

Online Family Chat - Main Lobby

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familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi @jpchovet and @dslbur, welcome to the Family Chat! We will get started in just a few minutes once all of our moderators have a chance to log in!

jpchovet: Thanks and happy to be here with you guys!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Welcome everyone! Thank you for joining us tonight! My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement. I'm excited to chat with you all for the next couple of hours! If you have questions about academics, Lynn and Nicole will be in the Advising Chat Room! You can join by clicking the "Add More Chatrooms" tab in the top righthand corner of your screen.

familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): Hi everyone! I'm Delannie, a Sophomore here at UF. My major is "Health Education and Behavior" and I am on the Pre-Medical School track. I'm also a Campus Diplomat, which means I serve as an official ambassador to the Dean of Students Office! So happy to be here with you all!

mjbowles: Arire, approx how long do these chat sessions run? I am asking because I am stationed overseas and it is 6:58am here and have to head to the base and will not be able to log back on till about an hour from now. If it is finid=shed, are transcripts of the chat saved for review?

familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): Hi families! My name is Rachel Griffin and I am the graduate assistant for Family Programs and Engagement and a second-year in the Student Personnel in Higher Education master's program. I'm looking forward to talking with you all tonight!

BlairF: Hello everyone. Delannie, how do you go about "finding balance" on a daily and weekly basis? Any tools that you use that may be helpful?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi @mjbowles, great question! We will be here for 2 hours and the transcripts will get posted online early next week.

Crzydiemnd@hotmail.com: Should we be concerned if our kid is telling us the teacher just hasnt updated the grades or dont know how to post them, thats why the grades are missing on the class canvas? I want to make sure he is keeping up, before its too late to recover.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Hi everyone, I'm Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an academic advisor in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. Feel free to join me (but mostly my colleague Nicole, because I'll have to sign off shortly) in the Academic Advising Chat room (click on "add more chat rooms" in upper right). We'll do our best to answer advising questions or to direct you to the place that can answer it.

BlairF: My son is a freshman computer engineering major and so far so good, but he obviously has a lot more on his plate than every before.

BlairF: How do you access the class canvas?

familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @BlairF Thank you so much for asking. Usually, I will plan out my schedule for the next couple of weeks (meetings, classes, volunteer work). Then I take it day by day, setting goals for the most important things to do such as assignments and studying. I would definitely suggest using a planner to keep track of everything, but I also use the calendar in my phone because it can send you reminders.

dalia.wajsbrot: Hi, my daughter was the top 5 of her school, had excellent grades in math, took AP calc and passed the exam. She is a freshman with major in engineering. She taking calc now and she having a hard time with the course. Is this normal?

tchristian: Thank you all for being here for us families.
mjbowles: Thanks have to run.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): BlairF, we can answer this in the Academic Advising Chat room...
Crzydiemnd@hotmail.com: One of under class schedule click canvas
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @BlairF Great question! You can access Canvas by logging onto elearning.ufl.edu using your Gator1 ID
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi Everyone, these academics questions are awesome! Lynn and Nicole can definitely take them in the advising chat room.
jemom: How is there so much drinking on campus when the majority of the kids are underage?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, this is not unusual and there are a lot of reasons. Join us in the advising chat room and we'll talk.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Dalia.wajsbrot It is not unusual to struggle here in Calculus, but there are plenty of resources available on campus for free, such as free tutoring at the Broward Teaching Center. I was there every day when I took Calculus this summer!
tchristian: My son, a freshman, is in a dorm room. His roommate was not a person whom he was familiar with prior to moving into the dorm. He is having an issue with the roommate coming in every night at 2am - he is getting little sleep as a result. I am trying to let him handle it with the RA, but he seems to be getting nowhere with going through those channels. Is there anything else you might suggest? Should I contact someone up there? The roommate stated he would come in earlier (a couple weeks ago); however, nothing has changed.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, we'll be posting many resources for help with calc in the advising chat room.
dalia.wajsbrot: thank you, Lynn
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Crzydiemnd I would not be too concerned. As long as the professor has expressed that they are working on the issue, it is unlikely the student will be penalized. Sometimes it takes a while for grades to be posted, but if your student is concerned that they are not doing well, I would have them speak to their professor during office hours.
depwife: My daughter wants to find a job on campus but most of the open positions are for federal work study. What other options are available for her and how can she find them?
Gatorparentone: My daughter is a freshman. I keep seeing information about a course that she is required to take through campus clarity before she can register for her second semester. She says she has to receive an email notifying her. Is this required of all incoming Freshmen and if so, how long does the program take?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @jemom, I've found that most of it is happening off campus. It is highly against the residence hall rules to drink there and if they get caught there are some serious consequences. There is alcohol on campus during game days, but then again most of the people on campus for game day are of a legal drinking age. If students are caught underage, they will get kicked out of the game at the minimum. The big takeaway is that students can find alcohol if they want it and go looking for it. This is when it is a good idea to talk to your students about the risks associated. Gatorwell Health Promotions has a lot of good information on it (they also share this with students but it never hurts to hear it more than once). http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/health_topic/alcohol_and_o
newenglander68: My daughter is not adjusting to campus life at all. I'm afraid she is getting depressed and is not even trying to better her situation. Any advice?
Jeanajones: Hi, my daughter is having a similar situation as tchristian's son. She has not gone to RA yet. Any suggestions?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @depwife, that link is a lot of the jobs that are hiring right now! With the O'Connell Center reopening in the spring, they will be hiring quite a few students. Rec Sports also hires quite a few students as well! Those applications just aren't open right now. Have your student keep checking!

