SPRING 2016 NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

R. Paul Duncan, Senior Associate Dean

TODAY’S AGENDA

Graduate School Welcome • 9:00 – 10:00
Graduate Student Council (GSC) • 10:00 – 10:15
Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) • 10:15 – 10:30
Break • 10:30 – 10:45
International Student Orientation • 10:45 – 12:00
• Presented by the International Center and Counseling and Wellness Center
HOW GRADUATE EDUCATION WORKS AT UF

Overview of Graduate Education → Your Program of Study → Graduate School Resources → Maintaining Progress → Managing Your Data

UF GRADUATE EDUCATION 2014-2015

- Graduate Enrollment: 12,176
- Graduate Faculty: 2,803
- Degrees: 56
- Majors: 142
- Doctoral Degrees: 746
- Master’s Degrees: 3,528
- Research Funding: $702 million
ORGANIZATION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

Institutional Support
• President & Provost
• Graduate School
• College

Graduate Program
• Departmental Chair
• Graduate Coordinator
• Advisor/Committee Chair
• Graduate Staff

EXPECTATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL GRADUATE EDUCATION

Graduate School
- Uphold standards of graduate work at UF
- Evaluate, oversee, and verify all degree requirements
- Provide funding, outreach, professional development opportunities

Graduate Program
- Provide clear guidelines for satisfactory progress
- Provide vital degree program information
- Provide opportunities to find post-degree employment

Students
- Take responsibility for own graduate program
- Become responsible producers of knowledge
- Actively pursue professional development
BEING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR PROGRAM

Take responsibility for your own graduate program

• Monitor program and university requirements for satisfactory progress
• Seek guidance from program faculty on measurements of success in the program (e.g. publications, grant applications, research achievements)

BEING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR PROGRAM

Become responsible producers of knowledge

• Follow university Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct
• Adhere to IRB requirements for research approval
• Develop independent research agenda, to add to existing research with proper acknowledgment
BEING AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR PROGRAM

*Actively pursue professional development*

- Attend workshops and seminars from program, college and institution
- Develop tools to better conduct research, teaching, and service
- Present at field-specific conferences

TYPES OF DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Master’s
- Doctoral
- Specialty
Recognize from audience the Master's students and then doctoral and specialties

Author, 7/22/2015
MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Timeline: 1-2 years

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Timeline: 4-7 years
YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Key elements: all degrees

- Coursework
- Transfer of credit
- Appropriate registration
- Final examination, capstone course, culminating experience
- Additional requirements as specified by your program
GRADUATE PROGRAM SUPPORT

Advisor

Supervisory Committee

Graduate Staff members

Departmental Climate

Graduate Coordinator

Student Association

FACULTY GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Advises students

Ensures compliance with all university regulations

Oversees all students’ progress in graduate program
**GRADUATE PROGRAM STAFF**

- Registers students
- Monitor your academic progress
- Administer assistantships & fellowships
- First contact for questions
- Can discuss graduate program climate

**ADVISOR/MENTOR**

- Advises students
- Ensures compliance with all university regulations
- Oversees all students’ progress in graduate program
DEVELOPING A PROGRAM OF STUDY WITH YOUR ADVISOR/SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Choosing a committee
• Eligibility
• Composition

Plan and supervise a program of study
• Work to ensure compliance with all regulations governing the degree

Revisions
• Deadlines
  • For Committee
  • For Plan

UF AND GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

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CAMPUS RESOURCES

Career Resource Center

Student Health Care Center

Counseling & Wellness Center

Student Financial Affairs

Disability Resource Center

Libraries

International Center

GRADUATE SCHOOL MISSION

The UF Graduate School is committed to providing services to the campus community that maintain integrity and excellence in graduate education through clear and consistent policies, high standards, efficient procedures and direct student support. We seek to support all graduate students, faculty and staff by fostering relationships, increasing communications and collaborations, and delivering comprehensive research and data resources to inform graduate education.
GRADUATE SCHOOL UNITS

Data Management

International Outreach

Graduate School

Editorial Office

Minority Programs

Graduate Records

Professional Development

DATA MANAGEMENT

http://gradschool.ufl.edu/gimsportal/gatorlink/portal.asp

Use Graduate Information Management System (GIMS) to:
- Manage and track your academic progress
- Meet final requirements for graduate degrees
- Register for professional development events
- Video archive of professional development sessions
EDITORIAL OFFICE

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/editorial/

• Offers guidance to ensure your theses and dissertations meet UF’s high standards and are ready for electronic submission and digital archiving.
• Answers questions about format and reference systems; tables, figures and equations; and copyright and documentation issues.
• Provides referrals to editors and formatters for hire.

