



# MS Prospects Webinar

University of Florida  
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

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# University of Florida

- 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  
<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/top-public>

# 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/>
- 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

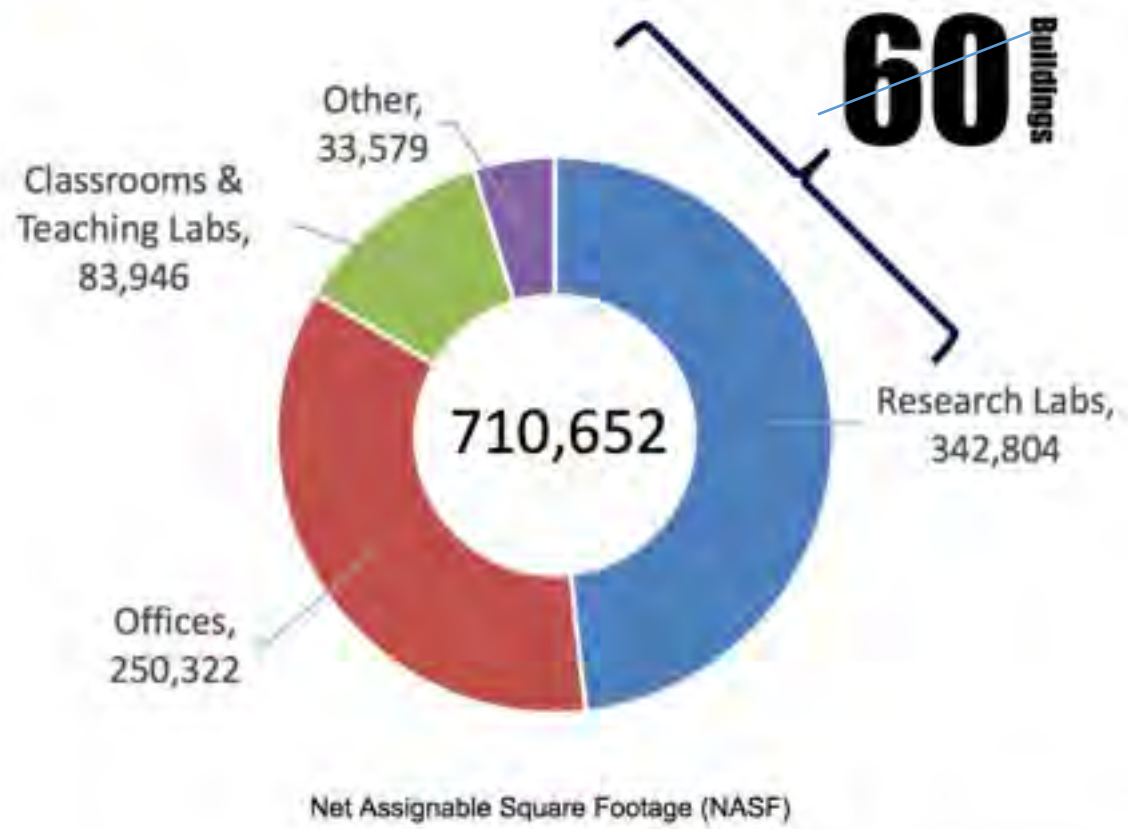
- Agricultural and Biological Engineering – **No. 5**
- Materials Science and Engineering - **No. 8**
- Computer Science, Nuclear Engineering – **No. 12**
- Industrial and Systems Engineering - **No. 13**
- Electrical Engineering - **No. 14**
- Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering – **No. 15**
- Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering - **No. 17**
- Chemical Engineering - **No. 18**
- Aerospace Engineering, Environmental Engineering – **No. 19**

## Graduate Students in UF Engineering

Dept	Concentrations	MS	Ph.D.	Total
ABE	Agricultural, Biological	10	38	48
BME	Biomedical	61	114	175
CHE	Chemical	60	88	148
CISE	Computer Science, Info Sciences	853	153	1,006
ECE	Electrical, Computer	451	279	730
EED	Engineering Education	n/a	11	11
ESSIE	Civil, Coastal, Environmental	205	123	328
ISE	Industrial, Systems	144	43	187
MAE	Mechanical, Aerospace	324	172	496
MSE	Materials, Nuclear	123	88	211
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>3,340</b>

