. But LLCs do more than create instant friends and study buddies — they allow you to live and learn with a small group of students who have similar goals and experiences as you.

FUEL UP WITH FLAVOR

No matter what you’re craving, you can find it on campus, including Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Steak ‘n Shake, Smoothie King, Panda Express, Chilí’s, Einstein Bros. Bagels and traditional all-you-can-eat dining halls. ucf.campusdish.com.

ROBUST RESOURCES

UCF’s modern facilities and state-of-the-art technology keep you connected to classwork and social communities, while 800 acres of woodlands, lakes and an arboretum help you reconnect with nature. Whether you’re inside a classroom or outside exploring, our campus is an exciting place to learn — and an easy place to love.
EXERCISE AND ENERGIZE

Our 149,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center offers two swimming pools, cardio and fitness equipment, a 41-foot rock climbing tower, sand volleyball, multipurpose courts, group classes, intramural sports and more. Across campus, you’ll also find tennis and basketball courts, a disc golf course and hiking trails, a challenge course, plus paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing on Lake Claire.

BALANCE MIND AND BODY

Knights have easy access to on-campus doctors, dentists, mental health counselors, dietitians and a full-service pharmacy. Plus, we’re committed to making sure everyone feels safe, respected and included.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE

From big-name concerts and comedy shows to movie screenings and theater productions, there’s always something exciting happening at UCF. Take advantage of free events on campus and score discounted tickets to Orlando’s most popular attractions.

STAY CAREER FOCUSED

Whether you are exploring degree options or have your sights set on a career, we can help you achieve your goals and get a head start on what’s next. Career Services has numerous resources and services to offer as you search for the right major, prepare for your job search or plan for graduate school. Get connected to rewarding internships, innovative partnerships, volunteer opportunities and an array of resources that can help you turn your degree into a dream job.
READY TO BECOME A KNIGHT?

From application deadlines to financial assistance info, you can find a ton of helpful information here and at ucf.edu/admissions. Admission to UCF is competitive, so we encourage prospective students to apply early in their senior year of high school. By applying early, you may benefit from scholarship consideration and housing availability.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UCF requires a minimum of 18 high school units to be considered for admission. Students must complete four years of English, four years of math (Algebra I and above), three years of science, three years of social sciences, two years of the same foreign language (in sequence) and two academic electives.

UCF superscores both the SAT and the ACT. The SAT superscore is compiled using the highest Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math components from all test administrations taken. The ACT superscore is compiled using the highest English, Math, Reading and Science scores from all test administrations taken. Students who completed secondary school coursework at accredited, non-U.S. institutions can view specific admission requirements at admissions.ucf.edu/international.

Meeting minimum GPA or test score requirements does not guarantee admission.

TOP 10 KNIGHTS

If you are in the top 10% of your high school class in the state of Florida, and meet certain other requirements, UCF rewards your academic success with guaranteed admission to the summer, fall or spring semester.

admissions.ucf.edu/top-ten-knights

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

We believe a college education should provide lifelong benefits — not lifelong debt. More than 70% of undergraduate students at UCF receive some form of financial aid. Search for scholarships and be automatically matched with certain UCF and external awards through the A2O: Access to Opportunities Scholarship Database at ucf.academicworks.com.

COST TO ATTEND UCF*

FLORIDA RESIDENT
Tuition & Fees: $6,368
Room & Board: $10,300
Books (estimate): $1,200
Estimated Annual Cost: $17,868

NON-FLORIDA RESIDENT
Tuition & Fees: $22,467
Room & Board: $10,300
Books (estimate): $1,200
Estimated Annual Cost: $33,967

*Based upon 30 credit hours, standard room and meal plan for the 2021–22 academic year.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FRESHMEN:

FALL
MAY 1

SPRING
NOV 1

SUMMER
MAR 1

HOW COMPETITIVE IS UCF?

Here’s the midrange (middle 50 percent) of the class entering in Fall 2021:

GPA: 3.95-4.45 (recalculated academic score)
SAT: 1260-1370 (Evidence-based Reading/Writing and Math)
ACT: 27-31 (composite)

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Based on outstanding academic achievement, approximately 25% of new first-year students are awarded funds totaling more than $5 million. UCF administers hundreds of other scholarship programs established by individuals and organizations to assist our students.

There are many ways to pay for college — and many questions, too. You can find all the answers, including how to make the best of your investment in higher education, at ucf.edu/financial-aid.

READY TO APPLY?

Start your undergraduate application today at ucf.edu/admissions.
Excited to see UCF for yourself? We’re excited, too. While we do not require a campus visit for admission, we do highly recommend it. Because there’s no feeling quite like walking our palm tree-lined pathways, experiencing the energy of the Student Union, and seeing our classrooms and sporting venues up close.

Weekday campus tours include a 15-minute info session and 90-minute walking tour led by a UCF student ambassador. You have the option of previewing our residence halls before or after your tour. Campus tours fill up quickly, so sign up today.

Knight For A Day Open House events provide a comprehensive, full-day experience for prospective students and parents. Learn about the application process, academic programs, student life and financial aid on select Saturdays from July through January. Registration is required and spots fill up months in advance, so sign up today.

To register for a tour, event or get details about in-person, livestreamed and self-guided tours, visit admissions.ucf.edu/visit.
The college experience is an incredible time for learning and growth, and it provides you with the solid foundation you need to achieve success in the future. At UCF, you will find a vibrant and supportive campus community, innovative faculty and an inclusive environment with a culture of compassion.

UCF is one of the nation’s most innovative universities, in large part because of our ability to rise to today’s challenges. We focus on student success and provide exceptional educational opportunities across numerous disciplines and studies.

We are a community with a spirit of discovery and entrepreneurship committed to fostering success for students from all backgrounds. Our faculty provide the intellectual excellence that challenges us to learn, to question and to think. Our student body is energetic, diverse and driven to make a difference. We are a national leader in matching students’ passions with high-demand careers, and our student resources make it easy to connect with experiences in and outside the classroom that will have a lifelong impact.

In everyone I meet at UCF, I see two things: ambitious goals and a determination to make this world a better place. We would love to see your determination find a home at UCF so we can be a part of making your dreams a reality. We wish you the very best in your college search and hope you will take the next step and apply to become a Knight.

Go Knights! Charge On!

Alexander N. Cartwright, Ph.D.
President
Through hard work and determination, you earn the opportunity to go to college. By growing, exploring, innovating and learning from world-class faculty, you earn the distinction of becoming a Knight. At UCF, you will be part of a community that cares for each other and is welcoming to everybody. And when you embrace your talent and follow your dreams, you will unleash your potential and do amazing things — at UCF and beyond. Join us.