

# **Exchange Student Fact Sheet**

## **Graduate (Postgraduate) Business Program**



**Warrington College of Business Administration  
Hough Graduate School of Business  
University of Florida**

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# About the University of Florida & Warrington College of Business Administration

## University of Florida (UF)

[www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)

The University of Florida (UF) is a public, land-grant research university. It is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the United States and it encompasses virtually all academic and professional disciplines. It is the oldest and largest of Florida's ten universities and its faculty and staff are dedicated to the common pursuit of the University's threefold mission: education, research, and service.

Teaching is the fundamental purpose of the University. Research and scholarship are integral to the educational process and to expanding humankind's understanding of the natural world, the mind, and the senses. Service is the University's obligation to share the benefits of its knowledge for the public good. The University of Florida is committed to providing the knowledge, benefits, and services it produces with quality and effectiveness. It aspires to further national and international recognition for its initiatives and achievement in promoting human values and improving quality of life. Currently, UF has more than 49,000 students in programs from Bachelor's to PhD levels.

## Warrington College of Business Administration (WCBA)

[www.cba.ufl.edu](http://www.cba.ufl.edu)

The Warrington College of Business Administration is divided into departments and other "units". The main areas of study are by department: Management, Finance, Economics, Marketing, and Decision and Information Sciences. Accounting studies are housed in the Fisher School of Accounting. The WCBA and its programs are fully accredited by AACSB. Through the academic programs, the WCBA is committed to developing interpersonal and total management skills through team and small group work; providing opportunities for development of leadership skills; promoting academic mastery of classroom skills, and fostering the habits and attitudes that constitute a research ethic.



We have numerous undergraduate majors and PhD specialties. Further, we offer many specialized Master's degrees and MBA options. The WCBA is also a leader in utilizing technology to offer courses and degree programs. Departments and programs in the WCBA consistently receive national recognition from various business publications such as Business Week, the Economist, Forbes, and U.S. News & World Report.

The **Hough Graduate School of Business** consists of the MBA programs, all of the specialized Master's degrees, and the PhD programs within the Warrington College of Business Administration.

# Contact Information

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## Websites

University of Florida	<a href="http://www.ufl.edu">www.ufl.edu</a>
Warrington College of Business Administration	<a href="http://www.cba.ufl.edu">www.cba.ufl.edu</a>
Graduate Business Exchange Students	<a href="http://www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/maib/international">www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/maib/international</a>
UF International Center	<a href="http://www.ufic.ufl.edu">www.ufic.ufl.edu</a>

# Application Process

**Step 1** - In order to be approved to study at the University of Florida, students from approved exchange partner schools must first be recommended or “nominated” by their home school. Your advisor can “nominate” you by sending an e-mail to Ms. Lyn Straka at [lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu).

Students from approved exchange partner schools wishing to study business at the undergraduate (years 1-4) or graduate (years 5-6 or MBA) level at the UF Warrington College of Business Administration must complete the exchange application and other required forms found at: <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iesapplication.htm>

## Application Deadlines

- Fall or academic year study.....May 1
- Spring study.....October 1
- Summer study (limited course offerings).....February 1

*Deadlines are important due to the time it takes to process visa paperwork, and the time it may take for you to obtain the visa. Please be mindful of these deadlines as we have reasons for setting them!*

**Step 2** - Students will receive an e-mail verifying the receipt of their application/documents and an update on the application process. Once all necessary paperwork is complete and nomination from the home school has been verified, a package of information from the International Center, including the acceptance letter and DS2019 document (for gaining the visa), will be sent to the student.

**Step 3** - Students or advisors can contact administrators in the College of Business Administration for specific course or college questions. Students will receive a “Welcome Email” from a College of Business advisor approximately 2-3 weeks after the application deadline. In the meantime, students should refer to the Course Registration section (see pages 7-8) for course registration requirements and deadlines.

**Please note:** We do not require an English proficiency test for incoming exchange students. If you are at all concerned about your level of English, you should take the TOEFL. We require incoming international degree-seeking students to achieve at least a 213 (computer-based), 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based) score. If your score is below these minimums, you will struggle in our courses and potentially receive poor grades.