GRADUATE RECORDS OFFICE

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/graduate-records

Upholds university standards for your graduate degrees, including:
• Academic credits (including transfer of credit)
• GPA (overall and major)
• Completion of university degree requirements
• Degree certification
GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/

Provide assistance with grant writing, leadership skill development

Teaching Opportunity
• UF/Santa Fe Faculty Development

General Workshops and Seminars
• Teaching, mentoring, ethics, communication, stress management, teamwork

Award Recognitions and Programs

Dissertation Completion Awards
• Supplemental Retention
• Dissertation Research
• Auzenne Award

Travel Awards
• Doctoral Research Travel
GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/

- Promote student exchange and research opportunities
- Develop outreach opportunities for current students

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Website
Academic unit policies and procedures
Graduate catalog
Graduate student handbook
Academic calendar
Facebook
Listservs
GRADUATE SCHOOL WEBSITE

http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/

ACADEMIC UNITS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Agronomy

Graduate Student Handbook
GRADUATE CATALOG

http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/graduate-catalog
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/graduate-catalog

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

https://www.facebook.com/UFGraduateSchool
A18  Update screen capture.
Author, 7/22/2015

A19  Update screen capture.
Author, 7/22/2015
LISTSERV & OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Graduate Student Listserv

- Sends to your ufl.edu email address
- Primary way the UF Graduate School keeps in touch with graduate students
- All currently enrolled graduate students are added to it automatically and cannot opt out of it.
- Archive messages

https://lists.ufl.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=GRADSTUDENT-L

ACADEMIC PROGRESS BEGINS RIGHT NOW

Gann Enholm  |  Assistant Director, Graduate Records Office
PROPER REGISTRATION

How to register? Depends on the culture of your graduate program. Most of you will use ONE.UF for self-enrollment.

What courses are appropriate? Graduate level (5000 or higher)

Minimum credit requirement? Yes. Amount depends on funding source and your need to be considered full time. See Graduate Catalog.

Can I make changes? Yes. Changes through the Drop/Add period (1/5 – 1/8, 1/11) do not have a financial penalty.

When is registration finalized? After Drop/Add

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:
ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Registration/GPA
- Minimum enrollment requirements – 9/9/6 (assistantships) or 12/12/8 (fellowships)
- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) – 3.00 overall
- English Language Skills – SPEAK Test results for international students
- Courses must count toward your degree

Drop/Add
- Be mindful of deadlines and financial consequences
- Schedule adjustments through January 11th
- January 11th you are “fee liable”.
- CAUTION! Your tuition payment will be cancelled and you will be 100% responsible for tuition if your registration falls below the minimum requirements

Benefits
- GatorCare – only for Graduate Assistants >> January 30th
- Tuition at in-state rate
REGISTRATION HOLDS

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<td>Provide up to date documentation to <a href="http://studentinsurance.shcc.ufl.edu/">Student Health Care Center</a>.</td>
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<td>Credential Hold</td>
<td>Submit original documentation to the Office of Admissions before mid-March.</td>
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TRANSFER OF CREDIT

- All requests are initiated by your graduate program in your first term.

