



setting sail for success

PREVIEW

Spring 2010

Students who attend orientation are

more likely to stay in college,
more likely to be satisfied with
their college experience,
more likely to get better grades
and more likely to graduate!

[STUDENT] PREVIEW COST \$90

INCLUDES: Breakfast & lunch,
Orientation materials,
& Registration materials

What is Preview?

Preview is a one-day orientation program designed to assist new first-year students with their transition to the University of Florida community. The experience is your chance to learn how to "make the grade" academically and discover all the ways to enhance your college years with out-of-class experiences. In addition, new students register for classes during Preview.

Why is Preview important?

Orientation is also a great opportunity for you to meet fellow first-year students and make valuable connections with current University of Florida students, faculty and staff. New students who make these connections and create these friendships tend to be more successful in their transition to college. In addition, all new first-year students are required to receive academic advisement prior to registering for their first semester of classes. At Preview you meet with an academic advisor, get your advising hold removed and register for courses all in the same day! How much more convenient could it be?

What to do now?

Included in this brochure are directions to our Preview Reservation web site and additional information. You may find it helpful to have a calendar handy when making your reservation for Preview to ensure the session will not conflict with exams or other end of semester activities.

Welcome!

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Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Florida! The transition to college life can be both an exciting and challenging time. By attending Preview, we can help you make the right choices as you get ready to attend UF.

Preview is a mandatory program for all new first-year students, and family members are encouraged to attend their very own orientation program. This brochure contains helpful information you need to make a reservation for your Preview session. Please take a few minutes to look over the information, and contact us if you have additional questions. You may also find answers to your questions on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) portion of our website: www.preview.ufl.edu.

New Student Programs and Preview can be reached at (352) 392-8396 or toll free at (877) 983-3326.

Welcome to UF, and we look forward to seeing you this summer!

Ann H. Becks
Assistant Dean of Students
Director of New Student Programs

The University of Florida is in Gainesville.
The Gator Nation is everywhere.
Become a part of the Gator Nation!

FAMILY PREVIEW

Preview is not just for students - it's for families as well!

Whether you have been to the UF campus before or not, there is always something to learn, something to experience and someone to meet! Family Preview is your opportunity to find out about the resources at UF from the people who know it best—the administrators, faculty, staff and current student leaders, and to also get answers to your questions about your student's first year. Family Preview runs concurrently with, but separately from, the student Preview program, and you will have opportunities to meet with your student throughout the day.

Throughout the Family Preview program you will have the opportunity to:

- attend presentations on academic success, financial matters, housing, dining, the bookstore, parking, campus safety, and more,
- participate in campus resource fairs,
- gather with families of other first-year students attending Preview, and
- attend special break-out sessions.

While parents and family members are not required to attend a Family Preview session, we believe that family participation during your student's transition to college is invaluable, and we hope you will choose to attend Family Preview. You should sign up to attend Family Preview at the same time your student makes their online reservation for Preview.

FAMILY PREVIEW COST

\$22.50 per family
(regardless of the number of guests)

INCLUDES: Breakfast
& Orientation materials

"Preview made our family feel a lot more comfortable with our student being hours away from home. You demonstrated that you care about both the students and the parents!"

PREVIEW 2010 RESERVATION INFORMATION

You must have your GatorLink username and password handy to access the Preview Reservation web site. If you do not have a GatorLink account, you can create one at www.gatorlink.ufl.edu. If you have forgotten your GatorLink password or need assistance with your GatorLink account, call the UF Computing Help Desk at (352) 392-HELP.

When you make your on-line reservation for Preview you will pay your orientation costs at that time with a major credit card to hold your spot. Preview costs are non-refundable.

Confirmation information will be emailed to you once payment of your Preview costs are received in full by New Student Programs. This information will indicate the date of your Preview session and include a parking permit and additional information. Allow approximately five working days from the date your costs are paid in full for the confirmation information to reach you. Be sure to view your reservation and check that your payment has been received in full before making travel plans or lodging reservations. To view your reservation visit www.preview.ufl.edu; Select **Preview** and then select **View a Reservation**.

Visit www.preview.ufl.edu to make your reservation for Preview.

Session date for
Spring 2010 Admits
Session A: December 7

CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION & TUITION DEPOSIT - DUE OCTOBER 1

Your \$200 non-refundable tuition deposit, which will be applied to your student account, can be paid on-line with a credit card at www.admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/frtuition.html. Florida Bright Futures or Florida Prepaid plans do not cover this deposit. If at the end of the registration drop-add period there is a credit balance on your student account, the balance will be refunded.

SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must make arrangements to send your final high school and/or college transcripts to the UF Office of Admissions, PO Box 114000, Gainesville, FL 32611-4000. Your school(s) may not automatically do this.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The University of Florida's Mandatory Immunization Health History form must be completed and either mailed or faxed back to the Student Health Care Center (SHCC) at least 15 working days prior to attending Preview (address & fax number are listed at the bottom of the form which can be located at shcc.ufl.edu/medical/pdf/acl-002a.pdf). **Students will not be able to register for classes until this information is received and approved.** Immunizations can be obtained from the SHCC during Preview. Contact SHCC Immunization staff at 352-392-1161 ext. 1-4259 for more information.