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

NAME	SQ. FT.
JOSEPH WEIL HALL	87,282
ENGINEERING	77,728
FREDERICK N RHINES HALL	47,220
COMPUTER SCIENCES/ENGINEERING	44,345
COASTAL ENGINEERING WAVE TANK	39,917
NUCLEAR SCIENCES	37,126
RESEARCH ENGINEERING EDUCATION FACILITY (REEF)	31,052
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	30,845
NANOSCALE RESEARCH FACILITY	25,775
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING	25,519
MATERIALS ENGINEERING	22,971
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG A	22,492
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG B	20,480
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG C	19,729
MERWIN J. LARSEN HALL	19,162
PARTICLE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	18,424
ALVIN P. BLACK HALL	17,608
THE POWELL FAMILY STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS LABORATORY	17,450
JOHN R. BENTON HALL	14,995
CCE FACULTY / STAFF	9,426
NUCLEAR REACTOR	9,393
QUALIFICATION LAB, CTT	6,204
PERCY L. REED LABORATORY	5,511
EARLE B. PHILIPS LAB	5,416
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT CENTER	5,341
NUCLEAR FIELD BUILDING	5,217
POLYMER RECYCLING BUILDING	4,631
COASTAL ENGINEERING SHOPS	4,197
32 REMAINING BUILDINGS	35,215
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>710,652</b>



Source: UF Space Tracking & Reporting System (STARS)



Opened Fall 2020

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

**HERBERT WERTHEIM LABORATORY  
FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

# 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**



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# F-1 International Student Compliance Services

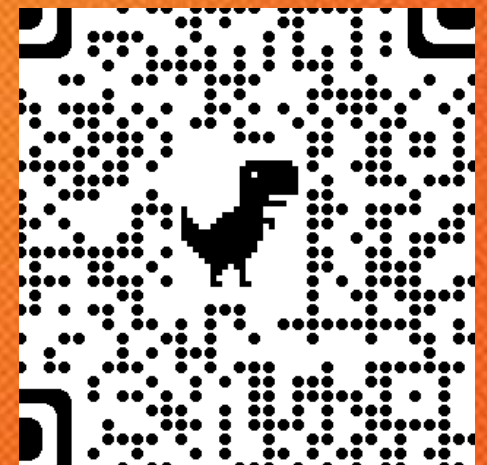
UF International Center

A large, dark-colored sculpture of an alligator is positioned in the center of the frame. The alligator is shown in a dynamic, lunging pose, with its head raised and mouth open. It is standing on a circular, textured base. The background features a large, multi-story brick building with numerous windows, and the scene is overlaid with a blue, semi-transparent grid pattern.

# 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

The image shows a sample I-20 form with the following sections:

- SEVIS ID:** N00 [REDACTED]
- PRIMARY NAME:** [REDACTED]
- DATE OF BIRTH:** [REDACTED]
- SCHOOL INFORMATION:** UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
- PROGRAM OF STUDY:** [REDACTED]
- FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Table with columns for 'STUDENT'S AVERAGE COSTS FOR 12 MONTHS' and 'STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 12 MONTHS'. Rows include Tuition and Fees, Living Expenses, and Books.
- REMARKS:** [REDACTED]
- SCHOOL ATTESTATION:** [REDACTED]
- STUDENT ATTESTATION:** [REDACTED]

## 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 turn-over/cleaning time, and may not be available for move-in until ~ August 8-14

## Mandatory Check-In Process

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- 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>
- 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

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- 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

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### 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