## Contacts

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# Academic Information

## Average Credit Load

The average credit load for UF graduate business students is 9-12 credits per semester or 4-6 credits per module. Almost all graduate business courses are 2 credits each. Other courses (non-graduate business) vary greatly in credits and students are allowed take courses throughout the University if there are seats available and they meet course prerequisites.

Students must be registered for a **minimum of 9 graduate business credits per semester**. Students can register for a **maximum of 16 graduate business credits** per semester.

Term		Average Credit Load	Minimum Credit Requirement per semester	Maximum Number of Credits Allowed per semester
Fall	Module 1	4-6 credits	9	16
	Module 2	4-6 credits		
Spring	Module 3	4-6 credits	9	16
	Module 4	4-6 credits		
Summer*	Summer A	4-6 credits	8	12
	Summer B	4-6 credits		

*\*Students who attend UF for one Summer term only (e.g. Summer A) are required to register for a minimum of 4 graduate business credit hours.*

## Course Descriptions

Graduate business course descriptions are available on this page:

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/courses.asp>

If a course description is not listed, please email Ana Portocarrero at [ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu) to request more information about the course.

## Course Trial Periods (Drop/Add Period)

The first two days of each graduate business module is what we call the “Drop/ Add” period. Students can use this time to attend classes and determine which courses they would like to keep in their schedule and which courses they do not want to take. Schedules can be adjusted within this time period. Students are notified of the “drop/add” period for the second graduate business module via e-mail and the graduate business exchange student intranet. Students who hope to “add” a course to their schedule during the drop/add period should attend the course during the drop/add period to make sure that they do not miss any assignments.

## Credit Conversion

2 UF credits = 3.33 ECTS credits\*

2 UF credits require about 60 total hours of work, including class attendance, lectures, readings, projects, etc.

\*This is based on the following conversion rate: 3 US credits = 5 ECTS credits.

## Exams & Course Assessment

**Please note that UF business courses do not have a “re-sit” policy.** Classes are designed so that you have anywhere from 1-3 exams throughout the course and you only have one opportunity to take the exam. Most classes have 2 exams: a mid-term exam in the middle of the course and a final exam at the end of the course. The final grade you receive in the course will appear on your transcript or official school record. You

will not be allowed to retake the exam at a later time for a better grade. If you are struggling in a course, you should meet with the professor during office hours frequently for extra help.

### **Grading/Rating System (effective May 11, 2009)**

Final grades appear on the official UF transcript as letter grades, which are based out of a 4.0 point scale.

A = 4.00	B- = 2.67	D+ = 1.33
A - = 3.67	C+ = 2.33	D = 1.00
B+ = 3.33	C = 2.00*	D- = 0.67
B = 3.00	C- = 1.67	E = 0.00

**\*For University of Florida Master's and PhD students, a grade of "C" or better is considered "passing".** Some courses are graded on a S/U basis only: S= Satisfactory ("pass"); U= Unsatisfactory ("not passing").

### **Typical Course Structure**

Almost all graduate courses require group/team work, either on a case or project. Courses typically have two exams and at least two projects/cases. Classroom format is normally lecture and discussion and students are required to prepare for the lectures by reviewing the notes on the course website and reading the textbook or assigned materials. In many courses, discussion and class participation/attendance count toward a small part of the student's final grade. Class attendance is rarely mandatory but students are strongly encouraged to attend every class.

It is absolutely necessary for all members of a group to do their share of the required work. Any student who frequently finds reasons not to meet, who does not appear for group meetings, and who does not do work (or quality work) runs the risk of having the other group members decide not to put his/her name on the final paper or project. Thus, the non-contributing member earns a zero, or no grade, for that particular assignment. This could result in not passing the course overall.

### **Typical Course Materials**

**Textbooks & Course Packets** - Most courses require the purchase of a textbook and a course packet. Books and materials here are expensive! You should prepare to spend about \$800 USD for all the required books and course materials per semester. Professors will list required course materials in their course syllabi. We do not have a formalized process for students getting textbooks and course packets. Once you know what you need to purchase, you must do it on your own at a local bookstore or, for the textbooks, you can use an internet site such as Amazon.com or Half.com if you do not need the book urgently.