  Meet with your graduate program to discuss your eligibility for transfer credit.
HOW TO MONITOR DEADLINES

Registrar
Graduate School
- Website
- Catalog
- Student Handbook

MANAGING YOUR DATA AT UF

Rhonda Moraca, PhD  |  Assistant Dean
WEB SITES FOR YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Registrar
  - Integrated Student Information Services (ISIS)
- Graduate School
  - Graduate Information Management System (GIMS)
- University
  - myUFL

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- Registrar
  - Integrated Student Information Services (ISIS)
  - www.ISIS.ufl.edu
INTEGRATED STUDENT INFORMATION SERVICES (ISIS)

- Registrar’s website
- Transcript
- Registration
- Graduate Catalog
- GIMS
- Degree Application for graduation

WWW.ISIS.UFL.EDU

My Online Services  General Information  My Resources
MY ONLINE SERVICES

REGISTRATION

TRANSCRIPTS

MY RECORD:
- HOLDS
- UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACT

DATES & DEADLINES SPECIFIC FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Fall 2015**
- March 23 - August 11 and August 13 - August 20: Advance registration (at or after assigned start time)
- August 21: Regular registration ($100 late fee after 5:00 p.m. deadline)
- August 24: Classes begin; classes end December 9
- August 24 - August 28: Drop/Add, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- August 24 - August 28: Late registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- August 24 - August 28: Employee EEP registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- August 26 - August 28: Non-degree registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- August 28: Withdrawal with no fee liability (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- September 4: Fee payments (3:30 p.m., University Bursar)
- September 4: Residency reclassifications
- Dates and Deadlines: Undergraduate and Graduate
- Information for veterans or their spouse/dependents

**Spring 2016**
- November 2 - December 22 and December 24 - January 3: Advance registration (at or after assigned start time)
- January 4: Regular registration ($100 late fee after 5:00 p.m. deadline)
- January 5: Classes begin; classes end April 20
- January 5 - 8 and 11: Drop/Add, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- January 5 - 8 and 11: Late registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- January 5 - 8 and 11: Employee EEP registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- January 7 - 8 and 11: Non-degree registration, at or after assigned start time (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- January 11: Withdrawal with no fee liability (11:59 p.m. of last day)
- January 15: Fee payments (3:30 p.m., University Bursar)
- January 15: Residency reclassifications
- Dates and Deadlines: Undergraduate and Graduate
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MY RESOURCES
SPECIFIC FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

My Resources
- Academic Info
- Advising Info
- Financial Info
- Grad Student Info
- Calendars/Deadlines
- Catalog - Graduate
- Grad School Info Systems (GIMS)
- Graduate Student Listserv
- Personal Info
- Other Info
- FAQ

ISIS WILL BE CHANGING TO ONE.UF.EDU IN SPRING 2016
WEB SITES FOR YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Graduate School

Graduate Information Management System (GIMS)
Access through ISIS or myUFL

GRADUATE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM = GIMS

- Degree program/s
- Committee members
- Final exam date, Other milestones for certain degrees
- Thesis/Dissertation Submission
- Professional Development
- Notifications from Graduate School
SECTION 1:
PERSONAL PROFILE: DATA FROM UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY AND REGISTRAR
SECTION 2:
DEGREE DETAILS – INPUT BY ACADEMIC UNIT STAFF

Check this information at the beginning of each term and any time there has been a change.

Student view after verification of information
Academic unit view after verification of information
WEB SITES FOR YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

University
my.ufl.edu
CONGRATULATIONS ON STARTING YOUR JOURNEY!
WHAT IS GSC?

1) The elected representative body for all ~16,000 graduate and professional students
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2) A source of information, advocacy, and travel funding

3) A network for UF graduate students to share resources, build relationships, and enrich their graduate experience at UF

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Monthly meetings to disseminate information about upcoming graduate events like socials, workshops, etc.
- Host social events
- Fall Term Peer Mentoring
- Liaise with administrators and Student Government
- Represent the graduate student voice on campus-wide faculty committees including
  - Faculty Senate, UF Libraries Committee, and the UF Graduate Council
WHAT DO WE DO?

Travel Grant Program

• Award over $100,000 annually to graduate students for conference and workshop travel
  • $350/student/year
  • Departmental eligibility required

• Conduct double-blind peer-review grant evaluation process each month

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1) GSC Department Rep (through department)
2) Join a GSC committee:
   Social, Grants, International, and Grad Affairs
3) GSC representative in Faculty Senate, Libraries Committee, and Graduate Council
4) March elections for an executive position
5) Student Government

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in LIT 109 at 6:15 PM
CONTACT INFORMATION

WEBSITE:
http://gsc.sg.ufl.edu/
www.ufgsc.org (grants)

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/UFGSC/
Gator Connect: https://ufl.collegiatelink.net/organization/gsc

General Questions:
Glendon Plumton, Secretary
gplumton@ufl.edu

Travel Grant Questions:
Shannon Brown, Grant Committee Chair
gscgrants@gmail.com

Karen's Email:
kvyverberg@ufl.edu

Welcome to UF!