BlairF: I too was surprised about all of the drinking in the dorms

familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Gatorparentone Great question! Your student will have to complete the Campus Clarity Module online, but it does not require a lot of effort. It's interactive and will give you an idea of how long it should take before you start!

familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @tchristian - Great question! I would suggest your student continue to talk to his RA, and if he feels as if he still is not making strides, he can connect with the Graduate Hall Director for that residence hall. That staff member is another great resource for students to talk to and brainstorm solutions with. I would also suggest that you do not contact anyone yourself and instead encourage your student to have those conversations. This is definitely a situation that he can learn from (and the roommate can as well!) in regards to boundaries and accommodating others, especially in such tight living spaces!

kdegenaro: I have a daughter in Beaty West. She has a great roommate and seems to get along with her suite mates. I see an issue in that there are very little opportunities for socialization. My daughter is quiet and has made few friends. The other kids she talks to in classes or rehearsals live in dorms where they have gotten to know others in their hall and are creating friend groups. I was under the impression that there would be opportunities for socialization within the dorm She attends Gator Nights, which she loves but it's hard to get to know people there. I thought that was part of why I got her the activity card. Any suggestions?

familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @jeanajones - See my answer to @tchristian above! Talking to the Graduate Hall Director might be good suggestion.

char.koz@gmail.com: Are there any resources to review the status of fraternity and sororities on camps and whether they are on restriction or suspension and their history of same?

familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @NewEnglander68 That's a great question! Is she an out-of-state student? It can be hard to adjust, I would recommend trying to get her to join a club or organization she's interested in. There are intramural sports and plenty of involvement opportunities. If she is suffering from depression, there are online resources such as the Student Health Care Center which provides counseling on campus (<http://shcc.ufl.edu/>).

ckchase: I want my daughter to become more involved in organizations. She had an appointment with SAI and they basically looked at the website with all the schools organizations. I thought there were appointments which were more "direction driven" as there are so many options. I don't want her to wait too long to get started.

familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @NewEnglander68 you can also reach out to the Care Team in the Dean of Students Office at UMatter@ufl.edu

Jeanajones: Thank you Rachel

keyrat: The surprise for me has been that our boys and girls (men and women) can spend time together in the bedrooms without any control. A boy can be in a girls room and the opposite. Is that a common thing?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @kdegenaro, There are these opportunities, but in Beaty, they mostly happen in the commons! I would recommend her going to the commons to study or spend some time there! You never know when a group is going to be down there socializing!

kdegenaro: Good suggestion... Thank you.

newenglander68: Thank you Delannie
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @char.koz, There isn't a list of them that I know, but Sorority and Fraternity Affairs can always assist if you have a question or a concern about a specific organization!
char.koz@gmail.com: Thank you - any help on how to reach that - is that a department?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): https://www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/Sorority-Fraternity-Affairs
char.koz@gmail.com: Reading my mind!
familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @Gatorparentone - Campus Clarity is a required online workshop that is required for all incoming students, even graduate, transfer, international students, etc. It takes a few hours to complete, and as soon as it is done, she will be able to register for classes for Spring semester.
Ann3934: I have asked my son about intramural sports specifically lacrosse. Who do they contact and do they have to tryout?
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Ann3934 They will not have to tryout unless it is a Club sport. Intramural sports (competitive and recreational) do not require tryouts. You can register online athttp://recsports.ufl.edu/sports/intramurals
Gatorparentone: There have already been two incidences on my daughter's hall with young women completely drunk.The last issue occurred at 4:30 am last night with a drunk student beating on my daughter's door (wrongroom).This is simply FYI.
Lsimon61: Hi regarding the infirmary. I notice a lot of posts regarding a lot of kids being sick, my son included. I remember from our older son it was a similar situation beginning of Freshman year. We are being told you need an appointment to go to the infirmary, this is different from other schools. Waiting at least 2-3 days till you can get an appointment. Seems oddly excessive. Please let us know if we have this wrong.
keyrat: Thank you for sharing that information. I am...in the clouds... ¿¿
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Lsimon61 The infirmary does allow walk-ins! They do recommend having an appointment, as there are usually a lot of students coming in around the same time.
proudgatormom0430: My daughter has had some issues with her roommate breaking the contract they both signed. They have met with the RA, and last I knew the RA , was suppose to contact her supervisor regarding getting the roommate transferred out. My daughter is very worried that her roommate won't be transferred until next semester. I am furious that paying over 2k for room to have to live with a thief is unacceptable. How long will this process take for her roommate to be transeferred. FYI This is not the first incident this student has been reported on. She is a junior.
depwife: Can you explain to me exactly what the activity card is used for? My daughter is living at Infinity Hall and has not purchased an activity card yet.
Lsimon61: I am pretty sure the kids are being told when arriving they have to have an appointment to be seen.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @depwife The activity card is for use at events in the residence hall! If you do not wish to purchase one, you can pay for activities at the door at the time of the event!

<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @keyrat - Yes, I can see how that might have been surprising to you! There are not necessarily any rules against having co-ed visitors in rooms in a residence hall, but if your student ever feels uncomfortable with a situation they can most definitely talk to their RA or other staff members in the building. If needed, they can also help them have conversations with their roommates if they feel as if that is necessary!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): Events differ, but they usually cover materials fees. For example, if the event has to do with arts and crafts, the entry fee is to cover the cost.</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @proudgatormom0430, I'm not sure exactly how that conversation with her RA went (since I wasn't there) but I do know that they cannot just transfer a roommate out without their permission unless there is a threat of harm to a resident. If her roommate was looking to move out, they can assist with that process. If your student would prefer to move to get out of the situation, she can ask Housing if there is a space for her elsewhere.</p>
<p>keyrat: Thank you, Rachel. No, my daughter doesn't have any problem about it so far. It's me who am in shock!</p>
<p>rkubat: How can I know that my son is depressed? Every time I Facetime him he states that is fine but I don't see him fine. Are any UF organization members who can check the well being of our children without them to be the initiators?</p>
<p>depwife: With that card can she participate in events at other halls or is it just for the one she is living in?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @keyrat - It can definitely be an adjustment!</p>
<p>proudgatormom0430: Okay, Arie, thank you. My daughter was told by the RA that the other student would be required to move. I will talk with my daughter.</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @depwife, it depends on the hall, but the activity card allows them to participate in different activities as well as borrow things (like a vacuum in some halls). The card gets them into programs at all of the residence halls!</p>
<p>depwife: Aha!! Thank you!</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @proudgatormom0430, definitely check with her and get clarification on that!</p>
<p>kdegenaro: How do the students find out about the activities in the residence halls?</p>
<p>dslbur: Thank you!</p>
<p>depwife: I would like to thank you for hosting these chat rooms. As a first time college mom this is very helpful!!!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Lsimon61 If the wait time seems too excessive for an appointment, I would recommend filing a Feedback Report with UF Health here:http://shcc.ufl.edu/contact/feedback/</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @kdegenaro, the RAs will email their residents when they are putting on a program. The InterResidence Hall Association also hosts A LOT of events! http://irha.housing.ufl.edu/</p>
<p>Jeanajones: I was not aware of the activity card. How much is it? So it sounds like it gets them into activities at dorm and allows them to borrow certain items.. Anything else?</p>
<p>kdegenaro: Great! Thanks again!</p>