**Printing** - Graduate business exchange students get a College of Business Administration "CBA" computer account, which allows them to print in large amounts for free in the Graduate Business Student Lounge. In order to get free printing, your computer must meet the specifications outlined here:  
[http://www.cba.ufl.edu/itsp/docs/DMBTC\\_Computer\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.cba.ufl.edu/itsp/docs/DMBTC_Computer_Requirements.pdf)

**Course Management Website (e-Learning)** - Professors use a course management website (e-Learning) to relay course information, such as the course syllabus, lecture slides/presentations, supplemental materials and assignments. Typically, professors post information on e-Learning a couple of days before classes begin or on the first day of class.

**Laptop Computers** - Information Technology courses require much work on the computer while in the classroom, therefore a laptop computer is necessary.

# Course Schedules and Registration

## Graduate Business Master's / MBA Courses

The WCBA gives exchange students the opportunity to take courses from the specialized Master's and MBA programs. Graduate business courses carry a 5000 or 6000 course number and are labeled by subject area (e.g. MAR 6157). Courses are taught in modules, so there are 2 graduate business modules in one UF semester. *Please refer to "Important Dates" for UF semester, modular and mandatory orientation dates.*

Business Subject Area Prefixes	
ACG = Accounting	ISM = Information Systems Management
ECO = Economics	MAN= Management
ECP = Economics Problems and Policy	MAR= Marketing
FIN = Finance	QMB= Quantitative Methods in Business
GEB= General Business	REE= Real Estate

## Course Schedules (Graduate Business Courses)

For graduate business course information, students should ONLY refer to the course schedule posted on the graduate business exchange student website: <http://www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/maib/international/>

Under "Important Documents", you can find course schedules and graduate business course descriptions.

Please note:

- Our Master's programs in both Marketing and Economics are Ph.D. feeder programs and are research based. There are *very few* Master's level Marketing and Economics courses and UF is not a good choice for your exchange if that is your specialty at your home school.
- Do NOT refer to the Graduate Catalog. It lists all courses ever offered at UF and you will see many courses listed that are not actually available in a particular term.
- Do NOT refer to the schedule of courses on ISIS as part of the general UF web site. The reason for this is that we offer many courses as part of our internet and weekend MBA programs that are off-limits to all students who are not in those programs (including other Warrington Master's students). These courses will all be listed in the UF schedule of courses, but are absolutely not available to the general student population.

## Course Registration (Graduate Business Courses)

The College of Business advisor will begin registering students for classes on the first day of the registration period (see dates below). Courses at the University of Florida fill up quickly, so students are encouraged to complete course registration requirements as early as possible to improve their chances of getting their top course choices.

Term	Registration Period	Early Deadline*	Final Deadline*
Summer A 2009	April 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 8 <sup>th</sup>	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
Summer B 2009	June 8 <sup>th</sup> – June 24 <sup>th</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Fall 2009	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> – August 21 <sup>st</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>
Spring 2010	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> – December 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 13 <sup>th</sup>	December 10 <sup>th</sup>

Students who complete course registration requirements by the **early deadline** will be guaranteed to get two of their first choice courses. Those students who complete requirements by the **final deadline**, will be registered

for courses during the registration period, but will not be guaranteed to get their top choices. The longer students wait to complete requirements, the less likely it is that they will get their top course choices. *Those students who fail to complete the requirements by the final deadline will not be registered for classes until they arrive in Gainesville and after the required paperwork (immunization, insurance forms, etc.) is submitted.*

#### **Course Registration Requirements:**

- Submit Online Course Request Form
- Complete Forms Required by the UF International Center (e.g. immunization, insurance, etc.)
- Create Gatorlink Account
- Complete Emergency Contact Information
- Complete Registration Acknowledgement

#### **1- Submit online course request form (see link below):**

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/maib/international/requestform.asp>

For **graduate business course information**, you should ONLY refer to the course schedule posted on the graduate business exchange student website:

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/academics/maib/international/index.asp>

**Under “Important Documents,” select the course schedule for the correct term/year**

*The course offering, section numbers and meeting times will change every term, so please make sure to submit a course request form with the information for the correct term/year!*

On the Course Selection Form, you must list:

- Graduate business courses that are your first choice
- Graduate business courses that are your second choice (alternate choices)
- Course #, course title, section #, module and # of credits (refer to course schedule for information)

#### **2- Submit the required immunization and insurance documents. We will not be able to register any students who have immunization or insurance holds! Please submit those forms as soon as possible. If you have questions about immunizations or insurance, please contact Ms. Lyn Straka at [lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:lstraka@ufic.ufl.edu).**