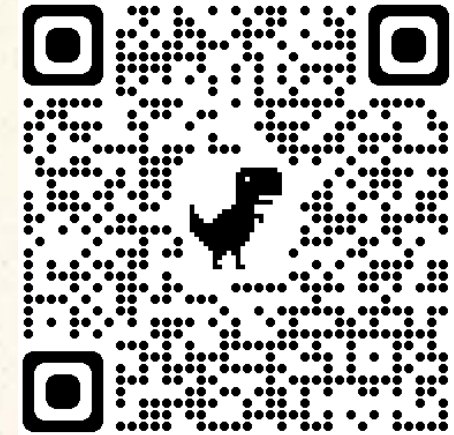
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- Limited to 20 hours per week and on the UF campus
- Cannot work off campus at all in first academic year; authorization always required for off campus work/training
- Must apply for and receive CPT authorization on I-20 to work/train off campus prior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

## F-1 Advisors

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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

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- 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+

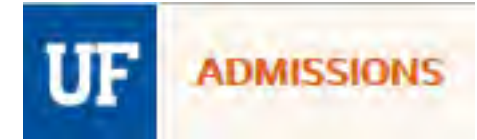


## GRE Test Required



<b>Department</b>	<b>GRE Required for MS</b>
Agricultural and Biological Engineering	No
Biomedical Engineering	No
Chemical Engineering	No
Civil, Coastal, Environmental Engineering	No
<b><i>Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering</i></b>	<b><i>Yes</i></b>
Electrical and Computer Engineering	No
Engineering Education	No
Industrial and Systems Engineering	No
Materials Science and Engineering; Nuclear Engineering	No
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	No

## Dept Areas for MS Admissions



Dept	Areas	GPA	Application Deadline
ABE	agricultural, biological	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	12/5
BME	biomedical, mollecular, neural	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	1/31
CHE	chemical, energy, nano, petroleum	3.0+ (7.0+ for India)	1/15
CISE	CS, computer, data science, software	3.3+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	2/1 international; 5/1 domestic
ECE	electrical, computer, hardware, cybersecurity, machine learning	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	1/31 international; 4/1 domestic
EED	engineering education, applied data science, artificial intelligence	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	1/31 international; 4/1 domestic
ESSIE	civil, coastal, environmental	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	3/1 international; 6/1 domestic
ISE	industrial, systems, human-computer	3.3+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	12/31
MAE	mechanical, robotics, aerospace	3.0+, 3.3+ (7+, 7.5+ for India)	3/1 international; 6/1 domestic
MSE	materials, metallurgy, nano, nuclear	3.0+ (6 to 6.5 for India)	12/5 priority; 60 days prior

All UF Engineering and Computer Science MS & PhD. Areas of Specialization

<https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/areas-of-specialization/>

# MS Application Fee Waiver Consideration

Deadline of Friday, December 22, 2023

Dept	International Students	U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident	Contact for U.S. Citizens or Perm.
ABE	Yes	None Available	
BME	Yes	None Available	
CHE	Yes	Yes	<a href="mailto:grad@che.ufl.edu">grad@che.ufl.edu</a>
CISE	None Available	None Available	
ECE	Yes	None Available	
EED	Yes	None Available	
ESSIE	Yes	Yes	<a href="mailto:gradinfo@essie.ufl.edu">gradinfo@essie.ufl.edu</a>
ISE	Yes	None Available	
MAE	Yes	Yes	<a href="mailto:gradadmissions@mae.ufl">gradadmissions@mae.ufl</a>
MSE	Yes	None Available	

**Waiver Details:** <https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/masters-admission/>

**Waiver Request:** <https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/mswaiver/>

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



## 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/>

Institution	Rank	Tuition	City
University of Florida	1	\$30,138	Gainesville, FL
Georgia Institute of Technology	2	\$32,876	Atlanta, GA
University of North Carolina	3	\$39,338	Chapel Hill, NC
University of Texas at Austin	4	\$41,070	Austin, TX
University of California Davis	5	\$46,043	Davis, CA
University of California Irvine	6	\$47,759	Irvine, CA
University of California Los Angeles	7	\$46,326	Los Angeles, CA
University of California Berkeley	8	\$48,465	Berkeley, CA
University of California San Diego	9	\$48,630	San Diego, CA
University of Michigan	10	\$57,273	Ann Arbor, MI
University of Virginia	11	\$58,950	Charlottesville, VA