<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Here is the info on the Activity Cards: What can an Activity Card do for you? Become an Active Member in your Area Government (AG)FREE FOOD and Entrance to all Area Government EventsBuy Reduced Price School Supplies & Stamps from your AG OfficeRent Vacuums, Board Games, Speakers, & more from your AG OfficeFREE Rec Room Equipment Rental including Ping Pong, Pool, & Foosball Visit this website for more benefits in the future! Activity Cards are valid in EVERY residence hall (no matter where your card was purchased from) and at ALL Area Government and IRHA events! Enjoy these benefits all year! They can be purchased at your Area Government office during their office hours,</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @depwife, we're glad you were able to join us!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @rkubat - I would suggest the Care Team through the Dean of Students Office. They can reach out to students and check-in to make sure they are adjusting to college life and provide them campus resources to help tackle some of those issues they might be facing. You can email them at UMatter@ufl.edu</p>
<p>Jeanajones: Thank you Arie</p>
<p>Lsimon61: Thank you Delannie??</p>
<p>rkubat: Thank you Rachel</p>
<p>newenglander68: Umatter is a great resource, however, if your child does not openly talk to the counselor it is not much help. My daughter tried. Not much luck.</p>
<p>Jeanajones: Has the university ever tried to do anything to promote the students to wear helmets for scooter and bike riders?</p>
<p>keyrat: Good point, Jeanajones</p>
<p>ckchase: How does flex bucks work at Chomp It? My daughter states its meal plan and flex bucks pay the difference but the whole amount goes against flex bucks. Sometimes it works but other times it doesn't so how does it work? Also the phone app goes directly towards flex bucks. Is this the case?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @newenglander68 - (@rkubat) Yes, my other suggestion would be the Counseling and Wellness Center on campus! Students' tuition fees cover a certain number of sessions (specific to each student, so I cannot clarify the exact number unfortunately), so they can take advantage of that opportunity too if they feel as if it might be a better fit for them.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Jeanajones I don't think there are any laws requiring helmet use, but here is a helpful brochure from the UFPD about bicycles. http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Bicycles-Are-Vehicles-2011.pdf</p>
<p>Partyof5: My son is a freshman taking calculus and other classes..is it normal for him to be in the library studying an average of 8 hours a day in the library?</p>
<p>danipappas: Do you know how much \$ the activity card cost?</p>
<p>FL mom: I just logged in. Is the live chat still happening?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @FL mom: Most definitely! We will be here until 8:00 PM/EST and the transcripts of the entire chat will be posted online early next week.</p>
<p>familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @danipappas, I believe they are \$20, but I'm not positive. The Area Government in the area can confirm!</p>
<p>Jeanajones: Thank you Delannie. It's unfortunate for the students there are no laws requiring helmets.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Partyof5 8 hours seems like a little much, but it all depends on the course load. Usually the professor will recommend how many hours to be putting into studying for their class per day, but again it depends on the student.</p>

olguifer: My son is a freshman. However, after this semester he will have completed his 2 year degree. Will he be
dalia.wajsbrot: Hi. does anyone know of classic ballet classes at UF? my daughter is looking for that
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ckchase, The Tapingo app will always pull from flex bucks or declining balance (I'm not sure the technology has caught up to the swipes yet). The meal swipe will only work with certain meals at each location during certain times. If she is purchasing the right meal during the right hours, she can always email Gator Dining and have them correct it!
olguifer: labeled a Junior?
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Partyof5 If your student feels they are spending too much time in the library, I would suggest speaking to the professor of the class your student feels they are spending too much time in. If your student meets with them during their office hours, they may be able to give helpful study advice or pointers for success in the course.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @olguifer, he will be a junior standing credit wise if he has 60 credits at the end of the semester.
kdegenaro: @dalia.wajsbrot, your daughter and mine should meet. My daughter is actually taking intermediate ballet now
familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @Partyof5 - I would add to Delannie's response that your student can also take advantage of campus resources if feeling that the material is challenging or that he is not fully grasping everything. The Broward Teaching Center (https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/) could be something he can utilize!
dalia.wajsbrot: really? can you email me kdegnarro (dalia.wajsbrot@gmail.com)?
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): Absolutely! The Broward Teaching Center has helped me so much.
donaldwj: Party of Five- My son is also a freshman, taking 12 hours this semester. It seems that 12 hours is sufficient, considering the coursework, study time. He stays ahead by working on assignments that are due ahead of schedule, using good time management skills, it seems to be working well. donaldwj
fondamoll: Hi! I was just wondering if anyone else experienced their son having a poor rush experience?
riwisa: Hi all,
Ann3934: I think my son did. He never gave a reason of why he quit.
Scottie Boy: We enrolled our son in the unlimited meal plan. Currently, he is pledging his fraternity and they are being required as pledges, to eat at the Fraternity House. At what point does the meal plan cross over from the school to the fraternity?
Satterf1eld: Several girls had a horrible sorority rush week.
fondamoll: Yes -I did not get a lot of detail but didnt understand how Rush for 25 fraternities can be 4 days. I went to a smaller University. But we were required to spend equal time at each sorority before pledging.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Scottie Boy I believe you can switch to the Fraternity meal plan once your son has been officially initiated.
Nancymoo: My daughter is a freshman and is overwhelmed by the work load - 15 credits. Is this typical for a freshman? I'm hoping she's still adjusting but we're concerned about the level of stress she is feeling. In particular, calculus is very challenging but all her courses are difficult for her. She's always been an A student but now she's feeling discouraged.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): Here is more on the fraternity meal plan:http://www.bsd.ufl.edu/dining/files/UfFraternity-SororityMealPlanPolicy.pdf

