



MS Admit Webinar

University of Florida

Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:30 am – 11:00 am EST (7:00 pm IST)

POWERING THE NEW ENGINEER TO TRANSFORM THE FUTURE

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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

Dept	Concentrations	MS	Ph.D.	Total	%
ABE	Agricultural, Biological	10	38	48	1%
BME	Biomedical	61	114	175	5%
CHE	Chemical	60	88	148	4%
CISE	Computer Science, Info Sciences	853	153	1,006	30%
ECE	Electrical, Computer	451	279	730	22%
EED	Engineering Education (ADS, AIS)	n/a	11	11	1%
ESSIE	Civil, Coastal, Environmental	205	123	328	10%
ISE	Industrial, Systems	144	43	187	6%
MAE	Mechanical, Aerospace	324	172	496	15%
MSE	Materials, Nuclear	123	88	211	6%
	Total	2,231	1,109	3,340	

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
<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 (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>

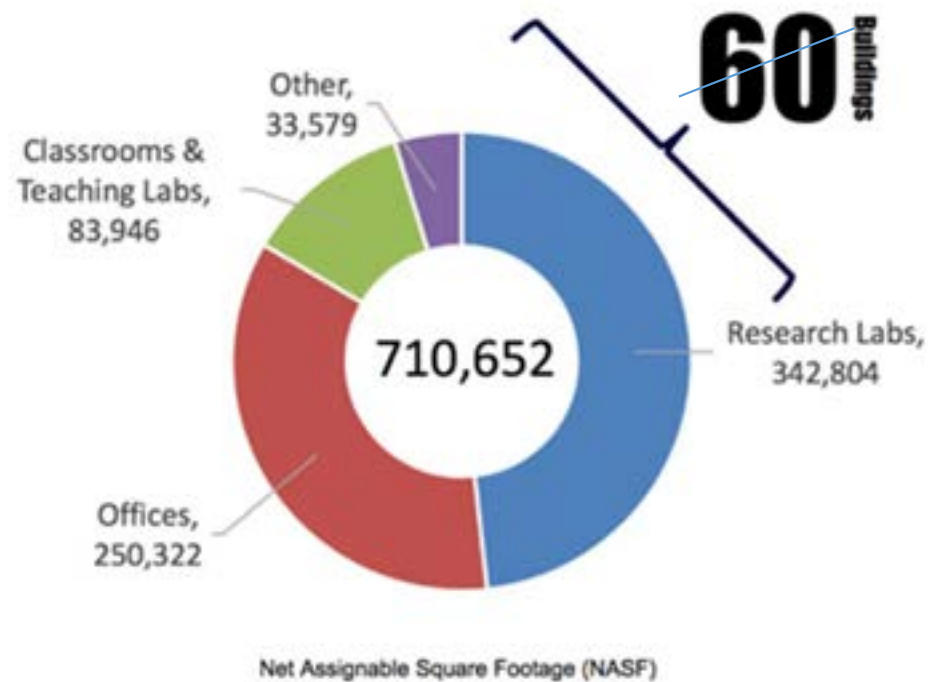


Rankings Among Public Universities

- 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

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	22,571
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG A	22,492
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG B	20,480
MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENG C	19,729
MERWIN J. LARSEN HALL	19,382
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
OCE FACULTY / STAFF	9,426
NUCLEAR REACTOR	9,393
QUALIFICATION LAB, CTT	6,204
PERCY L. REED LABORATORY	5,511
SARLE B. PHELPS LAB	5,416
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT CENTER	5,341
NUCLEAR FIELD BUILDING	5,217
POLYMER RECYCLING BUILDING	4,611
COASTAL ENGINEERING SHOPS	4,197
32 REMAINING BUILDINGS	35,215
TOTAL	710,652



Source: UF Space Tracking & Reporting Systems (STARS)

Opened Fall 2020

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

**HERBERT WERTHEIM LABORATORY
FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

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.



The UF logo consists of the letters 'UF' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a solid orange square. The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a brick building with a large alligator sculpture on a globe in the foreground, overlaid with a blue geometric pattern.

