MS Prospects Webinar
University of Florida
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

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- Established 1853
- 2,000 Acres, 900 Buildings
- 60,795 Students; 19,743 Graduate Students
- 4,779 Ph.D.; 14,964 Masters/Professional
- 14 Colleges and Schools; 5,000+ Faculty
- $1.25 Billion+ in Annual Research Expenditures
- UF Owned Lake Alice (on campus); Lake Wauburg (15 minute bus ride)
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

• Established 1910

• 11 Departments; 16 Degree Programs

• 300+ Faculty (tenure track)

• 10,686 Engineering Students

• 3,340 Graduate Engineering Students
  • Ph.D. = 1,109
  • Masters = 2,231
Rankings

#1 Public University per 2024 Wall Street Journal
https://news.ufl.edu/2023/09/wsj-ranking/

#6 Top Public University per 2024 U.S. News & World Report
Departments and Degrees

- AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
- AGRICULTURAL & BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING
- BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
- CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- COASTAL & OCEANOGRAPHIC ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- DIGITAL ARTS & SCIENCES
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- ENGINEERING EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES
- INDUSTRIAL & SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
- MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SCIENCES
New Exciting MS Degrees

- MS of Applied Data Science
- MS of Artificial Intelligence Systems
- Engineering Education Department
- Faculty Lead: Professor Catia Silva
- [https://www.eng.ufl.edu/eed/programs/](https://www.eng.ufl.edu/eed/programs/)
- MS Application Fee Waivers
- GRE Waived
Department Rankings

2023 U.S. News & World Report - Best Graduate Schools Rankings
https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-engineering-schools

Rankings Among Public Universities
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering – No. 5
- Materials Science and Engineering - No. 8
- Computer Science, Nuclear Engineering – No. 12
- Industrial and Systems Engineering - No. 13
- Electrical Engineering - No. 14
- Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering – No. 15
- Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering - No. 17
- Chemical Engineering - No. 18
- Aerospace Engineering, Environmental Engineering – No. 19
## Graduate Students in UF Engineering

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Over 1,000,000 Gross Sq. Ft. of Engineering Facilities

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State-of-the art biotech lab
Prototyping labs
Global teleconferencing lab
Collaboration spaces
Classrooms

Opened Fall 2020
AI Partnership with NVIDIA

- UF houses the fastest AI supercomputer in higher education

- The third-generation HiPerGator with NVIDIA’s most advanced AI software integrating 140 NVIDIA DGX™ A100 systems with 1,120 NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPUs and high-performance NVIDIA Mellanox HDR 200Gb/s InfiniBand networking to deliver 700 petaflops of AI performance.
Malachowsky Hall for Data Science & Information Technology

- $150M Investment
- Home of the AI University
  - Headquarters for CISE and ECE
  - ICLASSROOM 2.0
  - Highly experiential – Hands on labs for VR, AI, Cybersecurity, IOT, GPU
- Opening November 2023
F-1 International Student Compliance Services

UF International Center
Incoming F-1 Students  https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/

- Estimated Start-Up Costs
- I-20 Process for F-1 Degree Students
- F-1 Visa: U.S. Embassies and Consulate Offices
- UF Critical Dates & Deadlines
- Arriving In Gainesville
- Mandatory Online Check-In Process
- F-1 Student Status Requirements
  - Maintaining F-1 Visa Status
  - Registration Requirements
  - Employment/Training Restrictions

(Detailed information provided at each link!)
Estimated Start-Up Costs: 2024

- Grad Students: $57,323* per year
- If you have the $4,500 Achievement Award: $52,823* per year

*Numbers subject to change.

I-20 Process

1) I-20 request submitted in the ISSS Portal by Academic Department
2) ISS reviews request, sends email with instructions to student
   • Sent to same email address student used to apply to UF
3) Student receives email with instructions to log into the ISSS portal
   • Remember to click *SUBMIT APPLICATION*
4) Student’s F1 Advisor reviews I-20 application & documents, follows up as needed, issues I-20
5) Email sent to student with instructions to download & print the I-20 through ISSS portal
U.S. Embassy and Consulates

- Receive I-20 → Pay SEVIS fee → Complete and Save Form DS-160 Visa Application Form → Schedule F-1 visa appointment at U.S. Embassy or Consular office
  - Among any other documents required for the visa appointment, make sure to have your PRINTED documents with you: I-20, admission letter, proof of funds, and passport
- Obtain F1 visa → Schedule flight → Enter the U.S. → Complete the UFIC Online Check-In → Register for Classes