Scottie Boy: How are his meals being paid for now during pledging?
riwisa: Really grateful for this line of direct communication, and we'd like to relate and find out about and incident yesterday, at the Reitz union bookstore, where our student a freshman, was walking with a beverage on the hand, when stuck by a passerby. He did notice a while later that his wallet was not on his pocket, but was not sure if it was stolen, or simply fell due to the contact. What is the best way to handle this incident, and also would like to know if there if had happened before. Thanks
Satterf1eld: So many of us mothers were wondering why there's not more TLC with some of these girls doing rush week. So many things were not make clear to them that that should've been?
Gator123: Are exams typically later in the day? I was more than shocked to hear that a math exam is from 8-10pm...
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @nancymoo: If you check out the Academic Advising Chatroom, we've posted quite a bit of information there, and I can help you out in further detail!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @riwisa, this isn't a common occurrence, but he can do a couple of things. I would have him check the Reitz lost and found. If it's not there, have him report it to UPD and they will investigate. There may be cameras (I'm not sure if they have them in the bookstore or not).
Mindy01: yes rush for the boys seemed to be very unorganized. My son felt at a disadvantage not having been there in the summer and trying to make a decision in four days.
fondamoll: I do understand the reasoning behind the 8-10 pm tests but I think it is not a good time to take a test. I wish it was not so late either.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Scottie Boy If he is eating at the fraternity house, it is probably complementary of that particular Fraternity until they become a member.
Nancymoo: @nicole_advisor: Okay. I'll check out that chat room. Thanks.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Satterf1eld, there are lots of resources available for them, but it is an overwhelming experience sometimes. Their Pi Chi was their connection and was the person for them to ask any questions they had. If they would still like to talk with someone about the process, the Care Team is always here!
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @Gator123: To quote my colleague Lynn, " In order to give a common exam (which is fairest to students) the only time there are seats for 1000+ students (with a seat in between to protect individual work) is at night after the majority of classes are done. There will be such large groups of students letting out, I encourage them to walk together. Should be able to find 3 or more walking in pretty much any direction."
Scottie Boy: Thank you so much.
fondamoll: Mindy01 - thank you. I am glad I am not the only one feeling this. My son was there for summer and felt he was a shoe-in for a specific fraternity. Only he was "dropped" by them and only had 2 days to try to go for another one which didn't provide adequate time and he didn't get into any! But perhaps a blessing.
FL mom: My son has season football tix. He has not gone to any games yet because he feels weird inviting himself to go with other people. He doesn't have any friends from HS at UF and his roommate is a junior and goes with his friends. I have told my son to just sell his tix, but he can't even get the gumption up to do that. I think he's overwhelmed by the whole process. Any suggestions on finding a block seating group to sit with or is that too late now? I asked his RA on move-in day if his dorm had block seating and he laughed and said no, way. The games are too wild and kids are on their own...!

Satterf1eld: Not just the boys the girls rush week was very unorganized. I understand it was the most girls they ever had rushing but there was definitely favoritism and decisions already made prior to rush week.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @FL mom If your student does want to tell his tickets, he can do so on Facebook relatively easily, then meet up with the person at a set location (like on campus).
FL mom: Does he pick up his ticket at the gate with the person buying it or can they meet up later to exchange the ticket?
Gator123: @Nicole_Advisor Thanks, but was referring more to the time of day in relation to fatigue. Is early in the day not an option students can opt for? Sorry if the question is silly, but it's a newbie question!
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @FL mom He can sell his "unclaimed ticket" and meet with them at the gate to pick it up. Or, he can claim it himself and sell the ticket afterwards.
FL mom: Okay. Thank you! He told his big sis he's going to figure it out and hopefully go to the next game, but maybe he's not the football fan after all... :)
familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @fondamoll - I think its normal for your student to feel as if they did not have adequate time to fully get to know the organizations he was visiting during that week; its definitely difficult to understand what a fraternity chapter is all about from just a short meeting period or a few conversations. I would suggest that if this is an area of involvement he is very interested in that he stays open-minded and considers going through the process again, maybe in the Spring semester (if available) or next Fall.
Satterf1eld: Arie two of the girls talked to their pie chi who told them one thing and they came to find out afterwards it was a not the correct thing for them to do.
Ann3934: I am going to ask a really dumb question since I had never joined sorority. Do the fraternities take a lot of the student's time during rush week?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @FL mom, the good news is that he has a few weeks before the next home game! This will give him a chance to find a group between now and then if he wants to!
rkubat: <div id="02d86f2cc46cae4ecdacdd0d2c9d2e8d18-chatArea" class="ui-tabs-panel ui-widget-content ui-corner-bottom"
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Satterf1eld, if they were told wrong information, have your daughter talk to the Sorority and Fraternity Affairs office! They may be able to talk through what happened and see if there are options for her for joining in the future! They can also make sure this information is corrected for all women in the future.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Ann3934, it really depends for Fraternities. Their process is much less formalized so depending on the number of houses your student is interested in, will dictate how much time the process works!
rkubat: Were can I find the UF calendar to get information about final exams, events, etc?
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @rkubat here is a link to the approved Academic Calendar:https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/calendar1617.pdf
fondamoll: Thank you Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram. I think he definitely will try again in Spring and meantime I think he was interested in Government for Residence Halls? I don't know much about that and hopefully he will get good info on that.
rkubat: Where*
rkubat: Thank you Delannie

