Student Survival Guide

- Review the undergraduate catalog and the schedule of courses. These are the “menus” and the “rule books” here at UF.
- Campus and housing rules and regulations are found in the catalog on the web. IGNORANCE IS NOT AN EXCUSE.
- The schedule will tell you which classes are Gordon Rule classes and how many words you will need to write in those classes.
- The schedule of final exams is listed in the schedule of courses.
- In the UF catalog, pay attention to the Academic dates & deadlines for critical dates by semester. Print it and refer to it frequently or better yet, put those dates in your planner along with your exam dates and the due dates for all papers.
- Get a weekly planner and use it religiously.
- Read each class syllabus and highlight assignment due dates and exam dates (post on your weekly planner).
- Set-up a basic schedule to include class, study, work, lunch & recreational time and stick to it. Time management and goal setting are essential to success. ATTEND ALL CLASSES.
- Communicate with your instructors in person, by phone, & by email. If you communicate with them, nine times out of ten, they will work with you.
- See your academic advisor when you are having a little trouble with a class or feeling a little panicked, rather than waiting until it is a full-blown crisis.
- At the beginning of each year, schedule appointments with your academic advisor for a degree audit or complete one yourself on ISIS.
- If you are feeling totally stressed out, contact the Counseling Center.
- If you have a disability, request your accommodation letters from the Disability Resource Center prior to or on the first day of classes.
- Medical services are available at the Infirmary to all students at no or minimal cost.
- Free tutoring is available at the Broward Teaching Center in the basement of Broward Hall.
- Talk to your dorm’s RA for advice about interpersonal conflicts and dorm rules.

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