“NAVIGATING GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE”
Advice from your Peers

Presented by:
The Graduate Student Advisory Council
The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), is a group of students dedicated to enhancing the graduate education experience at the University of Florida.
GSAC’s Top 10 Things to Know Before You Start Your Graduate Career

Graduate School can be challenging......
We want to share some lessons learned!

1. Form Your Committee

YOUR THESIS COMMITTEE

Also known as an impressively difficult group to get together in one room but who nevertheless hold your future in their hands depending on their ability to reach a united conclusion.

None of them will actually read your entire thesis.

- Your Professor
  Simultaneously your biggest ally and your worst enemy. Will be the first to suggest you do more work.

- The Guru
  Only here for the free cookies. Don’t forget to bring cookies.

- The Advocate
  Has bitter rivalry with your Professor and will argue the exact opposite view. Work this to your advantage.

- The Strawman/woman
  Nice guy. No opinions.

- The Assistant Professor
  Still doesn’t believe just a few months ago they were on the outside looking in on you. Pretends to be an adult.

www.phdcomics.com
Attend Conferences

Office of Research
Graduate Student Request for Travel Funds

Instructions
Travel to conferences, symposia, and special research opportunities is essential for the professional development of advanced research students. The University also benefits by being represented at such events. The Office of Research (OR) has therefore established a program to supplement student travel when other funding sources are insufficient.

In order to assure that discretionary funds from OR benefit the largest possible cross section of graduate students, the highest funding priority will be given to doctoral level students, and...

Build Transferable Skills in your Tool Box

Welcome back, Mike. Have a seat.

Let's start by focusing on your "transferable skills" i.e. skills you've learned that might be useful in a "real" job.

For example, writing research papers. Do you know how many words per minute?

I know how to type.
4 You Rule! But Know the Rules

1. While graduate school will provide you with the opportunity to create a program distinct to you interests.

2. There are rules at every level (committee, department, college, and graduate school) that guide that creation process.

3. In addition to being familiar with the rules you should find people that support you (at every level and also outside academia).

5 Money, Money, and Money
A20

Not sure what this is meant to say? Stay focused? You rule is idiomatic can we simplify?

here is another suggested comic if i understood correctly ;)

Author, 8/11/2012
6 Develop Relationships with Advisors, Others Faculty…etc.

7 Present and Publish

Impact Factor (corrected) = 

- # times your work is cited - # citations the author pressed to include to increase the journal’s impact factor
- # citations that actually trash your work - # times you were cited just to pad the introduction section
- # times you cited yourself (nice try) + # citations the editor pressured the author to include to increase the journal’s impact factor

- # original articles you’ve written + # not-so-original articles you’ve written
- # articles you were included in out of pity or politics + # not-so-original articles you’ve written copied and pasted

http://www.phdcomics.com/comics/archive/phd120808s.gif
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Attend training workshops…

Student Life & Support → Professional Development
UF Professional Development Workshop helps graduate students gain information, insights and skills they can use in academia and the job market. Each fall and spring semester, this series of workshops covers topics like effective time management and research strategies, preparing for examinations and final defenses, getting manuscripts published, and obtaining student grants. For a PDF copy of this semester’s Professional Development Workshop series, please click on this link.

Hey Stranger!
“Collaborating with Strangers” Workshops are designed to connect students, faculty, and researchers on campus during 5-minute speed-meetings. You’ll walk away with more resources, solutions, and creative ideas than you could have ever imagined.

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Consider Internships or Collaborations
10 Work Hard, Work Smart

Remember work/life balance is the most challenging part of the process:
http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/
Visit the UF Wellness site http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/

Make a list of things you want to accomplish while you are here at UF.

Identify who/what you want to become at the end of this process.

Start building your support networks.

Stay in touch with us!

