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University of Florida 1987- 2018

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About the University

The University of Florida is a public institution founded in 1853. Its engineering program is well-regarded, and the university as a whole is often recognized as prestigious. Jack Clemons is a notable alumnus from the University of Florida known for his achievements in the space industry. He became the lead engineer on NASA's

Apollo and Space Shuttle Programs, and later an aerospace company executive. The University of Florida is located in Gainesville, Florida.

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Overview

All years from 1987 to 2018 are present as catalogs in single year increments. Changes to policies are specified within the paragraphs with dates during which the policy was effective. Tables are also used to denote changes in a more succinct manner. Note that this is meant to be a summary and does not include all and every specific detail on the policies discussed.

Term type

- Semester system, including summer terms.

Admissions, Engineering, 1st Year

Deferred Admission

- Deferred admission is not permitted at UF, however starting in 2011/12, the policies state “the application may be considered for and admission may be offered to terms other than the preferred term specified on the application” which shows that the University may enforce mandated deferred admission.

General Admissions Policies

- From 1987/8-2005/6, the GPA requirements are on a sliding scale with the ACT/SAT scores as shown on the table below.

		Lowest GPA, Highest ACT/SAT Scores	Highest GPA, Lowest ACT/SAT Scores
1987/88-	ACT	24	17
1989/90	SAT	1050	840
	GPA	2.0	3.0
1990/1-	ACT	25	19
1993/4	SAT	1050	840
	GPA	2.0	3.0
1995/6	ACT	25	20
	SAT	1050	860
	GPA	2.0	2.9
1996/7-	ACT	25	20
2005/6	SAT	1140	970
	GPA	2.0	2.9

- From 1987/8 to 1995/6 an applicant was required to have at least nineteen units of college preparatory courses, including 4 credits in English, 3 in mathematics (including Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II), 3 in natural sciences (including two courses with lab), 3 in social sciences, 2 in foreign language (sequentially), and 4 in academic electives. This changed in 1995-1996 school year, when only 15 college preparatory courses were required (the elective requirement was removed). This was changed one more time in 2010/11 when four math credits were required. Either the ACT or SAT is required. Up to 3 subjects tests in the SAT II may also be required. From 2003/4-2010/11 the SAT II was required only if the student did not finish high

school or were homeschooled (after this, it was still an option in the requirement to “prove mastery of learning outcomes.”)

- From 2006/7-2008/9, a student needed a combined 950 on the critical reading and math of the new SAT with a minimum of 440 on each. On the ACT, a student needed a composite score of 19 with 17 in English, 19 in math, and an 18 in reading. In 2010/1, the minimum scores were a combined 1330 on critical reading, math, and writing SAT with a 440 in each. The ACT requirements stayed the same. From 2011/2 -2016/7, this changed so that that the critical reading and math on the SAT needed to be 460. The ACT required a 19 in reading and math and an 18 in writing.

Preferred admissions

- In general, in-state residents (students for whom Florida is their state of residency) are given preferred admission over other both domestic students and international students.

Admissions, Engineering, Transfer

Automatic Admissions

- There doesn't seem to be anything in the catalog that implies a student may be admitted automatically, with the exception of articulation agreements.

College level hours to be considered a transfer

- 30 or more credits total, or 12 or more semester hours following graduation from high school. This includes dual enrollment students, so high school graduates are often admitted as a transfer. As of 1999/2000, there was no mention of the 30 or more credits- just the 12 credit hours since graduation from high school. In 2005/6 it is stated that anyone who has 60 hours through AP, IB/CLEP cannot apply as freshmen and must apply as transfer students. In 2007/8 this was changed so students totaling 60 hours through dual enrollment and AP/IB/CLEP should complete freshmen application and they will be evaluated for both freshman and junior level standing. In 2010/11, a student is only evaluated for both freshmen/junior standing if they graduated from high school with an AA degree, the rest are seen as freshmen no matter the amount of credits received before graduating high school.