<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Rkubat As for events, you can visit calendar.ufl.edu and keep an eye out for events from Gator Times!http://gatortimes.ufl.edu/</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @fondamoll - You're very welcome! Residence hall government organizations is definitely another great involvement opportunity, and one that many students love! I would suggest that he talks with his RA (or other staff members in his hall) about those opportunities!</p>
<p>dalia.wajsbrot: Hi, how do I enter in facebook page for 2020 parents?</p>
<p>MGUELLER01: The career fair is coming up soon at UF. Since our son is a freshman and hasn't attended a college career fair, besides having a resume do you have any suggestions of any other items he may want to bring with him? Will there be a list of corporations provided ahead of time to the students for him to narrow down the company booths to visit? What is the suggested attire for the career fair - suit or pants, shirt, and tie? Is there also a career fair in the Spring semester?</p>
<p>Fiona C: I wish UF would move rush to spring only - it was a very stressful experience for our daughter. It almost had a "mean girls" feel about it.... the freshman need time to settle in without having to make a huge decision in less than a week about a sorority or fraternity.</p>
<p>Jags_Fan: I don't know if you know the answer to this or not, but for the Family Weekend, are we still allowed to come if we cannot make it until Saturday?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @dalia.wajsbrot If you follow this link to the Facebook page, just click "Join Group" and an admin or member will accept your request! https://www.facebook.com/groups/ufclassof2020parents/</p>
<p>Satterf1eld: She talked to I think his name began with an R and he was very defensive and insensitive. My daughter is totally dropped off then and several of her friends aren't interested in rushing at all now. It was a horrible experience for them and they have no desire to re-visit it. Several girls already knew what houses they thought they would get and it turned out they were right. Yes definitely favoritism when they went in the house they were greeted differently then some girls who were ushered off in to a room and basically wined and dined. I know how rush week is handled at several other large universities and this wasn't the way. We definitely feel it's who you know in the houses at UF that gets you in any if the high tiers.</p>
<p>dalia.wajsbrot: thank you, Delannie</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Jags_Fan Great question! You are absolutely still welcome if you cannot make it until Saturday.</p>
<p>Jags_Fan: Thank you! What do we need to do if we come on Saturday as far as checking in? Our student is from out-of-state and has younger siblings who are still in school.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Jags_Fan You can check in on the ground floor of the Reitz Union between 8 AM and noon!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @MGUELLER01 - I would say a resume would be the main thing to bring with him. If he knows of any companies he is particularly interested in or ones in which have job opportunities he is thinking about applying for, he could bring with him a cover letter or business cards, but as a first-year student it is definitely just encouraged to go to Career Showcase and "feel it out." He can find out more information regarding the event through the Career Resource Center website: https://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/events-and-programs/career-showcase/. I would also suggest business casual or business professional for the attire (so a suit or pants, shirt and tie would be great). There is another Career Showcase event in the Spring, but it is a little smaller in s</p>
<p>Jags_Fan: Thanks!</p>

ckchase: How early do we need to start looking for next year's housing? Suggestions for both on and off campus?
Satterf1eld: Fiona I agree with you. Spring would have been much better. It would've given them time to meet the girls and get to know the houses and what they're about. Many girls already came in knowing girls in the houses so they were sure in. Very overwhelming for these baby gator girls.
donaldwj: Rachel, you are right about Resident Hall government, my son is a freshman At Infinity Hall and has been elected marketing director, for Infinity, he loves it and what a great way to get involved. Donaldwj
familychatmoderator(Rachel_NewStudentFamilyProgram): @donaldwj - So glad to hear!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ckchase, It's a little early to be looking! We will actually have off campus life on some of our future chats to help answer all of your questions when the time comes!
Jags_Fan: Our student is applying for an on-campus job. I believe that the job stated "up to 20 hours per week." Do you know if on campus jobs tend to have the same number of hours each week (ex. always 15 hours each week or always 20 hours each week) or do the total hours they work change each week?
Csandrina: Hi everyone, I'm confused with this process but will try to catch on fast.
ckchase: Thanks Arie. I saw posts on Facebook for UF Families and wanted to know if I was behind in the process.
FL mom: My daughter goes to a different college and waited till sophomore year to join a sorority. It worked out really well because she got to see what they were all about and made a lot of non-greek friends before joining one. She got involved with different SGA and their version of dance marathon and met a lot of girls in the sorority she ended up joining. You're right about giving themselves a little time to figure it all out first... I'm sorry your daughter had a bad experience
mariaearredondo: I just joint the chat, my daughter is a little overwhelmed right now and I want her to find some help, where she can go and ask for some help
Lsimon61: I could t agree with you more about Rushing. In this politically correct world we live in today. Its amazing this process has survived!!! Its understandable why other schools make you wait. Alyhough i am sure that it would help the admission numbers.
Fiona C: There seems to be a disconnect between Wells Fargo and Gator Dining - our daughter's Gator 1 card is linked to her Wells Fargo account - however, every time she tries to swipe it and use her pin it doesn't work. Wells Fargo tells her it's linked and Gator Dining says she has to swipe the larger strip on the card (she does) and use her pin (she tries) but it still doesn't work. They keep blaming each other. Anyone having same issuesand where can she go to get it sorted once and for all?
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @mariaearredondo She can reach out to the Care Team in the Dean of Students Office at U Matter@ufl.edu Additionally, the Student Health Care Center offers counseling on campus (http://shcc.ufl.edu/).
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Jags_Fan, the hours worked will depend on the office. Our student assistants have a set schedule with flexibility if they have a big exam coming up. Other jobs (dining, O'Connell Center) will have some set times, but will also fluctuate each week depending on scheduling.
donaldwj: FL mom, good idea for kids to wait , to join frat or sorority, get involved with SGA and other organizatons before making that big push into Greek Life ! donaldwj
Jags_Fan: Thanks, Arie. I am hoping that if he is offered the job, he does not get himself overwhelmed. It seems like it will be a good fit for him though.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Fiona, can you email me your daughter's information (IHaveAGator@ufl.edu) and I'll check into it!
fondamoll: I guess I just wish they would maybe try to make the Rush process more enjoyable for both Sororities and fraternities. It is an amazing way to meet people fast but I do not like the way it was done at UF. I loved Greek Life at my college and just feel bad my son is not having the same opportunity. Anyway - thanks for listening.
RV123: How/where do students look for & apply for on-campus jobs? Is it too late?
Fiona C: Thanks Satterf1eld and FL mom - not the only one who felt the same way. She grew up very fast that week and is looking at joining a sorority but it was not a good experience getting there!
ckchase: As my computer kicked me, how soon with this chat be posted so I can see the answer to my earlier questions.
Jags_Fan: Jobs: https://jobs.ufl.edu/
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @RV123 They can check for job opportunities athttps://jobs.ufl.edu/
Fiona C: Arie - yes I will. Thanks
RV123: Thank you!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ckchase, It's a little early to be looking! We will actually have off campus life on some of our future chats to help answer all of your questions when the time comes!
Jags_Fan: RV123: Your student will need their original social security card. I had to mail my son's to him.
Satterf1eld: My daughter and her friends were in tears almost every night. They had you sending college resume grades GPA and picture but we think the only thing that mattered was the picture. Even if you had recommendation letters it didn't make a difference. these r girls picking other girls ... And you're right it was very much a mean girl mentality.
Lsimon61: The schedule of what food options are open is an absolute joke. Totally misleading.
RV123: Jags_Fan, wow... even for on-campus...ok thanks for the heads up.
Lsimon61: Food options open at night and on the weekends
Jags_Fan: Satterfield: I have not gone through it yet with any of my kids (one of my son's is my first college student)...I have a while til I deal with it for my daughter. I have heard about the process through a friend who had a daughter go through it at TCU... My thoughts are with you on this!!!
Fiona C: @satterf1eld - do hope your daughter is over all that drama and OK now!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Satterf1eld, it is fair to talk about your student's personal experience, but it is not fair to pass judgment on any of the women on either side of the process. If you would like to discuss this further, I am happy to do so in a private chat room.
Jags_Fan: RV123: Yes....if they are offered any on campus jobs. I sent his Priority Mail and certified/return receipt just to be safe. We live about 8 hours away, so its not like he could get it on the weekend.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Lsimon61, the dining schedule is set based on demand from students. If your student isn't happy with the times, the Dining Services office takes that feedback and adjusts!
snappersniper1: Are there any resources on campus for computer repairs and tech support?
Lsimon61: If you diset the hours it's clearly set to for e the students to pay outside plan options.
Lsimon61: It's clearly set to maximize revanew and limit consumption
Lsimon61: Looking forward to changes. LOL