FINANCIAL AID

Find out more about Florida Bright Futures and Financial Aid at www.sfa.ufl.edu/101101.html.

CAMPUS HOUSING

While there is no "due date" to apply for campus housing, the sooner you apply, the better your chances of securing a space. The date the Housing Office receives your completed application and payment of the \$25 nonrefundable housing application processing fee determines your housing application date, which is used to determine offers of available housing and ultimately assignment order. *Note: Applying for campus housing does not guarantee an offer of residence hall space.*

Once you are admitted to UF, and based on your housing application date, the Department of Housing and Residence Education will send information on completing the residence hall contract, if space is available. To secure campus housing, you must complete the residence hall contract including returning the signed Contract ID Form and advance rent payment on or before the due date to: Department of Housing and Residence Education, PO Box 112100, Gainesville, FL 32611. **Do not confuse the \$200 advance housing rent payment with the enrollment confirmation & tuition deposit required by the Office of Admissions. These are separate payments.**

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING - WWW.OFFCAMPUS.UFL.EDU

Thinking about living off-campus? UF's Office of Off Campus Life has resources and services to help you find the right place to live off-campus. Visit the Off Campus Life website to utilize the Off Campus Housing Locator and Gator Guide to Off Campus Life.

GATOR I CENTRAL - WWW.GATORI.UFL.EDU

You will get your Gator I card ID the afternoon of Preview and will be able to use it for Gator Dining Meal Memberships & Dining Declining Balance; UF Bookstore Textbook Deferments, Advance Orders, Buyback Alerts and Book Exchange; Wachovia Free Student Checking accounts; and Transportation & Parking Fare Free Bus Service and Parking Decals.

MORE ABOUT PREVIEW

"Will I be able to get a good schedule of classes since the session is in December?"

The University of Florida holds and releases seats in critical courses for orientation sessions. In other words, all Preview participants have an equal opportunity to register for classes.

"How long is the program? Do I have to stay the entire time?"

Preview begins at 8am and will end by 5pm. Plan to stay the entire duration to fully participate in your orientation program and take care of everything you need to do before you begin classes. You will meet with college representatives, learn about involvement and engagement opportunities to enhance your academic degree, receive advising assistance to prepare for your spring semester, get your registration hold removed, and register for classes.

"Where do I stay?"

The Reitz Union Hotel on campus offers convenient and affordable accommodations (www.union.ufl.edu/hotel). Space is limited, so please call early for a reservation (352-392-2151). A listing of additional accommodations in Gainesville can be found at www.visitgainesville.net.

"What if I can't attend Preview?"

Participation at Preview is mandatory for all new students to the University of Florida, and a wide variety of sessions are offered to accommodate busy summer schedules. In the event of unavoidable scheduling conflicts which will prevent you from attending Preview, contact New Student Programs for further assistance.

Students and guests with disabilities

If you have a disability related accommodation need such as large print materials, printed materials converted to Braille, interpreters, etc. please contact New Student Programs. Be sure to make your request for accommodations at least 10 working days in advance of your Preview session to ensure that we will be able to meet your needs. UF offers a full range of services to support students with disabilities, including but not limited to assistance with registration, learning strategies and classroom accommodations. To obtain academic accommodations you must register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565; www.dso.ufl.edu/drc).

CAMPUS RESOURCES

New Student Programs
(352) 392-8396
www.preview.ufl.edu

Academic Advising Center
(352) 392-1521
www.advising.ufl.edu

Admissions, Office of
(352) 392-1365
www.admissions.ufl.edu

AIM Program
(352) 846-2031
www.advising.ufl.edu/aim

Dean of Students Office
(352) 392-1261
www.dso.ufl.edu

Disability Resource Center
(352) 392-8565
www.dso.ufl.edu/drc

Gator I Central
(352) 392-8343
www.gator1.ufl.edu

Gator Dining
(352) 392-2491
www.gator1.ufl.edu

Housing & Residence Education
(352) 392-2161
www.housing.ufl.edu

Honors Program
(352) 392-1519
www.honors.ufl.edu

Immunization information,
Student Health Care Center
(352) 392-1161 ext. 1-4259
www.shcc.ufl.edu

Off Campus Life
(352) 392-1261
www.offcampus.ufl.edu

Reitz Union Hotel
(352) 392-2151
www.union.ufl.edu/hotel

Student Financial Affairs
(financial aid, student employment,
fee deferments, loan applications)
(352) 392-1275
www.sfa.ufl.edu

Transportation &
Parking Services
(352) 392-8048
www.gator1.ufl.edu

UAA Student Ticket Office
(352) 375-4683 ext. 6878
www.gatorzone.com/tickets

UF Bookstore
(800) 226-3015 or (352) 392-0194
www.gator1.ufl.edu

University Financial Services
(Tuition, fees, billing, disbursements)
(352) 392-0181
fa.ufl.edu/ufs

University Operator
(352) 392-3261

University Registrar
(352) 392-1374
www.registrar.ufl.edu

Wachovia Bank, Reitz Union
Financial Center
(352) 335-1378
www.gator1.ufl.edu