UF

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](#)
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- [Arriving In Gainesville](#)
- [Mandatory Online Check-In Process](#)
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 - [Maintaining F-1 Visa Status](#)
 - [Registration Requirements](#)
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(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. Key sections include:

- PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Name, Date of Birth, Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, Date of Arrival, and Date of Expiration.
- PROGRAM INFORMATION:** Program Name, Program Start Date, Program End Date, and Program Level.
- FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** A table listing various expenses such as Tuition, Books, Health Insurance, and Living Expenses, with columns for 'Estimated Amount' and 'Source of Funds'.
- ADVISOR INFORMATION:** Name, Title, and Contact Information of the F-1 Advisor.
- ISSS INFORMATION:** Name, Title, and Contact Information of the International Student Services representative.

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)



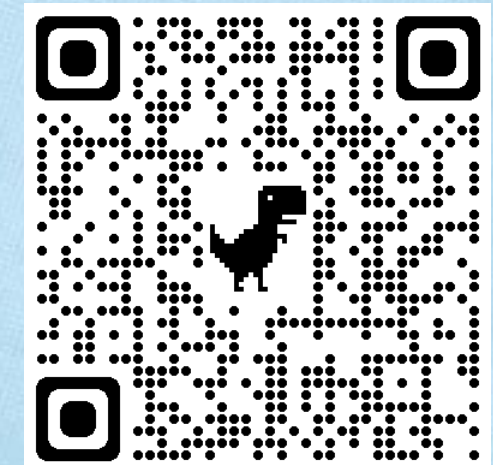
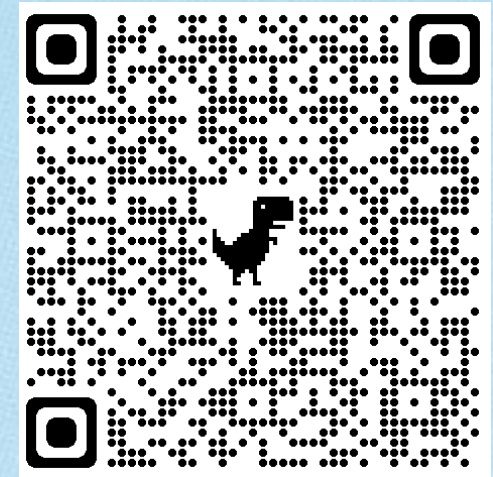
Maintaining F1 Student Status

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

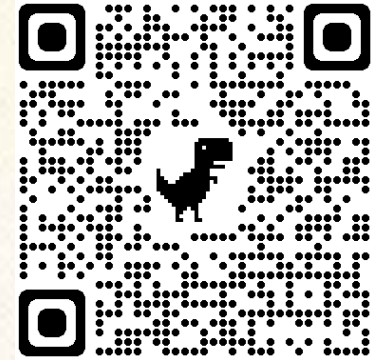
Employment/Training as an F1 Student

- 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



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 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

- 4,079 Applications Received
- 1,887 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



DEADLINE:
April 15, 2024

LATE MS ADMITS:
May 1-15, 2024

- 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

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/>

Institution	Rank	Tuition	City
University of Florida	1	\$30,138	Gainesville, FL
Georgia Institute of Technology	2	\$32,876	Atlanta, GA
Univeristy of North Carolina	3	\$39,338	Chapel Hill, NC
Unijversity 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
Univeristy 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
National Average Cost of Living Index for U.S. A. Cities = 100			
Univeristy of Virginia	2	Charlottesville, VA	107
Georgia Institute of Technology		Atlanta, GA	109
University of Michigan	3	Ann Arbor, MI	111
Univeristy 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 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.



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

Wednesday, March 30, 9AM-12PM

9:00AM - 10:00AM Networking Reception with Refreshments	
10:00AM - 11:00AM Networking Reception with Refreshments	
11:00AM - 12:00PM Networking Reception with Refreshments	

Thursday, March 31, 9AM-12PM

9:00AM - 10:00AM Networking Reception with Refreshments	
10:00AM - 11:00AM Networking Reception with Refreshments	
11:00AM - 12:00PM Networking Reception with Refreshments	

ArthroC **ZenWe**



2021 BME ALUMNI CONNECT

November 1 & 2
10-11 AM GREEN BALL

Event Link: <https://www.zenwe.com/2021>

UF FLORIDA
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
16801 Highway 19
GAINESVILLE, FL 32611-1600
813.941.1234

PANELISTS

TUESDAY
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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:
<http://dreamersion.com/ufl-guidebook-for-freshers/>



Computer Science Only



Rest All

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Instagram: [@igsa.uf](https://www.instagram.com/igsa.uf)

Fall 2023 IGSA Official Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRUT5yMszEWFP93vlvazHj>

For Questions, details

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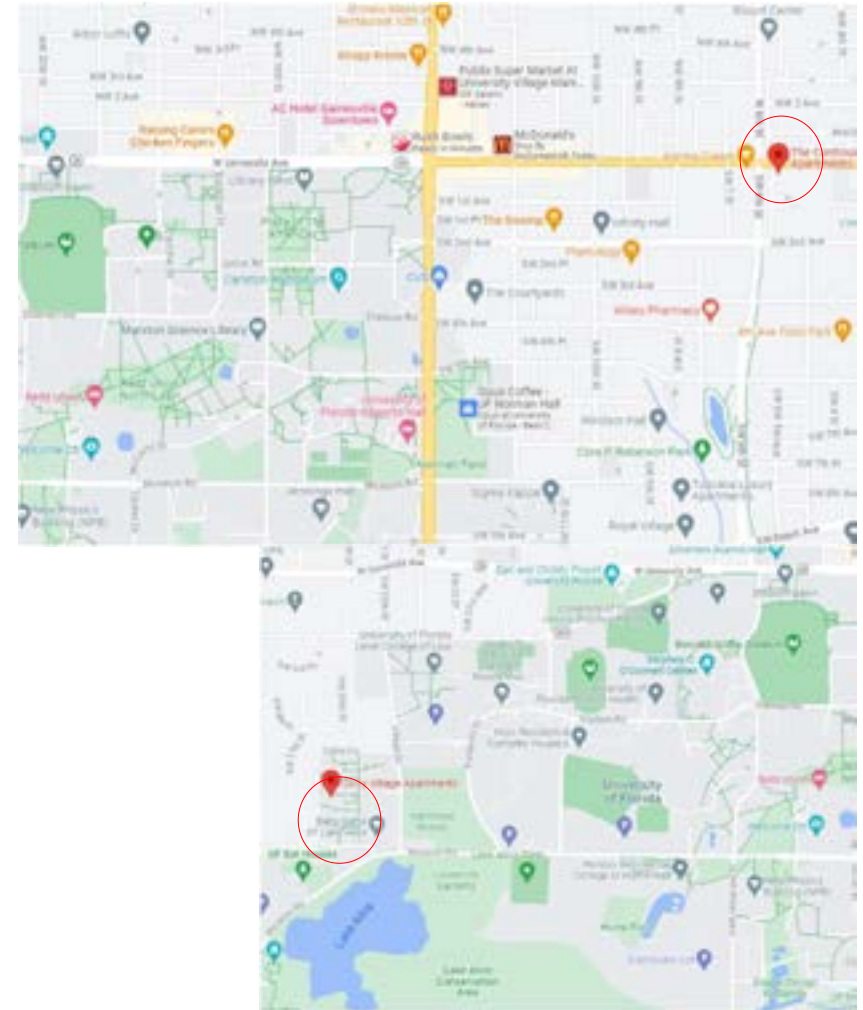
-IGSA President (MLNU@UFL.EDU)

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

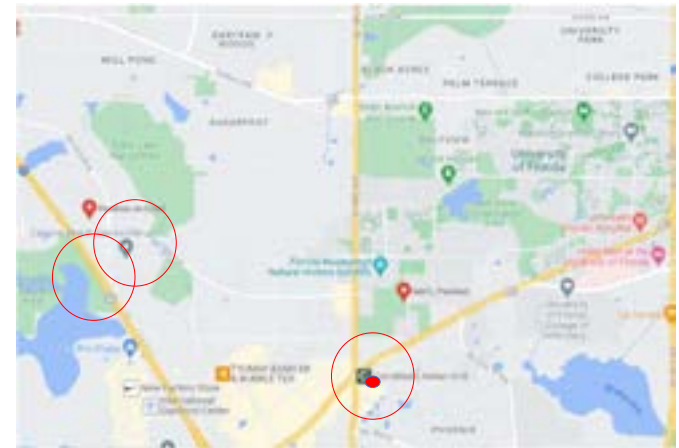
Off Campus

- 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/>



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



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/>

UF Zoom Webinar for Admitted Master's Students from India (4-6-23)

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Watch on YouTube

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

HWCOE Graduate Staff/Faculty Contacts

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