Satterf1eld: Fiona Oh yes she dropped out short of bid day along with several other girls she got to know. She's great just a bad taste for it a bad experience. Then she heard from so many girls why they chose not to do it the reasons why which was hearing very similar stories. But I don't think it's something they want you to talk about!
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @snappersniper1 There is IT support in Beaty East Tower and the websitehttps://www.dhnet.ufl.edu/ is usually helpful!
Jags_Fan: Our son did not do the meal plan, but keeping an open mind.
snappersniper1: Thank you, I will relay info to my daughter
riwisa: @snappersniper1. We used computer support located at the Beaty towers buiding off museum road.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): The website is https://www.dhnet.ufl.edu/ to clarify!
JoyBurke81: On the meal plan topic: my daughter accidentally used a bunch of flex bucks at places like Chomp It because of the way she checked out? It was supposed to come off regular meals -- is there any way to fix this?
riwisa: Thanks everyone. Very informative!
donaldwj: My son is on a food plan, can eat dinner up to 10 pm at night, Broward Dining, along with flex bucks, everything working out with his schedule.
donaldwj: my son is on meal plan, can eat dinner up to 10pm in evening, Broward Hall, along with flex bucks, scheduling meals is working well ! donaldwj
Csandrina: At what point should our freshman meet with an academic advisor?
Merrill62: I would like to thank all the moderators in both chat rooms. I am finding this chat session to be very informative.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @Csandrina: Your student should feel free to meet with an advisor at any time! If he or she is looking to plan out Spring classes, mid/late October would be a good time, since the Spring schedule should be posted by then, and advanced registration for Spring will begin in late October/early November.
familychatmoderator(Delannie Campus Diplomat): @Csandrina I would recommend meeting with an adviser at some point before the beginning of their second semester! We recommend sometime in mid-October before volume of students visiting increases! Your student can go into walk-in advising hours or make an appointment, both of which depend on the college they are in!
JoyBurke81: Are there multiple ways to "checkout" for the meal plan? Is there an app or something? Is that why it didn't work right for my daughter?
earamayo: Thank you moderators and parents, very informative
snappersniper1: We started our daughter on the declining balance plan and it seems to give her a lot of options and it is teaching her some spending discipline.
Ann3934: Can you switch dining plans in the spring semester?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @JoyBurke, if your student uses Tapingo (think of it like the Starbucks mobile order ahead), then it only pulls from flex bucks or declining balance! I don't think the technology has caught up to the meal plan swipes system yet!
JoyBurke81: I wish we had gone with the declining ballance rather than the 14 meals -- is there a way to "fix" the ones that went to flex bucks using Tapingo that should have pulled a "meal"instead?
JoyBurke81: Thanks for the info so far.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @JoyBurke, I don't think there is a way to fix it if they went through Tapingo, but your daughter can ask. There is a possibility to use a meal swipe, but she would need to select it in order for it to be used.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Thank you for joining us tonight everyone! We had a great chat and will talk with you next time! If you have additional questions between now and our next chat, feel free to email IHaveAGator@ufl.edu!

Online Family Chat - Academic Advising

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

<p>familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): Hello all! My name is Nicole Raymond and I am an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I'm happy to answer any academic questions you have and, if I can't answer them, I'll refer you to the appropriate person!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Hi all, I'm Lynn O'Sickey and I'll be in the advising chat room for a little while we get started. I'm also an advisor in the Academic Advising Center in CLAS.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Blair F asked about accessing Canvas. Your student can go to http://elearning.ufl.edu/ to access the e-learning components of their classes.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia asked about why students may find some courses more challenging at UF...even if they have great background.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, here are some of the differences between HS and college classes: Basic differences between the high school setting and college-level teaching: 1 pace (taking in 15 weeks what students took in 30-40 weeks in HS 2 so covering twice as much material and, if students were not doing AP, covering material at a college level), 3 greater emphasis on independent learning (HSs giving credit for homework, notebook checks, etc., whereas in college it will typically be on quizzes, exams, essays, etc.), 4 an expectation of conceptual learning as opposed to memorization (really understanding the concepts and being able to use them in new situations), 5 different class formats (some online, some hybrid, some larger class sizes with discussion, etc. 6 this transition is not</p>
<p>dalia.wajsbrot: thank you Lynn; this really seems to explain a lot :-)</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia :-) are you on the UF Families of 2020 facebook page? If so, I posted a handout with advice and a large number of resources to help students adjust well and improve their grades.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, if you're not, I can post some of that here.</p>
<p>dalia.wajsbrot: Hi Lynn, I confess I am not really big in FB, so not sure if I am in this page...</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): I also missed specifically for Calculus, students who did not have a Precalc/Calc course in their senior year (had no math or took something like Stats) generally may remember the basic concepts, but not be very facile with them and as Calc tries to build on those (and does so quickly), it can trip those students up.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, happy to post resources. I'll do them bit by bit, because there are so many :-)</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Start by talking to your instructor/TA. How do they recommend you study for assignments and tests? The better you know your instructor, the better you'll understand what's expected. Go over previous tests with him/her to better understand where you are going wrong. <p class="MsoNormal" style="margin-top:0in;margin-right</p>
<p>depwife: My daughter tried to get into the Freshman class for fall but it was full. What happens if she cannot get in for spring?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Study groups or study buddies are tremendously helpful! Students who talk through material really learn to clarify their understanding and organize and conceptualize the information. Review your notes the same day</p>