Dual Enrollment

- Admitted as transfer or freshman, see above

Articulation Agreements

- An articulation agreement exists between the state universities and public community colleges of Florida. (In 2012/3 the wording switches from Community Colleges to Florida Public Colleges).

Preferred Admissions

- Applicants from in-state public institutions with an associate degree are preferred.

Requirements to transfer

- A student transferring as a junior or senior requires at least 60 semester hours of academic course work required, CLAST, two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school or 8-10 credit hours postsecondary. A 2.0 is required. Some programs may require the ACT or SAT. For lower division, students must have a C average and be eligible for admission to the University of Florida as a beginning freshman. As of 2008/9, University of Florida was no longer accepting lower division transfer students. In 2008/9, the CLAST was no longer being used.

Admissions, International

Requirements

- ACT or SAT required for students who enter the university as a freshman or sophomore (less than 60 hours of credit). From 1987/8- 2006/7, the TOEFL is required of all transfers (except native English speakers and those who have done sufficient course work in an English-speaking country. From 1994/5- 2003/4, the catalog specifically mentions a required score of 550. From 2006/7-2017-2018, it is stated that only junior/senior level transfers need to take the TOEFL.

Engineering Matriculation Model

Direct to University

- Students are admitted to the university and college, where they may declare an engineering major and access engineering advisors but are not required to do so. In general, a student is not admitted to their department until around their junior year. In 1999/2000, it was recommended that students include 1 year of elementary algebra, 1 year intermediate and advanced algebra, 1 year plane geometry, 0.5 year trigonometry, 1 year chemistry, 1 year physics, and 0.5 year of additional mathematics in high school. Regarding general education, students should have 3 hours of composition, 6 hours of

mathematical science, 6-9 hours of humanities, 6-9 credit hours of social and behavioral sciences, and 12 credit hours of physical and biological sciences.

- There is enrollment management for the different engineering degree programs -- a student is admitted once pre-engineering technical work is complete. Each program has specific GPA requirements.

Readmission for Students in Good Academic Standing

- Students seeking readmission must reapply. If they've attended any other college or university, they must have an average of C or higher as computed by UF and meet current admission requirements.

Grading Policies

Audit

- An audit depends on space-available basis, approvals of the instructor and dean of the college offering the course. Credit hours for the audit are not reflected in the transcript. Other than this, there is little information about other limitations in an audit. In certain cases, it can be used to help make up incomplete work from the previous semester.

Course Repeat policy

- If the first grade is lower than a C and the second grade is a C or higher, each grade is computed into the GPA, but credit is earned only once. If the first grade is lower than a C and the second grade is lower than a C, then each grade is computed into GPA but credit is earned only once. If the first grade is a C or higher but the second grade is lower than the C, then each grade is computed into the GPA but credit is earned only once. Finally, if the first grade is a C or higher and the second grade is a C or higher only the first grade is computed in the GPA and credit is only earned for first attempts. This persuades students to not retake classes unless necessary. Starting in 1998, after three or more attempts of a class (with exceptions of courses withdrawn before fee liability, military sciences, Co-Ops, and courses approved for multiple registrations) a fee of 100% of the cost of instruction was charged. In engineering, starting in 2002/3, students only were allowed two attempts for the critical tracking courses in Engineering.

Credit without grades

- In general, a score of a 3 on an AP exam is the minimum needed to receive credit, though some majors may require a 4 or 5. From 1987/8-1993/4, the minimum score needed in CLEP exams is between 488 and 500, with sub scores of 49 or 50. From 1994/5-2001/2, English and Math require a 500 and everything else requires a 490. This changes in 2003/4, where all tests require a 50. For IB, in general, a student needs above a 5 (though sometimes a 4 will give credit). As for transfer credit, courses with grades of D or higher which reasonably parallel a course at UF will be accepted for credit, however some colleges may require grades to be a C or higher.

