MS Admit Webinar
University of Florida
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
9:30 am – 11:00 am EST (7:00 pm IST)
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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
## Graduate Students in UF Engineering

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What we believe

- We believe engineering and computer science can transform the future in areas which are critical to society.
- We believe that such a transformation will require a new kind of engineer – an engineer that is technically excellent but capable of leading and innovating in a world which is increasingly global and interdisciplinary.
- We believe world changing innovation requires a workplace and a culture which is diverse and inclusive.
Why HWCOE?

• HWCOE is comprehensive, collaborative and growing
  Every engineering discipline except architectural and petroleum
  Added Wertheim Laboratory for Engineering Excellence
  Added Malachowsky Hall for Data Science and Information Technology

• HWCOE is inventive and translational
  HWCOE produced more licenses and options than Caltech, Penn State, UNC Chapel Hill, USoCal, University System of Maryland, and the Texas A&M System

• HWCOE is more diverse than many other colleges of engineering
  #2 producer of engineering degrees to Hispanic students
  #6 producer of engineering degrees to African American students
  #6 in master’s degrees and #10 in doctoral degrees for awarded to women
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 (ADS, AIS)
- 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
Over 1,000,000 Gross Sq. Ft. of Engineering Facilities

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Source: UF Space Tracking & Reporting Systems (STARS)
Opened Fall 2020

State-of-the-art biotech lab
Prototyping labs
Global teleconferencing lab
Collaboration spaces
Classrooms
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
- Opened November 2023
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.
F-1 International Student Compliance Services
UF International Center
Incoming F-1 Students

- 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 MANDATORY UFIC Online Check-In → Register full-time for classes

Arriving In Gainesville, FL

- Travel with your I-20, admission letter, F1 visa, passport, and proof of funds 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.
- May enter U.S. up to 30 days prior to program start date stated on your I-20
- Keep in mind, many affordable off-campus apartments are leased through July 31 or December 31, need turn-over/cleaning time, and may not be available for move-in until ~ 10-15 days prior to start of classes
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
- 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: 2024

- Advance/Regular registration (no late fee)
- First day of classes (must be registered full time and in compliance - this is an F1 status issue)
- Drop/Add registration adjustments (late fee applied if not previously registered)
- Fee payment deadline (late fee added if not paid in full; courses dropped if no fees paid - this is an F1 status issue)
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 Employment Authorization Card to work/train after graduation
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 if the academic department submits 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 2024 Master’s Applications

• 3,911 Applications Received
• 1,785 Admitted MS Students
• Still Processing Hundreds More for Admission
• GRE Test Scores Waived for All, Except CISE
• Anticipating 800-1,000+ MS Enrollment
MS Admission Online Accept or Decline

1) Go to https://admissions.ufl.edu/appstatus and login
2) Click VIEW UPDATE (wait 15 minutes after you review the decision for page to update)
3) Click YOUR RESPONSE TO OFFER OF ADMISSION
4) Select ACCEPT or DECLINE and then SUBMIT
5) If ACCEPTING offer you may also sign & email forms to your department’s graduate staff

DEADLINE: April 15, 2024
LATE MS ADMITS: May 1-15, 2024
## Department Updates & Course Registration

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Cost of Attendance

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

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

• Academic Achievement Award
  - no limit on quantity of awardees
  - guaranteed $4,500 for non-Florida Residents
  - $1,500 for 3 semesters
  - CS majors must be in CISE in Engineering (not CLAS liberal arts College)

• EDGE Online Distance Learning
  - no limit on enrollment
  - significant discounted tuition
  - cannot be combined with Academic Achievement Award
  - only available in some HWCOE Departments
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
  • CISE Career Development Workshop - MAE Internship Course
  • ESSIE Evening with Industry - 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
Indian Graduate Student Association

- Cater to the needs and concerns of Indian Graduate Students
- Provide accessible platform to present Indian identity within the international community at the University of Florida
- Provide smooth assimilation and orientation for Indian graduate students into the UF environment and Gainesville community
Indian Graduate Student Association IGSA

- The Indian Graduate Student Association is a non-profit (student) organization committed to cater to the needs and concerns of Indian graduate students and provide an accessible platform to present their identity within the international community at the University of Florida (UF).
- IGSA promotes the smooth assimilation of Indian graduate students, primarily of international student status into the UF environment and local Gainesville community.
- IGSA provides student pickups (spring/fall), conducts webinars for incoming students, maintains dedicated WhatsApp group for every intake to answer and guide incoming students, conducts various fun and academic events, guides as a medium between student and UF and much more.
Some Resources

- **UF Fall 2024 Admits WhatsApp Group:**
  - Help with VISA, housing, course selection etc. These groups have Indian students who are currently studying at UF and prospective students.
- **University of Florida Guidebook to New Students from India:**

**Computer Science Only**

Fall 2023 IGSA Official Group:
[https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRUT5yMszEWFP93vlvazHj](https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRUT5yMszEWFP93vlvazHj)

For Questions, details
- WhatsApp/Call: Sajeed @ +1-352-284-8306
- IGSA President (MLNU@UFL.EDU)

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Email: igsa.uf@gmail.com
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/IGSAUF](https://www.facebook.com/IGSAUF)
Instagram: @igsa.uf
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/](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
Gainesville, FL

- 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
Things to do in and near Gainesville
MS Webinar Slides & Recordings

All Presentation Slides & Recordings Posted Here After Webinar
https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/virtual-events-webinars/
Fall 2024 Orientations & Welcomes

• August 1, GradStart: online modules begin for New Graduate Student Orientation
• August 13, Graduate School Welcome
• August 14, International Student Orientation with International Center
• August 15-21, Engineering Department Graduate Student Orientation/Welcomes
• August 22, Fall Classes Begin
• September 10, Graduate Student Organizations and Resource Fair
• Fall 2024, TBD HWCOE New Graduate Student Welcome
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