<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): (sorry, cut and paste issues) - Review your notes the same day. When doing so, material moves from short-term to long-term memory. Also, you can identify unclear material & ask TAs/profs for clarification. Do the obvious; go to class, do the reading when it's assigned, manage your time to stay on top of your work, etc.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): depwife, will be with you shortly...just posting more resources for help if struggling with a class.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: Which freshman course are you referring to? If you are referring to IUF 1000, What is the Good Life, she should be able to get a seat in the class for Spring. That class is required for all UF students. If you are referring to SLS 1102, First Year Florida, that class isn't required so she wouldn't need to take it in Spring.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Gatorwell (gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/services/individual_services/#WhatIsWC) offers wellness coaching by professional health educators who help set priorities & identify specific changes students want to make in 4 to 8 weeks to improve academic performance. Topics include: Stress management and relaxation strategies, Time management and organization, Sleep habits, Eating habits and exercise, Study skills</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): General Chemistry Learning Center ĳ Flint 257, Monday-Fridays, see schedule at: chem.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2016/01/CLCOfficeHours.pdf?ecde33</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Math Department tutoring - Little Hall 215, Mondays-Fridays, 10 am to 4 pm</p>
<p>depwife: I was referring to IUF 1000. Thank you</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Office of Academic Support tutoring (oas.aa.ufl.edu/programs/tutoring/) offers free one-on-one and small group tutoring sessions. Tutors are proficient in a broad range of topics, including economics, mathematics, statistics, writing, accounting, Spanish and the physical and biological sciences.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): F Libraries(cms.uflib.ufl.edu/) offer research assistance in more than 100 subjects, ask-a-librarian via chat, text, phone and email, how do I? tutorials and workshops (e.g., Library Resources for Distance Learners)</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Writing Studio (writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/) offers free one-on-one tutorials specific to the student's own particular development. The goal is not simply proofreading or editing documents, but assisting students to become better proofreaders and editors of their own work.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Our Teaching Center offers a wide range of tutoring and study skills help:</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: Make sure to encourage your daughter to register as soon as her advanced registration period opens. This will give her the best chance of getting seats in the classes she wants and/or needs!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu - Drop ĳn tutoring for students for math, science and business courses, often for multiple hours every day</p>
<p>depwife: Regarding class credit from IB classes, my daughter scored high enough on her IB exams to get credit for both required English classes yet her account says the writing requirement wasn't met. Shouldn't those go together?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Regular weekly individual or small group tutoring (max 3 students) by appointment.</p>

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Supplemental instruction study groups run by a trained peer who is very knowledgeable about the subject area, attends the class, and then leads a group session to focus on the difficult concepts and problems in the course.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Test reviews for Chemistry and Math courses

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Video practice exams for chemistry, math, and physics, student takes practice exam; for the questions student got wrong can watch a video demonstrating/explaining the correct answer

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Learning strategies/study skills videos, workshops and individual appointments. Sometimes students need new strategies for mastering material, not just specific content help.

- o Study skills appointment with a learning strategist
- o In-person study skills workshops offered at the beginning of each term ĩ these include ĩHow to Ace Online Coursesĭ and ĩStudy Smarter & Time Managementĭ
- o Resources including: GPA calculators, Places to study on campus, Guide to library research, ĩTest Autopsyĭ, the Tutorĭs role, and a Learning styles assessment.
- o Study Skills videos

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): dalia, that's alot!! But I can also send you the handout if you email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): depwife...

familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: Great question: UF has 2 separate writing/composition requirements. Students have to take 2 composition courses- most likely these were the two requirements that your daughter met with her IB scores. Students also have to complete 24,000 words towards the Writing requirement. Each Composition class will count as 6,000 words, so she's likely already halfway towards the 24,000. She'll need to look out for other classes to meet the remaining Words requirement- some of her other classes may offer 2,000, 4,000, or 6,000 words, so she'll need to take some combination of those to complete the 24,000 total

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): depwife, Nicole's got you! :-)

DeBoCo: So I have an advising question... My son completed up through Differential Equations 1 during high school and needs to get into the next class. In fall he was told that the class was full so he could not register for it. And another advisor told him to wait to take it until he needs it to combine with his science. This is not acceptable - math is his favorite subject and he has never been allowed to move at his own pace. He cannot sit idly by and not be progressing in math. How can he get into an appropriate math class for spring? Is there a particular person he can speak with to get this resolved? Would it help if he switches his major to math and then switches it back to physics later?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): DeBoCo, I would recommend he talk to the Physics and Math major advisors.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): DeBoCo, if he's at a high level with math, he wants their advice. I'm going to let Nicole find you the links for their web pages.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): Folks,

familychatmoderator(Lynn_advisor): I'm handing over to Nicole, it's open house at MY kid's school tonight. Thanks for all you do for your students!