HAVE FUN & ENJOY LIFE!!!!!!!
OPEN HOUSE

January 25th, 2016
Matthews Suite
4th Floor Reitz Union
4-5 pm

WE INVITE YOU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF GSAC MEMBERSHIP

Meet new friends and learn how you can be a part of enhancing Graduate Student Education at UF!

Thank You for Coming.
Welcome to the Gator Nation!!
BREAK
10:30 – 10:45 A.M.

Welcome to
the University of Florida

Presented by
Debra Anderson
Lyn Straka

International Center
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
Introduction to the

UFIC = University of Florida International Center
ISS = International Student Services
EVS = Exchange Visitor Services
SAS = Study Abroad Services
PD = Program Development
UAPIS = Undergrad Academic Programs and
           International Studies

Topics of Discussion

1. Immigration Information
   Address, Staying in status, Employment, Travel/Reentry, Culture Shock, CWC
2. Student life at UF
3. Important Websites
ADDRESS

• Upon arrival and when you move
  – You have 10 days after you move
  – Change in UF Directory through MYUFL
    https://my.ufl.edu
  – Attach all names to your apartment mailbox
  – Notify UFIC advisor by email whenever you move

UF Insurance Policy

1. Mandatory for all UF students
2. A charge for the UF Plan will automatically go on your Bursar record, 30 days before the semester begins
3. You can waive the charge if you purchase other insurance that is ACA compliant
   http://studentinsurance.shcc.ufl.edu/waiver-instructions/
4. ACA compliant insurance plans:
   https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/ISS/insurance.html
5. It can take 3–5 days to know if any outside insurance will meet the ACA requirements
6. If you log into https://my.shcc.ufl.edu/ you should see a status bar that will let you know where the waiver is in the process – see example below.
7. The website is https://my.shcc.ufl.edu/waiver/ and you log in using your Gatorlink credentials.
8. You have until January15 to file a waiver. After that you will be responsible for the insurance charge

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**Staying in Status**

- It is your responsibility
- Have a valid, unexpired passport
- Attend school authorized;
- Be a full-time student:
  - 12 hrs. undergrad(fall/spring)
  - 9 hrs. graduate(fall/spring)
- Exceptions to full course load
- Drop/Add procedure
- Refrain from unlawful employment

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UF International Center
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
Con’t of Status

- Make normal progress
  - Exam policy
- Have valid I-20/DS-2019 and apply for timely extensions
- Follow transfer procedures
- New I-20/DS-2019 required for change of degree program/major

Employment

- F-1 may work on campus without prior approval/J-1 needs approval
- Maximum of 20 hrs. as full-time student, fall/spring on campus only
- May work full-time during vacations
- Social Security Process—new I-94 process
Travel

• Preparation
  – Verify accuracy of I-20/DS-2019
  – Have I-20 or DS-2019 endorsed
  – Check validity of US entry visa
  – Check visa requirement to enter another country

• Travel with passport valid for 6 months, appropriate visa(s), I-20/DS-2019

Culture Shock

• Common symptoms:
  homesickness; avoidance of social settings;
  physical complaints/sleep disturbed;
  depression/helplessness;
  poor concentration; loss of humor; boredom/fatigue;
  hostility towards host culture.

• Normal/Everyone experiences it
• Call the UFIC office/Come by and talk with someone
In Case of an Emergency

• On Campus
  – Life/Death threatening situations, Call 911
  – Theft, assault, etc., Call UPD 392-1111

• Off Campus
  – All emergencies, Call 911

• After Hours Immigration Issues
  – Call (352)538-5558

Cross-cultural Adjustment to the UF

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UF International Initiative Team Coordinator
UF Counseling & Wellness Center

Agenda

- Common concerns
- Services at UF Counseling & Wellness Center
- Services for international students
Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Perceived language barriers

Financial difficulties
Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Academic challenges (system/expectations/stress)

Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Interpersonal issues (hosted and intl. students)
Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Discrimination (language/ethnicity/social class etc)

Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Loss of social support, alienation, and homesickness
Int’l Students’ Common concerns

Anxiety & Depression

When to use Counseling & Wellness Center (CWC)
Crisis Services

CWC SERVICES

Triage

Individual Counseling

Couples Counseling

Group Counseling

Crisis Services

Others:
• Biofeedback
• Consultation
• Workshop

Confidentiality

Not part of your education records

Only YOU can give consent for release of information

All records are strictly confidential, except in life threatening situations or in cases of suspected child or elder abuse.
International Students

1.5 hr weekly meeting

Wed. or Fri.
3-4:30pm

Share resources and receive support

International Student Support Group
Together we can Make it

Deal with:
- Stress
- Acculturation
- Academics
- Loneliness
- Relationships...