Drop and Withdrawal

- A student must withdraw before the withdrawal period to avoid financial responsibility. The Drop date is within the first week of class. Up until late in a semester a student can petition to drop a class without receiving a WF (instead receiving a W), which implies a student may receive a WF at most times. A student may withdraw from all courses, generally this deadline is the same or near the deadline to receive a W instead of a WF.

Grade Weights and Grading Scale

Grade	Grade Weight Before 2009	Grade Weight After 2009
A	4.00	4.00
A-	--	3.67
B+	3.50	3.33
B	3.00	3.00
B-	--	2.67
C+	2.50	2.33
C	2.00	2.00
C-	--	1.67
D+	1.50	1.33
D	1.00	1.00
D-	--	0.67
E	0.00	0.00

Incompletes

- Starting in 1991/2, when an incomplete is first recorded, it is a nonpunitive grade (later denoted by I*). After this, a student has until the end of the next term in which they are enrolled to have the incomplete turned into a grade. If this does not happen, then the Incomplete remains (turning from an I* in the grades to I). This means that it becomes a failing grade. Later, it seems to be grouped under correspondence study.

Independent study

- From 1996-1997 to 1998-1999, and 2000/2001, independent study was allowed, however only a total of eight hours credit total could be done through independent study, and this included such courses such as internships, high honors courses, etc. The independent study courses required approval by the student's department head.

Miscellaneous other grades

Grade	Indication	Grade Weight
S	Satisfactory	--
W	Withdrew	--
H	Deferred Grade	--
N*	No Grade Reported	--
I*	Incomplete	--
U	Unsatisfactory	--
WF	Withdrew Failing	0.00
NG	No Grade Reported	0.00
I	Incomplete	0.00

Pass/fail

- UF's version of pass/fail is called satisfactory/unsatisfactory. A student may convert from a letter grade to a satisfactory/unsatisfactory up until the end of the Friday on the third week of classes for fall, winter, and Summer C. In Summer A and Summer B, this changes until Wednesday of the second week of classes due to shortened time. A student needs approvals from the course instructor and department offering the course, as well as from the dean of

their own college. The student must be in good standing (GPA at or above a 2.0). It is impossible to go from taking a class as satisfactory/unsatisfactory to taking a class for a letter grade. It can only be used for elective coursework and cannot be used to finish the general education requirements. U, or unsatisfactory, may be interpreted by other colleges as a failing grade, and is reported as a failing grade in the UF catalogs. In 2004/05, it was stated the S is equal to a C or higher.

Academic Progress - Engineering

Academic Good Standing

- To remain in academic good standing a student is required to keep a GPA of 2.0 or above. Failure to meet this GPA will result in the student being placed on academic probation. This is in effect from 1987/88-2017/18.

Consequences of not meeting required performance

- Probation
 - Probation at UF serves as a warning, with no action that must be specifically taken by the students. From 1987/8-1989/90, a probation occurred whenever a student had a Grade Point Deficit (GPD) between 1.0 and 2.0. Starting in 1990/91, a student was on probation when their CGPA dropped below a 2.0. A student would stay on probation as long as their GPD is greater than 0 but less than 1.5. This means that the student can be on probation forever, so long as their GPD is less than 1.5, but they can only graduate with a GPA of 2.0 or over. A student is also under probation if they return from a suspension.
- Suspension
 - After 1990/91, when the GPD is greater than 1.5, a student is suspended for a minimum of one term. To return to the University of Florida, a student must reapply for admission. After returning, a student has one term to improve their GPD to less than 1.5. If this does not happen, the student is excluded/dismissed from the University. From 1987/8-1990/1, a student was suspended when the GPD was greater than 2.0.
- Expulsion
 - Exclusion is UF's term for expulsion. This happens if a student cannot improve their GPD to below a 1.5 after the term back from suspension. In Expulsion, a student may not return back to the University of Florida, except in special cases when a student may attempt to appeal a ruling

(though the catalog does not go into what may make such attempts justified), as well as through the clean slate program. Another way for a student to be excluded is to have completed 60 semester hours (80 before 1992/93), or four semesters and not be admitted to an upper division degree program.