Arriving In Gainesville, FL

- Travel with your I-20, admission letter, F1 visa, passport on your person; DO NOT PACK DOCUMENTS IN CHECKED LUGGAGE, DO NOT LOSE! Scan a copy of all documents to keep digitally just in case.
- Can enter U.S. no more than 30 days before program start date stated on your I-20
- Keep in mind, many affordable off-campus apartments are leased through July 31, need turnover/cleaning time, and may not be available for move-in until ~ August 8-14
Mandatory Check-In Process

- Must complete the F-1 online check-in process in the ISSS Portal
  [https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/f-1-student/new-f-1-students/check-process](https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/f-1-student/new-f-1-students/check-process)
- Must be completed before the start of classes or by the drop/add deadline
- If the mandatory check-in is not completed within deadline, your F1 status is terminated

UF Critical Dates & Deadlines: 2023

- Advance/Regular registration deadline (no late fee): March 27 – August 21
- First day of classes: August 23
- Drop/Add registration deadline (late fee applied if not previously registered): August 23-29
- Fee payment deadline (course dropped if fee not paid; this is an F1 status issue): September 1
Maintaining F1 Student Status

Full Time Registration:

- Fall and Spring Semesters
  - Graduate students: 9 credits each semester
  - This includes 3 credits online maximum per semester
- Summer Semester (If admitted to a summer semester)
  - Graduate students: 6 credits
  - This includes 3 credits online maximum per semester

Employment/Training as an F1 Student

- Limited to 20 hours per week and on the UF campus
- Cannot work off campus at all in first academic year; authorization always required for off campus work/training
- Must apply for and receive CPT authorization on I-20 to work/train off campus prior to graduation
- Must apply for and receive OPT authorization card to work/train after graduation
F-1 Advisors

Questions? Contact your specific F1 international student advisor according to the first letter of your Surname/Family Name

(Scan QR Code for contact information)

More Information

- Click “I-20 Process” for general yet informative information.
- All I-20 instructions (including Proof of Funds information) is in the email you’ll receive from the ISSS Portal if you’re admitted and we receive an I-20 request for you
- Please read and follow the instructions carefully to then submit your I-20 application.
  - If you do not click SUBMIT APPLICATION at the top of the application window once complete, we will not receive your I-20 application.
Master’s Degrees

- Masters with on-campus studies
  - average of 1.5 to 2 years (3 to 4 semesters)
  - course based, more technical expertise
  - thesis/research based

- Masters with EDGE online distance studies
  - average of 1.5 to 2 years (3 to 4 semesters)
  - reside at Home, do not move to Gainesville
  - up to 50% reduced tuition discounts

- Pathway to Ph.D.
  - many HWCOE MS students continue to the Ph.D. at UF
  - distinct advantage for MS students performing well vs. new Ph.D. applicants
Master’s Admissions

• Fall 2023 Master’s Enrollment
• 4,431 Applications
• 2,047 Admitted (46%)
• 690 Enrolling (34%)
• Averages Cumulative GPA = 3.56
• GRE, Verbal = 151, Quantitative = 164
  Waived for All Depts (except CISE) for Fall 2023 & Fall 2024
• TOEFL = 80+; IELTS = 6+, GRE Verbal = 140+
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# Dept Areas for MS Admissions

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All UF Engineering and Computer Science MS & PhD. Areas of Specialization
[https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/areas-of-specialization/](https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/areas-of-specialization/)
# MS Application Fee Waiver Consideration

**Deadline of Friday, December 22, 2023**

Waiver Details: [https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/masters-admission/](https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/masters-admission/)

Waiver Request: [https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/mswaiver/](https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/mswaiver/)

$30 U.S. for UF MS Admissions Application Fee; one of most economical in U.S.

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Statement of Purpose

• Goal of enrolling Master’s

• Why do you want to attend that institution?

• Faculty, programs, areas of specialization, facilities, research interests

• Highlight your research, job, computing experience

• Highlight some notable resumes qualifications such as internships, leadership positions, volunteering, community service, mentoring, etc.

• Maximum 1-2 page, less is better, be specific

• Answer specific Department questions in your statement
Letters of Recommendation

• Typically 3 required letters, check institution requirements

• Minimum 2 academic (undergraduate research mentor, faculty who know you well, lab team project mentor, etc.); No family, friends, GSI/TA

• Contact faculty early, schedule an appointment to discuss, provide bullet points, resume, unofficial transcript, state of purpose draft, addressed envelopes, online submissions/formats, deadlines, offer draft, etc.

