

UF EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET 2019-2020

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UF INTERNATIONAL CENTER

University of Florida International Center

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FALL SEMESTER 2019

- Nomination Deadline: April 1
- Application Deadline: May 1
- Mandatory Orientation: TBA
- Classes Begin: August 20
- Last day of exams: December 13

**Classes begin on different dates for Law and graduate business students. Please check our [website](#) for specific dates.*

SPRING SEMESTER 2020

- Nomination Deadline: September 1
- Application Deadline: October 1
- Mandatory Orientation: TBA
- Classes Begin: January 6
- Last day of final exams: May 1

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NOMINATION

- Please notify Lyn Straka at lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu by the nomination deadline. Include contact e-mail for each student. We will send out information to each student and copy the home institution as well.

APPLICATION

- Students need to go to our [website](#) to create an application. Specific instructions will be given to all nominated students by email.
- Application Requirements:
 - SEVIS Questionnaire
 - English Verification Form
 - Certificate of Financial Responsibility
 - Course Request Form (All students except Business, Law, and Engineering)
 - Academic Report Request Form
 - Most recent copy of Transcript in English
 - Copy of Non-Degree Registration
 - Copy of a passport valid for 6 months AFTER end of exchange program
- Post-Decision:
 - Immunization Form (must be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the [Student Health Care Center](#)). Students should fill out this form as soon as possible. Many students often have trouble receiving necessary immunizations in time to pick out classes. Students will not be allowed to register for classes until all necessary paperwork is given. Direct any questions to healthcompliance@shcc.ufl.edu.

**Students who are U.S. citizens must submit a scanned copy of their U.S. passport with the rest of their application. Please contact Lyn Straka for more information.*

VISA INFORMATION

- Exchange students will apply for a J-1 Visa. More about this can be found on our [website](#) under 'J-1 Status Requirements'
- The UF International Center will issue a DS-2019 after acceptance, which students will use to apply for their Visa.

ACCOMMODATION

- Students must complete an additional form due with their application if they wish to live on-campus. The on campus dorm for exchange students is [Weaver Hall](#).
- There are limited spots for on campus housing. Applying for on-campus housing does not guarantee a spot.
- Costs for Weaver Hall can be found [here](#). Rates vary per semester
- All off campus arrangements are to be made by the student. UF offers assistance finding off campus housing through the Off Campus Life office. <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/>

HEALTH INSURANCE

- All UF students are required to have health insurance.
- Students have the option of enrolling in UF's health insurance or submitting a waiver showing alternative health insurance meets the requirement outlined by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- All information can be found [here](#). For questions, contact insurance@ufic.ufl.edu.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Minimum credits required per semester
 - Undergraduate students: 12
 - Graduate students: 9
- Available courses for each semester can be seen by going to <http://one.ufl.edu/soc/>.

**Graduate students may take up to six UF credit hours of undergraduate level classes totaling nine credit hours. If a graduate student wishes to take more than six credit hours of undergraduate level classes, the student MUST take a minimum of 12 credit hours instead.*

BUDGETINGS & COSTS

- Students are allowed to enroll in one (1) online course per semester.
- The U.S. government requires J-1 students to prove sufficient funds for the duration of their program.
- On the Certificate of Financial Responsibility (required document in application), students must show they have a minimum USD \$1,500 per month of the program:
 - One semester: USD \$6,000
 - Two semesters: USD \$13,500
- Students can see [here](#) (under 'Cost of Attendance') estimates on how a student may use their funds.

STUDENT LIFE & RESOURCES

- **UF Virtual Tour** – <http://virtualltour.ufl.edu/>
- **Student Activities and Involvement** – Check out student organizations and daily campus events at this website: <https://www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/student-organizations>
- **UF NaviGators International** – Connects International Students with American students through a unique mentorship program. <http://www.ufnavigatorsinternational.com/>
- **Counselling & Wellness Center (CWC)** - <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>
- **Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS)** – Students can ride any Gainesville RTS bus free with their Gator 1 ID card. <http://go-rt.com/>
- **Gainesville Campus and Community Resources** – <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/more-resources/campus-community-resources>

ARRIVING TO GAINESVILLE

- Students may use connecting flights from Miami, Orlando, Tampa, or Jacksonville to arrive to Gainesville. Students may also use airlines from Atlanta and Charlotte.
- Students may also take a bus from any of these cities to get to Gainesville but they can be less reliable and need to be booked a few weeks before arriving.

- There is no train service directly to Gainesville.
- Please go to <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/arriving-gainesville> for more information on arriving to Gainesville.

THINGS TO DO IN GAINESVILLE/FLORIDA

- Florida State Parks - <https://www.floridastateparks.org/>
- Downtown Gainesville - <http://www.gainesvilledowntown.com/>
- Gainesville attractions - <http://www.visitgainesville.com/>
- Florida attractions - <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us.html>
- Visit St. Augustine - <https://www.visitstaugustine.com/>
- UF Activities Calendar - <https://calendar.ufl.edu/>
- Orlando theme parks and attractions - <http://www.visitorlando.com/>