- Clean Slate
 - In the clean slate option, a student must have partaken in primarily non-academic activities for a minimum of 5 years. UF grades that are C or higher will be used to calculate hours earned applied toward degrees, but no grade is included in the GPA. All grades received remain on the official academic record and transcript.

Classification Hours

- Though the catalog does not use the terms Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior when referring specifically to classification hours, there are four main categories for most undergraduate students that fit well into those terms: 1, Student with under 30 credits; 2, Students who have earned 30 credits or more, but fewer than 60; 3, Students who have earned 60 credits or more, but fewer than 90 credits; 4, Students who have earned 90 credits or more.

Excess hours Policies

Year(s)	Excess Credit Hours	Surcharge (per credit)
1997-2001	115%	50%
2001-2010	--	--
2010-2011	120%	50%
2011-2012	115%	100%
2012-2018	110%	100%

- Credits computed for excess hours include hours earned, failed, withdrawn from (with fee liability, so after the first week of classes, usually), incomplete hours, and repeated hours. Credits that do not count in the calculation include Military Science Courses, as well as accelerated mechanisms, which includes tests such as AP, IB, and CLEP, as well as dual-enrollment classes. The trend with this policy is for it to get more stringent, showing the University of Florida has an increased focus in students graduating on time.

Engineering Degree Progression

Common Introduction to Engineering

- The engineering core courses always required at University of Florida include Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1, Analytic Geometry and Calculus 2, Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3, either Elementary Differential Equations or Introduction into Engineering Analysis, Physics with Calculus 1, Lab for Physics 1, Physics with Calculus 2, lab for Physics 2, General Chemistry, Lab for General Chemistry, General Chemistry & Qualitative Analysis, and lab for General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis. In 1987/8-1993/4, general education requirements seemed to be part of the core courses. From 1987/8 to 1990/1, engineering graphics and computer programming for engineers was a part of the core courses. In 2000/1, C++ programming was required, which changed to VB.net programming from 2012/3-2015/6. As of 2017/2018 there is no required computer science course, instead left up to the discretion of the individual departments.

Engineering Co-Op

- From 1993/4-2004/5, the catalogs mention Co-Ops at UF are voluntary and a minimum of three terms. During these three terms the student works at the same employer. The student must apply, and the first and last years of the student's education are completed in residency at the University. In the 1998/9, the description of co-ops changes, omitting a previous section about the student working as a member of a two-person team. This could mean that what is expected out of the co-op changed as well for the university. After 2004/5, policies for co-ops are not mentioned specifically in the catalog. It seems as if they still exist, however.

Progress in Engineering Major

- Graduation: A C average of courses taken at UF is required to graduate.
- Up or Out: To be accepted into their major, from 1995/6- 1996/7 a student must be accepted to their major by 60 credit hours (can be admitted on a provisional basis). Before 1992/3, it was common for a student to have up to 80 semester hours to be accepted by a department. By 1997-1998, it appears that students are allowed 5 semesters to progress into their chosen majors. The progress to be accepted into the major (as well as what constitutes as off track progress) is shown in the tables below. After this year there is no mention of specifically when the student has to be accepted into their major.

To remain "on track"

		1994/5	1995/6	1996/7	1997/8	1998/9	1999/2000- 2017/8
Semester 1 (15 hours)	GPA (Overall)	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0
	GPA (Technical)	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
	# Technical Courses	1-2	2	2	1	1	1
Semester 2 (30 hours)	GPA (Overall)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0
	GPA (Technical)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
	# Technical Courses	2-4	4	4	2	2	2
Semester 3 (45 hours)	GPA (Overall)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0
	GPA (Technical)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
	# Technical Courses	4-6	6	6	4	4	4
Semester 4 (60 hours)	GPA (Overall)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.0
	GPA (Technical)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
	# Technical Courses	6-8	8	6-8	6	6	6
Semester 5	GPA (Overall)				2.0	2.0	2.0
	GPA (Technical)				2.5	2.5	2.5
	# Technical Courses				8	8	8

"Off track"

		1994/5	1995/6	1996/7	1997/8- 1999/2000
Semester 1 (15 hours)	GPA (Overall)			<2.0	
	GPA (Technical)			<2.0	
	# Technical Courses			None	
Semester 2 (30 hours)	GPA (Overall)			<2.0	<2.0
	GPA (Technical)			<2.0	<2.0
	# Technical Courses			<2	None
Semester 3 (45 hours)	GPA (Overall)			<2.0	<2.0
	GPA (Technical)			<2.3	<2.0
	# Technical Courses			<4	<2
Semester 4 (60 hours)	GPA (Overall)			<2.0	<2.0
	GPA (Technical)			<2.3	<2.3
	# Technical Courses			<6	<4
Semester 5	GPA (Overall)				<2.0
	GPA (Technical)				<2.3
	# Technical Courses				<6

Financial Aid

Standards for retaining

- 2.0 CGPA by the end of 60 academic credit hours and 2.0 CGPA afterwards. Enrolled as a full-time student, in many cases.
 - Freshmen: must earn 75% of their hours carried and achieve sophomore status (30 credits) after a maximum of 40 credit hours.
 - Sophomores must earn 78% of their total credit hours (achieve junior status- 60 credit hours) after carrying a maximum of 77 hours.
 - Juniors must earn 82% of their credit hours and achieve senior status (90 credit hours) after a maximum of 110 hours.
 - Seniors must earn 87% of their total hours carried and earn a baccalaureate degree after carrying a maximum of 150 credits, in most cases (some exceptions include when a degree purposefully takes longer such as a 5-year degree plan).
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student (which is 12 credit hours in fall/spring/sum of summer terms) or as a half-time student which is 6 credit hours in fall/spring/sum of summer terms)

State merit scholarship program

- The Bright Futures Scholarship Program began in 2000/1 at UF. This scholarship has specific GPA requirements and service hours required. It would cover 100% of funding hours up to 90 credits (2009/10-2010/11). The award can be reinstated within 3 years of graduating high school from 2009/10-2011/2, and 2 years after that. From 2010/1 – 2016/7, the number of years the funding is available is 5 years from high school graduation. (In 2009/10, this was seven years). To renew the scholarship, students must earn a 2.75 for the FMS, or a 3.0 for the FAS. The table below shows eligibility requirements.

Locate your high school graduation year in Column A to determine the requirements and conditions for your Bright Futures award.