• Request Strong Letter!

• Send faculty reminders throughout the semester
Cost of Attendance

Non-Florida Resident = ~$30,000 Annual Tuition
Florida Resident = $12,740 Annual Tuition

https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost/graduate-costs/

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https://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/
Masters Funding Options

• Academic Achievement Award
  - no limit on quantity of awardees
  - guaranteed $4,500 for non-Florida Residents
  - $1,500 for 3 semesters

• EDGE Online Distance Learning
  - no limit on enrollment
  - significant discounted tuition
  - cannot be combined with Academic Achievement Award
Industry Connections

- UF Career Connection Center
- UF Career Showcase Twice Annually
- Individual Company Visits - Weekly Year Round
- Largest in Southeast U.S.A. with 600+ Companies
- Some Companies Recruiting India Students with VISA options
  - Intel, Citrix, Paypal, Oak Ridge National Labs, InfoTech, Fanatics, etc.
- Engineering Departments with Separate Career Fairs
  - BME Industry & Alumni Connect
  - CISE Career Development Workshop
  - ESSIE Evening with Industry
  - ISE Career Fair
  - MAE Internship Course
  - MAE Webinar Industry Insights
BME Industry & Alumni Connect

- Networking directly with industry reps for employment/internships
- Career advice and “insider” knowledge from BME alumni
  - Various career paths: industry, academia, government, start-up, etc.
CISE Career Showcase (100+ Companies)
ESSIE Evening with Industry
ISE Career Fair
Student Organizations

- IGSA – Indian Graduate Student Association
- IEA – International Engineering Ambassadors
- NSBE – National Society for Black Engineers
- SWE – Society of Women Engineers
- UF Student Involvement - https://studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/get-involved/
Student Organizations

- List of all UF Organizations:
  - https://orgs.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/Organizations

- There are over 900 student organizations at UF
  - All graduate programs
  - Sports Clubs
  - Arts clubs
  - Cultural
  - Media
  - Community
  - Social
Housing

On Campus

• The Continuum for Graduate Students or UF Working Professionals

• On-Campus Housing (graduate and family): Corry Village (1-3 bedroom options), Diamond Village (1-2 bedroom options), Tanglewood Village (1-2 bedroom options)

• Applying for Graduate and Family Housing: https://housing.ufl.edu/apply/graduate-and-family-housing-application/
Housing

Off Campus

• Off-Campus Housing:
  • https://www.swamprentals.com/
  • https://www.apartments.com/gainesville-fl/

• Housing Options:
  • The Pavilion
  • The Ridge at Gainesville
  • Cabana Beach Apartments

• Housing Locator: https://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu/
• 42 NCAA National Championships

• Top 10 for 32 Straights Years for NCAA Div. 1 National All-Sports Standings

• Ben Hill Griffin Football Stadium seats 88,548

• Exactech Arena seats 12,633

• Southeastern Conference (SEC)
  Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas A&M, LSU, Mississippi St., Auburn, Mississippi, Arkansas
RecSports

- Intramural Sports
  - https://recsports.ufl.edu/sports/intramural-sports/sport-offerings/
  - Currently offered sports:
    - Ultimate Frisbee
    - Cornhole
    - Pickleball
    - Bowling
    - Flag Football
    - Etc...

- Indoor Gym

- Outdoor/Indoor Activities
G a i n e s v i l l e , F L

• Settled 1854

• Population of 141,341

• Average Annual Temperature of 81 degrees

• 80 minutes to Atlantic Ocean; 60 minutes to Gulf of Mexico

• 2 hours to Tampa or Orlando & 90 minutes to Jacksonville

• Gainesville ranks no. 13 on Money Inc’s 20 Best Places to Live in Florida, December, 2022

• Gainesville ranks no. 11 on BestCollegeReviews.org’s 50 Best College Towns in America, October 2022
Things to do in and near Gainesville
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MS Interest & Application Fee Waiver Request
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/mswaiver/

MS Prospects
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/masters-prospects/

MS Admissions
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/masters-admission/

India Prospects
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/india/
MS Webinar Slides & Recordings

All Presentation Slides & Recordings Posted Here After Webinar
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/virtual-events-webinars/
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