#### **3- Create a “Gatorlink” account (see page 11 for instructions)**

#### **4- Complete Emergency Contact Information**

- Please go to this website: <http://www.isis.ufl.edu/>
- On the left menu under “My Record,” click “Update Emergency Contact Info”
- Use your Gatorlink ID and password to login
- Complete the emergency contact information form. *Make sure you click the “Submit” button so that the information is saved!*

#### **5- Complete Registration Acknowledgement on ISIS**

- Go to [www.isis.ufl.edu](http://www.isis.ufl.edu)
- On the left-hand side, under “Registration > Register Now,” click on “Spring”
- Login using your GatorLink ID and Password
- *Follow the instructions/links to complete the form. Make sure you “accept” all terms and click on the “submit” button.*

If you have any questions about course registration, please contact Ana Portocarrero at [ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu).

## Undergraduate Business Courses

Some exchange students who come here are a “mixed” classification, meaning that they are at the level where they can take a mix of undergraduate and graduate courses. These students are typically in the last year of an extended “undergraduate” program at the home school. If you will be taking some undergraduate level business courses, you need to review the information on the web site:

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/sb/intlprograms/international/courses.asp>

Note: 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students can register for a maximum of 4 graduate credits or 2 courses/semester

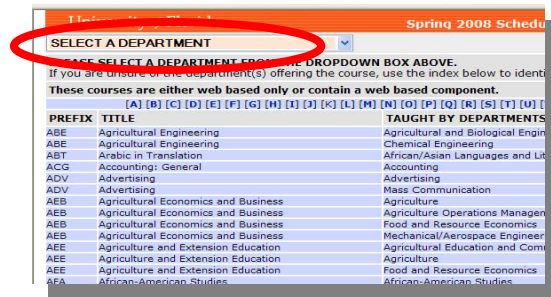
## Non-business Courses

The University of Florida offers courses in almost every discipline you could imagine! Past students have taken courses in such areas as theater, dance, languages, sports, history, religion, and communication. Provided it is approved by the home institution, graduate business exchange students can take non-business courses. **The College of Business does not have any control over non-business courses so it cannot guarantee that students will get a spot in these courses.** Since space cannot be reserved in non-business courses, you may have to wait until your arrival in Gainesville to secure a place in the non-business courses. Exchange students typically have to add them during the drop/add period when spaces are likely to open based on another UF student dropping the course.

## Course Schedules (Non-business Courses)

To view the non-business course schedule, go to: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/>

- Select “Course Listings,” under the semester that you plan to study at UF
- You can search for courses by department, using the “Select A Department” drop down list



## Registering for non-business courses on the Integrated Student Records System (ISIS)

ISIS is the primary means that students use to access, modify, and print their semester schedules. Students are able to register for most **non-business electives**, drop classes, find textbooks, or print a copy of their schedule. If you do not meet pre-requisites or have problems adding a non-business course, you will have to wait until you arrive in Gainesville to get permission to add the course from the department that offers it.

To register for **non-business courses**:

- Go to: [www.isis.ufl.edu](http://www.isis.ufl.edu)
- On the left-hand side, under “Register Now”, select the term for which you are registering
- Login using your GatorLink ID and Password



# Important Dates

## University of Florida Term Dates

### Summer 2009

Summer A	May 11 - June 19
Summer B	June 29 – August 7
Summer C	May 11 – August 7

### Fall 2009

August 24 – December 18

### Spring 2010

January 5 – April 30

## Graduate Business Courses Modular Dates

### Summer 2009

Summer A	May 11 – June 19
Summer Break	June 20-28
Summer B	June 29 – August 7

### Fall 2009

Mandatory Orientations*:	
UF International Center	August 19
College of Business (Graduate)	August 21
Module 1	August 24 – October 15
Module 1 Final Exams	October 12-15
Module 2	October 26–December 18
Module 2 Final Exams	December 14-18
Fall Break**	October 19-23

*\*\*No graduate business classes. Other UF programs/departments have class this week!*

### Spring 2010

Mandatory Orientations*:	
College of Business (Graduate)	January 4
UF International Center	January 4
Module 3	January 4 – February 26
Module 3 Final Exams	February 22 - 26
Module 4	March 1 – April 30
Module 4 Final Exams	April 26 - 30
Spring Break	March 6 – 14