CWC phone # 392-1575
Students and Parents can ask questions?
Talk to us after this presentation.
Attend our International Students Success workshop series.
Sign up for the International Student Support Group and social event listserv.

Student Life at UF
- Gator One Cards
- Join In
- Sports
- Around Town

International Center
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
“GATOR ONE” Card

Student Identification

• Use your Gator One card to:
  – check out library books
  – use the computer labs (CIRCA)
  – ride the RTS Buses for free
  – purchase athletic tickets
  – use recreation facilities
  – Lake Wauburg

Join In!

• GatorLink email account
• Reitz Union - Student Union
  – Gator Nights
  – Museum Nights
  – TRIP
  – Leisure Courses
• Student Organizations
  – VISA http://grove.ufl.edu/~visa/clubs.html
• The Alligator and Scene
• Volunteer Opportunities
Sports

- Athletic Tickets
- Lake Wauburg
- Recreation and Fitness Centers
  - Intramurals
  - Sports Clubs

Around Town

- Transportation
  - Bikes
  - Regional Transit System
  - Cars and parking
  - WALK!
- Nightlife
  - 2 am Closing Time
  - Open Container Law
Important Websites

- University of Florida
  www.ufl.edu
  www.myufl.edu
- International Center
  www.ufic.ufl.edu
  International Student Handbook
  www.uscis.gov

Exchange Visitor Services

Responsible Officer (RO),
Susanne Hill, PhD
Email: shill@ufic.ufl.edu
Phone: (352) 273-1500
Alternate Responsible Officers (ARO),
Lyn Straka, lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu, (352) 273-1510
Scott Davis, sdavis@ufic.ufl.edu, (352) 273-1527
Department of State: Academic and Government Programs Division

- Mailing Address: U.S. Department of State Office of Designation Academic and Government Programs Division ECA/EC/AG – SA-44, Room 668 301 4th Street SW Washington, DC 20547 Street Address

- TELEPHONE: (202) 203-7131 FAX: (202) 203-7779 EMAIL: Agexchanges@state.gov

UF NAVIGATORS
INTERNATIONAL
Why apply for a NaviGator?

- Our NaviGators know Gainesville and UF well! You’ll have your own tour guide who can answer questions and show you around.
- We love meeting international students! The program is not a one-way street. Our American students are thrilled to meet you and help you out. Do not think you are inconveniencing them!
- Many life-long, global friendships are made. With a great NaviGator, you’ll always have a second-home in America.

Applications are still open! Visit ufnavigatorsinternational.com!
What Else Do We Do?

On-campus & around Gainesville events: movie socials, food truck rallies, potlucks, sporting events, and more!

What Else Do We Do?

- Out-of-Gainesville events: beach trips, trips to the springs as well as theme park weekends! Relax for a day or two and enjoy the Sunshine State!
What Else Do We Do?

- Out-of-Florida events: weekend trips to major American cities and outdoor activities (rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, etc.) in states like Tennessee and North Carolina. See America with us!

For Current NaviGatees

- Please let us know if there is a problem with your NaviGator, e.g. they have not responded to your e-mails or messages or have not been attentive to your needs. We will help you!
- If you have applied very recently, do not worry if you have not received a match. We are still working and you will have one before January 7th. Otherwise, e-mail us.
Welcome Event & Staying In Touch

Our Welcome Event is January 7th at 7:00 PM at the Straughn Center. Let your NaviGator know in advance if you will need a ride!

Check our website at ufnavigatorsinternational.com for all up-to-date information! E-mail us at ufnavigators@gmail.com

Questions or Concerns? Talk to us now!