DeBoCo: Thanks Lynn!

depwife: And those classes can be from any area? Does the course description indicate if it counts toward that requirement?

familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @DeBoCo: He can find the Physics major advisor (called the Undergraduate coordinator) at this link: <http://www.phys.ufl.edu/personnel/index.shtml>

familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @DeBoCo: He can find the math undergraduate coordinator's contact info at this link: https://math.ufl.edu/people/administration/
DeBoCo: Thank you Nicole! I will pass this info on to my son :)
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: When a student is looking for classes through one.uf.edu, if she clicks on the course title, she can see if the class offers any words towards the writing requirement. She can also filter the search so it shows her only classes that offer at least some Words (either 2,000, 4,000, or 6,000)
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: Often, she can pair it so a class meets two requirements. MUL 2010, Experiencing Music, for example, counts as both a Humanities class and often offers Words towards the requirement. She can take classes like that to count towards multiple requirements.
Ann3934: I was talking to a friend whose son attends Indiana University and she stated that test grades were curved. Does the same occur at UF?
depwife: try good to know! I will make sure she is aware. THANK YOU!!
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: Depending on her major/minor/future interests, she may be required to take a class (and have it count towards the Writing requirement!). Or she can take a fun class that also has Words. She may even be taking one now and not realize it!
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @depwife: My pleasure!
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @Ann3934: Great question. Ultimately, each instructor gets to set the grading scale for the class and exams.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): Hello All! It looks like we have a few new additions to the room, so feel free to post any academic questions you have!
Nancymoo: My daughter is a freshman and is overwhelmed by the work load - 15 credits. Is this typical for a freshman? I'm hoping she's still adjusting but we're concerned about the level of stress she is feeling. In particular, calculus is very challenging but all her courses are difficult for her. She's always been an A student but now she's feeling
Nancymoo: discouraged.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @Nancymoo: Make sure to let you daughter know that it is totally normal to feel overwhelmed in her first semester- the transition from high school to college can be incredibly challenging! It's a much bigger transition than most people realize.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @nancymoo: Especially for the Calculus class, I highly recommend she takes advantage of all the available resources: attending professor office hours, forming study groups, and using the UF teaching center. They offer a variety of tutoring resources for Math, which can be found at this link: https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoring-schedule/
Nancymoo: It sure is! I will tell her. Thanks. Anyone she can talk to about this?
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @nancymoo: Absolutely. She can talk with her academic advisor. Advisors are a great resource, especially if she's concerned about passing a class and thinking about dropping it. The Counseling and Wellness Center is also a great resource: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/What-You-Can-Expect-First-Appointment.aspx
Nancymoo: Okay. She did ask for help from a couple of TA's in Calculus on a problem and they couldn't help her. She was frustrated on top of being stressed out.
fondamoll: I have been recommended Study Edge for my Gator. Seems like a lot of kids are doing this. Is this a UF related tutoring? It cost \$50 a month and \$75 for a more privileged membership?

familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @Nancymoo: Of course. Totally normal to be stressed, we just want to make sure that the stress doesn't get too overwhelming- that's where the Counseling and Wellness Center comes in.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @nancymoo: When in doubt, just make sure she knows that we're here to help!
Nancymoo: I didn't know about the counseling and wellness center. That good. I'll see if she knows about that. Thanks!
DeBoCo: @Nancymoo - This is not unusual as the transition to college level work can be quite a challenge. If your daughter found high school very easy, then she might be having more difficulty with time management and study skills than the actual academics. I know this was an issue for me! I never had to study in high school, so when I got to UF I finally had to learn study skills for the first time. Have her check out the variousresourcesfor study skills sessions .
Nancymoo: Yes, I think if she knows that there are people out there to support her, it will make a big difference.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @fondamoll: Great question. Study Edge is an outside company and is not affiliated with UF so I can't speak to their services. UF's Teaching Center has some great tutoring resources: https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoring-schedule/
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @nancymoo: The Care Team is also a great resource, especially if she's hesitant to go to the Counseling and Wellness Center. Their contact info is at this link: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/care or you can email them at umatter@ufl.edu
Nancymoo: okay thank you.
fondamoll: Thank you Nicole_advisor I will also told him about the teaching center as Lynn Sickey posted about it on Facebook. Thank you again.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): Also want to mention to everyone that the UF Teaching Center has Study Skills workshops and resources: https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/study-skills/
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @fondamoll: Great, happy to help!
dalia.wajsbrot: Hi @fondamoll, my daughter is enrolled in this Study Edge. She is finding this helpful; and I also know other kids who are doing this, so I guess it is a personal choice.
dslbur: How does AP/IB credit get applied for classes if their scores are in their UF records? Are the students required to meet with advisors to receive credit or it is automatically done?
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @dslbur: Great question. Students will need to send their official AP or IB scores to UF. These scores must be received by the end of their first semester at UF in order for UF to accept the credit (so, by the end of Fall if your student started in Summer or Fall).
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @dslbur: Your student can check their unofficial transcript on student.ufl.edu to see if he or she has the class credits for those exams posted.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @dslbur: You can see what classes a student would get credit for based on their exam scores at this link (this link applies to students who started in Summer or Fall): https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/award-of-incoming-credits.aspx
FL mom: My son paid the fee at the IB website to have his scores sent over to UF and they have not been received by UF yet -- any suggestions on what he should do to follow up on this? I'm trying to let him handle it, but I didn't realize there was a deadline at stake...

familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @FL mom: Some times it takes a little while for the scores to be added and processed, so depending on when UF received them it may still be in the works. He can always email the Registrar's Office at recordsstaff@registrar.ufl.edu, but I'd probably also recommend he re-order the scores just to be safe
dslbur: Thank you Nicole! Her scores have been in her UF records for awhile. She has not received credit for classes yet. Some are pre-req classes. When will she receive the UF class credit?
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @dslbur: It's hard to say without looking at her record specifically. I'd recommend she email the Registrar's Office at recordsstaff@registrar.ufl.edu and also reach out to her academic advisor, and we should be able to get it sorted out.
FL mom: Okay, thank you! He ordered the IB records after he started at uf in the fall. I will have him follow up as it's only been a few weeks since he ordered.
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @FL mom: He's still got time to make sure the scores get in but it can't hurt to check now, especially if he needs any of those classes to register for his Spring classes!
dslbur: Thank you for taking the time to do this! Much appreciated!
familychatmoderator(Nicole_advisor): @dslbur: No problem, thanks for participating!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi @jpchovet and @dslbur, welcome to the Family Chat! We will get started in just a few minutes once all of our moderators have a chance to log in!