## Out of State Tuition

<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/top-public>

Institution	Rank	City	Cost of Living
University of Florida	1	Gainesville, FL	90
<b>National Average Cost of Living Index for U.S. A. Cities = 100</b>			
University of Virginia	2	Charlottesville, VA	107
Georgia Institute of Technology		Atlanta, GA	109
University of Michigan	3	Ann Arbor, MI	111
University of North Carolina	4	Chapel Hill, NC	116
University of Texas	5	Austin, TX	129
University of California Davis	6	Davis, CA	154
University of California San Diego	7	San Diego, CA	160
University of California Los Angeles	8	Los Angeles, CA	176
University of California Irvine	9	Irvine, CA	181
University of California Berkeley	11	Berkeley, CA	238

## National Average Cost of Living = 100

<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
    - ISE Career Fair
    - MAE Internship Course
    - MAE Webinar Industry Insights
  - CISE Career Development Workshop
  - ESSIE Evening with Industry



# 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.



**UF BME INDUSTRY CONNECT CAREER FAIR & MORE!**  
MARCH 30 & 31, 2022

**Wednesday, March 30, 9AM-12PM**

9:00AM - 10:00AM Student Class to BME Alumni

9:00AM - 11:00AM Industry Session with Alumni

10:00AM - 11:00AM Career Discussion Session w/ Featured Industry Reps

11:00AM - 12:00PM Career Discussion Session w/ Featured Industry Reps

**Thursday, March 31, 9AM-12PM**

9:00AM Special Presentations from Arthro, etc. Career Advice from Career Center. Better options for graduate school are presented.

11:00AM-12:00PM Virtual Info Session with Employers (Zoom, Zoom, Zoom)

Arthro

ZimMe



**2021 BME ALUMNI CONNECT**

WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Event Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/94632218091>

Join us for an exciting night of speakers from a variety of professional areas including industry, academia, government and more.

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**PANELISTS**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

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# 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