**\*NOTE: Orientations are mandatory and students who do not attend will be dropped from all course registration.**

Students are required to attend both the UF International Center Orientation and the Graduate Business Exchange Orientation. Students should plan to arrive in Gainesville 2-3 days before the term begins. This will allow them to arrange or finalize housing, become familiar with the campus and the city, and take care of any administrative or paperwork requirements for the university. When students arrive in Gainesville they are required to first meet with Lyn Straka in the International Center and they are then encouraged to meet with the designated advisor in the College of Business to finalize their course schedule. Students may also need to meet with a department-specific advisor if they are requesting courses that are not normally taken by exchange students (common for Accounting and Ph.D.-level Economics courses), and this is best done before the term begins.

# Computer and Technology

## **GatorLink Account**

[www.gatorlink.ufl.edu](http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu)

Students are required to have and use their GatorLink account for all UF related email functions. Official university communications, including important registrar correspondence, are sent to students at this email address. As a precaution, do not forward your GatorLink account to another email account as this may result in important emails being bounced or rejected.

Your GatorLink username and password will also serve as your log in for the ISIS registration system. Consequently, you will not be able to view or modify your schedule on ISIS until you have set up your GatorLink account.

### **Creating a GatorLink Account:**

- a. Go to this web site: <http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu/>
- b. Click on “create a new account” in the top left section of the page.
  - You must now enter your UFID, your last (family) name, and your date of birth.
  - *Remember: In the U.S., you always list the month (mm) before the day (dd)!*
  - You must agree to the UF policies regarding Gatorlink accounts, and your password has to be a specific combination of letters and numbers. Once your account is created, it is a good idea to write your username and password down so that you do not forget it!
  - If you do not remember your UFID, please e-mail Ana Portocarrero ([ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu)) and she will provide it for you. You will use this ID number a lot at UF, so before long you will have it memorized.
- c. If you have problems setting up your Gatorlink account, please contact the UF Computing Help Desk at (352) 392-HELP or by emailing [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu).

## **College of Business Administration (CBA) Accounts**

In order for us to arrange your “cba” computer account (for free printing), you need to have already established your “Gatorlink” computer account.

Note: You will not be able to use the “CBA” computer account (for graduate business students) or get free printing unless your computer meets the specifications outlined here:

[http://www.cba.ufl.edu/itsp/docs/DMBTC\\_Computer\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.cba.ufl.edu/itsp/docs/DMBTC_Computer_Requirements.pdf)

If your computer does not meet the specifications, you will still have access to basic computing services at UF. But, you will have to pay a small amount for printing and you will not get the full computer service that Warrington provides to its graduate students.

# Life in Gainesville

## **About Gainesville**

The City of Gainesville (<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/>) is home to Florida's largest and oldest university, and is one of the state's centers of education, medicine, cultural events and athletics. The University of Florida and Shands Hospital at UF are the leading employers in Gainesville and provide jobs for many residents of surrounding counties. Known for its preservation of historic buildings and the beauty of its natural surroundings, Gainesville's numerous parks, museums and lakes provide entertainment to thousands of visitors. Because of its beautiful landscape and urban "forest," Gainesville is one of the most attractive cities in Florida. Some of the awards and recognitions Gainesville and its community has received in recent years include:

- *Gainesville Ranks #1 in Cities Ranked and Rated*, which studied more than 400 metropolitan areas in the U.S. and Canada
- *Top Ten Cities in the USA for Outdoor Activities*, Sperling's Best Places, 2005
- *Most Technologically Advanced City in Florida* (30th in the nation), 2005
- *Tree City USA* and *Tree City USA Growth Award*, National Arbor Day Foundation, 2005 and 2006
- *Silver-Level Bicycle-Friendly Community Award*, League of American Bicyclists, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007

## **Exchange Student Handbook:** <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/eshandbookcontents.htm>

The UF International Center's Exchange Student Handbook contains information about the University of Florida, as well practical information about getting to and living in Gainesville (e.g. settling in, housing, transportation, money management, adjusting to a new culture, entertainment, shopping, etc.)