Bright Futures Initial Eligibility (Columns A-D) and Scholarship Award Information (Columns E-I) by High School Graduation Year								
FAS = Florida Academic Scholars			FMS = Florida Medallion Scholars			GSV = Gold Seal Vocational Scholars GSC = Gold Seal CAPE Scholars		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Initial Eligibility				Scholarship Award Information				
Student's High School Graduation Year ¹	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FAS Award	Required SAT/ACT Score to Earn FMS Award ²	Service Hour Requirements	Number of FAS/FMS Hours of Funding Available ^{3,4}	Number of GSV/GSC Hours of Funding Available ⁵	Number of Years to Reinstatement of an Initial Award ⁶	Number of Years of Funding Available ⁷	Restoration Opportunity
2016-2017	1290 SAT / 29 ACT	1170 SAT / 26 ACT	FAS = 100 hrs FMS = 75 hrs GSV / GSC = 30 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC or PSAV's; 60 credits hours in ATD's.	Within 2 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>
2015-2016 thru 2013-2014	1290 SAT / 29 ACT	1170 SAT / 26 ACT	FAS = 100 hrs FMS = 75 hrs GSV = 30 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC or PSAV's; 60 credits hours in ATD's.	Within 2 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>
2012-2013	1280 SAT / 28 ACT	1020 SAT / 22 ACT	FAS = 100 hrs FMS = 75 hrs GSV = 30 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC or PSAV's; 60 credits hours in ATD's.	Within 2 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>
2011-2012	1270 SAT / 28 ACT	980 SAT / 21 ACT	FAS = 100 hrs FMS = 75 hrs GSV = 30 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 72 credit hours in AS, AAS, CCC or PSAV's; 60 credits hours in ATD's.	Within 3 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>
2010-2011	1270 SAT / 28 ACT	970 SAT / 20 ACT	FAS = 75 hrs FMS = 0 hrs GSV = 0 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 90 credit hours	Within 3 years of high school graduation	Up to 5 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>
2009-2010	1270 SAT / 28 ACT	970 SAT / 20 ACT	FAS = 75 hrs FMS = 0 hrs GSV = 0 hrs	100% of program of study	100% of program of study up to 90 credit hours	Within 3 years of high school graduation	Up to 7 years from high school graduation	For insufficient GPA in 1 st year of funding <u>only</u>

Policies for Students with Disabilities

Accessing accommodations

- In '94-95, for disabled student housing, students must explain the nature of their disability in detail. Students with special needs should indicate needs on housing agreements and contact the assignments office ('95-96 on). Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the office for assistance (until '97) and then encouraged to contact the designated coordinator for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. As of '98-99 there is no requirement for a student to self-identify his/her disability. However, students requesting classroom accommodations must register with the Office for Student Services/Dean of Students Office and provide documentation to verify the disability.

Name of offices

- The Office for Student Services from '94/95-'98/99. Dean of Students Office afterwards.

Position in academic hierarchy

- Student Affairs

Services offered

- The program in communication sciences and disorders, department of communication processes and Disorders, offers services to person who have speech, hearing, language or reading disorders (from 95-96). Services offered by the Office for Student Service includes but are not limited by: special campus orientation, registration assistance, securing auxiliary learning aids, and assistance in General university activities. People who are disabled are also offered accessible housing, on a first come first serve basis. It is also possible for students with disabilities to be eligible for full-time status and benefits thereof at or below 12 credit hours.

Miscellaneous

- Privileges: 1994/5 and before- undergraduate inter-institutional registration program lets students at state university system institutions take advantage of resources and programs available at other campuses but not available at their home institution (special course offerings). Course work will be accepted for credit.
- Requirements: CLAST is required from 1997/8-2008/9. CLAST stands for College Level Academic Skill Tests and the subjects tested are essay, English language skills (ELS), reading, and mathematics. Gordon rule: from 1987/8-1990/1, students must complete with a grade of C or higher, 12 credits in designated courses that involve substantial writing totaling 24,000 words. After 98-99 this changes so while a student still must write 24,000 words, the 12 credit are taken off (probably because they can use certain standardized test scores to cover some credit for this requirement).
- Starting in 1996/97, if a student did not take at least two sequential foreign language courses in secondary school, they are required to take 8-10 credits of foreign languages.
- There is a University Foundation (General Education). A student is required to have 39 credits of general education credits from 1987/8-2002/3, 45 from 1992/3-1995/6, and 36 credits after that.

- There is a residency requirement that two semesters and last 30 credits applied toward degree must be completed in residency at the University. In 1994/1995 and later, this changes to also add that 25% of credit hours applied toward degree must be completed in residency.
- There is also a summer term that is required for students who enter UF with less than 60 credits. They must attend at least one summer term and earn at least 9 credits during summer terms while enrolled at UF. In 2002/03, this changes so that if a student entered the university with 9 credits due to accelerated mechanisms, they do not have to take a summer term. By 2011/12, it seems as if the 9 credit hour rule is gone.