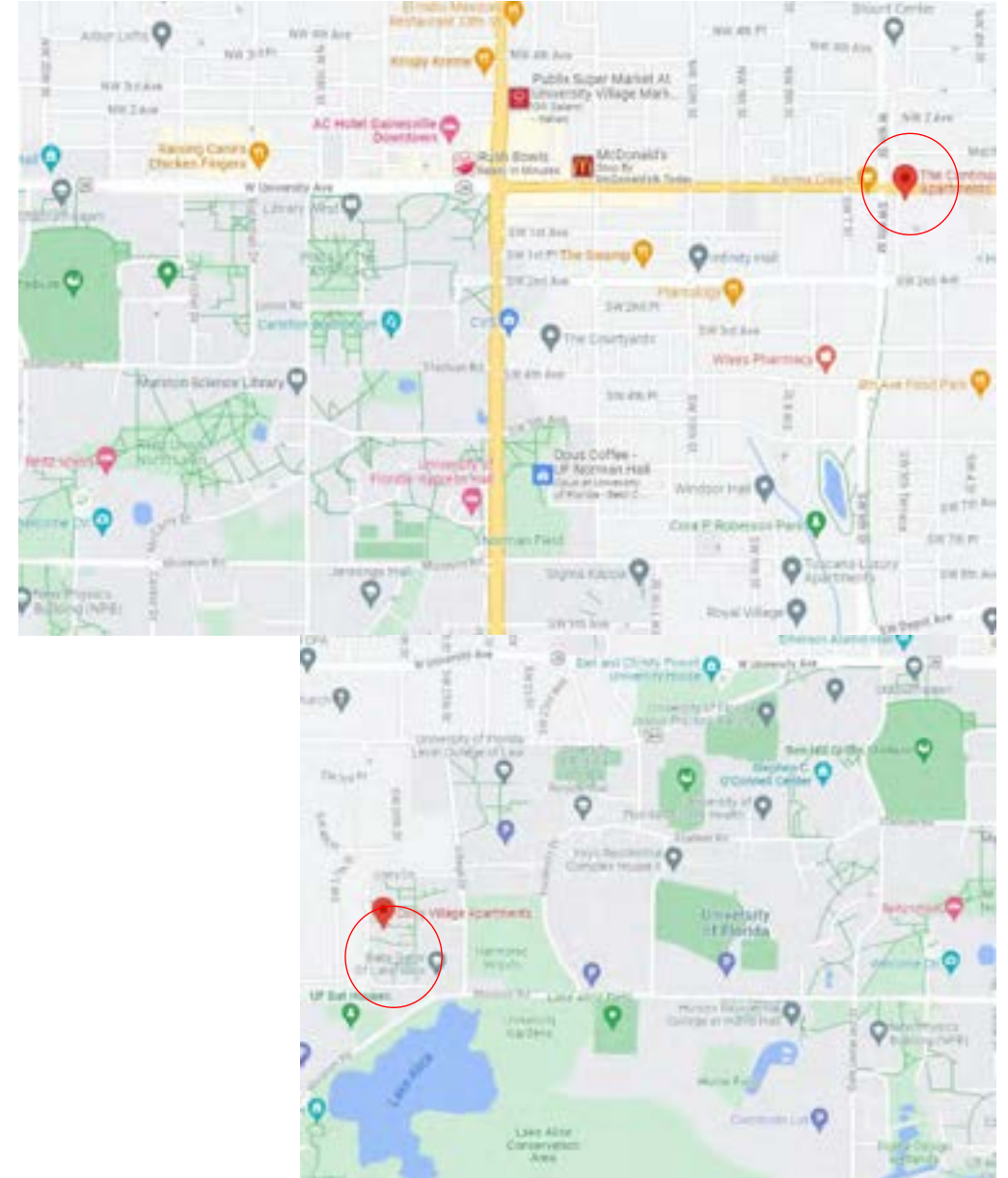


# Housing

## On Campus



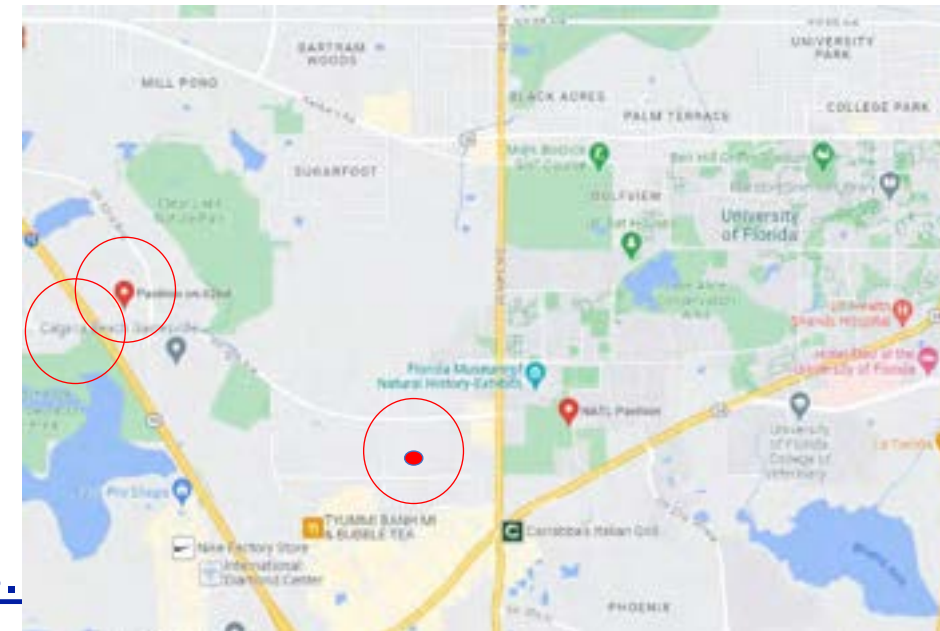
- The Continuum for Graduate Students or UF Working Professionals
- On-Campus Housing (graduate and family): Corry Village (1-3 bedroom options), Diamond Village(1-2 bedroom options), Tanglewood Village(1-2 bedroom options)
- Applying for Graduate and Family Housing: <https://housing.ufl.edu/apply/graduate-and-family-housing-application/>



## 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.>



# Gators



- 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

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# India Prospects

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