**Housing in Gainesville:** There is no problem getting housing in Gainesville. You will have the opportunity to share a room in a campus dormitory with a current UF student. Or, you can find an apartment within the city. Gainesville is full of students and there are many housing options at all levels of comfort and price. Information is sent to students by the International Center upon acceptance as an exchange student.

It is very common for apartment units and landlords (for condos) to not offer semester leases until about a month before the term begins. This is because they would rather have someone sign a year-long lease, but as the term date approaches, they get anxious and are desperate to fill the empty apartments. So, please do not be discouraged or get scared that you will have to live on the street! There are MANY housing options in Gainesville and you will certainly have a place to live.

On-campus housing:

[www.housing.ufl.edu/AIE/AIE\\_weaver.html](http://www.housing.ufl.edu/AIE/AIE_weaver.html)

International Dormitory (on campus)

Non-UF services commonly used by students:

[www.apartmenthunters.com](http://www.apartmenthunters.com)

Apartment Hunters

[www.sublet.com](http://www.sublet.com)

Subleases

[www.roommates.com](http://www.roommates.com)

Roommates

[www.alligator.org](http://www.alligator.org)

Alligator (student newspaper) Classifieds

[www.gainesvilleapartmentandcondoguide.com/](http://www.gainesvilleapartmentandcondoguide.com/)

Apartments and condominiums

## **Maps & Directions:**

Campus Map: <http://campusmap.ufl.edu/> (For the College of Business search for "Stuzin Hall")

Google Maps & Directions: [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps) (Search for "Gainesville, FL")

**Weather in Gainesville:** <http://www.weather.com/weather/local/USFL0163>

# Campus Life & Activities

**Campus Life** (<http://www.ufl.edu/campusLife>)

**Leisure Courses** ([www.union.ufl.edu/leisure](http://www.union.ufl.edu/leisure)) (Fall/Spring Only)

Leisure courses offer the opportunity to take classes in such subjects as French, stained glass, ballet and modern dance, tennis, massage and guitar. There is a small fee for students and the course is not for credit (will not be reflected on your official University of Florida transcript).

**TriP Program** ([www.union.ufl.edu/trip](http://www.union.ufl.edu/trip)) (Fall/Spring only)

The TriP program offers inexpensive outdoor activities such as rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming with dolphins and backpacking. The trips are in various parts of Florida and the southeastern United States. Costs of the trips include meals, transportation and equipment. This is also a great way to meet other UF students.

**Volunteer** (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/cls/>)

If you would like to get involved in the community and donate some of your time and experience to a good cause, you can sign up to be a volunteer. Many schools and community organizations need students to perform volunteer work.

**General Recreation & Intramural Sports** (<http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/home.aspx>)

The University of Florida is recognized for its recreation and wellness activities. Most programs start with the start of the semester. The University of Florida has an organized sport and tournament program for 14 sports, including tennis, soccer, softball and volleyball. There are also a variety of sport clubs for over 48 different sports. Some examples: swimming, wrestling, soccer, flag football, cycling, equestrian sports, hockey, golf, aikido, tennis, sailing and much more! Any interested student can participate. It is a great way to stay in shape and meet "sporty" students.

**Spectator Sports** ([www.gatorzone.com](http://www.gatorzone.com)) (Fall/Spring only)

Athletic competitions are definitely popular events in Gainesville. Students turn up in the thousands to watch sports such as football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer. The athletes are all college students and the United States is famous for its devotion to college sports.

**Student Organizations** (<http://union.ufl.edu/involvement/search/>)

Interested in break dancing, water skiing, or rock climbing? How about Buddhism, Hinduism, or foreign languages? UF has more than 250 student clubs and any student can join as long as it is not a restricted academic honor society. This is a great way to meet UF degree seeking students.

## Art & Culture

Gainesville is a small college town but it has a fair amount of art and activities. The Harn Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History, both located next to the Performing Arts Center at 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Hull road (on campus), have both permanent and rotating exhibits of interest. The Performing Arts Center hosts ballets, concerts, plays and musicals. Also, on campus in the Constans Theater at the Reitz Union, the University of Florida Theater Department produces several plays and musicals per term. And, the Hippodrome State Theater is downtown and offers plays and independent films. Prices are often discounted for students when UFID is presented.

Hippodrome State Theater: <http://www.thehipp.org>

Center for the Performing Arts: <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu>