

# Family Chat

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**familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris):** Good morning everyone! My name is Kris Klann and I am one of the Associate Directors for New Student & Family Programs

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** Thank you all for joining us for our Family Chat this morning! My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for New Student and Family Programs focusing on Family Programs and Engagement.

southeasteducation: Good morning

icegalbone: Hello. My son is going to try and stay in his current dorm next year, what's the likelihood of this? He has a friend that wants to be roommates. Any way to guarantee this happening? Also, my son is coming home for the break, is it true that he will not be able to enter the dorm until the break is over? Thanks so much, you folks are always so helpful.

icegalbone: another question, he is a freshman, he was going to take his summer classes this year but was told to 'wait'. He has heard it is better to wait until the summer before your senior year, not sure why, maybe you know and is that accurate? Thank you.

southeasteducation: Similar question here. My son is a freshman at Beaty and was told he would need to relocate to another building for the Spring semester. Would he be able to stay with his current roommates?

Lb102194: I would like to know why UF only has a less than 3 week winter break?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** Hello all, I am an advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. I'll try and assist you with academic questions or refer you to the right place :-)

**familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris):** hi icegalbone and southeasteducation, we are working to on the answers to your housing question. We want to make sure we give you the right information.

icegalbone: great, thanks.

southeasteducation: Follow up question, in case of needing to change dorms, would he be allowed to relocate before he leaves for the year end holiday?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** icegalbone, often we encourage students to be thoughtful about when to take summer classes for a couple of reasons. First, students often benefit from a break in the summer. Students who take courses continuously may get burned out. Also, students definitely benefit from getting some work experience early in their careers to help them better understand what they are looking for in their work life.

icegalbone: Aren't they in their dorms for the entire year?

icegalbone: Thank you Lynn, that makes perfect sense.

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** icegalbone, also students often find they will meet the requirement later - because they need to take a course in order to complete an academic program of interest, because the student has a 12-month apartment lease, or because they decide to do some sort of program (overseas, internship credit) in the summer.

ChristineStump: My son is coming home for break after his on campus job is done. Do you know when the rec center closes for the holiday? Also, after Christmas Break, my son would like to move from off campus to a dorm. Do you see any possibility of availability and how do I go about inquiring?

**familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris):** Hi LB102194, there are specific number of class days that UF must be in school in order to meet accreditation requirements. The holiday calendar is a little funny this year, but on average, UF has a 3-4 week break during December/January.

icegalbone: That's what he was trying to explain to me. Honestly, I thought he just didn't want to go this summer. very good.

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** icegalbone, Great. BTW, I would not say he should wait til the summer before his senior year...just not automatically go this summer.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @icegalbone and southeasteducation, I am unable to reach Housing right now to get the best answers to your questions. Would you mind emailing me your question at arieg@dso.ufl.edu and I will make sure that I get an answer for you and follow-up.
icegalbone: Thanks Lynn.
icegalbone: will do Arie, thank you.
southeasteducation: Yes, Tlx
familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): Hi Christine, RecSports goes to reduced hours for the week of Dec.15 ( <a href="http://recsports.ufl.edu/facilities/facility-hours/week/2014/12/15">http://recsports.ufl.edu/facilities/facility-hours/week/2014/12/15</a> ) and then is closed starting the following week. As for housing for the Spring semester, if your student signed a year long contract for Fall and Spring, they will have to honor that contract, unless they have extenuating circumstances to appeal getting out of their contract.
Lb102194: thank you UF KRIS
southeasteducation: Lynn, are dorms closed for the year end holidays and if so, what is the exact dates for closure and re-opening?
ChristineStump: He is in off campus housing now...I am wondering what the chances might be to get him into on campus housing for spring?
familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): southeasteducation, the residence halls are closed starting Dec. 20 ( <a href="http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/resources/move-out/">http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/resources/move-out/</a> ) and then are re-opened for move in starting Jan.4 ( <a href="http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/move-in/">http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/move-in/</a> ).
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Dear southeasteducation, I'm afraid I don't know much about Housing, my area is academic advising in Liberal Arts and Sciences. But Kris has posted the dates.
southeasteducation: Thanks
icegalbone: Kris, so the dorms are closed but can the student still get into his room?
familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): Hi Christine, sorry I miss understood. As far as I know, on campus housing is full for the Spring, but you can always double check with the Housing Department (352-392-1271) on the possibility of doing a Spring contract.
familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): Hi icegalbone, unfortunately when the residence halls are closed, students cannot get in to their rooms (or the halls)
icegalbone: Very good, thanks Kris.
robertstern: Thank you.
anacrespo: Lynn: can you kindly inform if my child take classes in the summer in Miami possibly in FIU would it look bad in her records to transfer these credits to UF?
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): A reminder for all, registration for spring term has begun. For the most part, incoming frosh will register between November 13 and 20th, depending on the number of hours earned a student has accumulated. If your student has trouble getting into a course, encourage him/her to check ISIS daily - we find there are tens of thousands of drops and adds between advance registration and the end of drop/add (11:59 pm on January 12, the fifth day of class).
Cindyc1: Does anyone know if there is a bus available to the students from campus to Jacksonville Airport? My daughter has to fly back up to New York for Christmas break.
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, students may typically be approved to take courses elsewhere as long as they have not attained senior status. It depends in part on what her major is and what she wants to take. There can sometimes be issues with taking major courses or courses that are part of a sequence elsewhere. She should talk with her advisor about it.
icegalbone: How often should a freshman see his advisor? The advisor is there to help him with the academic schedule, anything else? I think my son is not sure of her job. He has met with his advisor, once, and they didn't discuss much. He is in Engineering so he knows what he has to take as far as classes. Anything else he should chat with her about?
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, the list of college advising contacts can be found at: <a href="http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx">http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx</a>

anacrespo: Thank you, Lynn

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** Hi @Cindyc1, Greyhound has buses from Gainesville to Jacksonville. They have a limited schedule so I would certainly look at that before booking a flight. You can also look on the Facebook page for the Gator Parent and Family Association. There are carpool forums there to discuss carpooling home for the holidays.

southeasteducation: Cindy, We leave in NY City and I just found a van service that would pick my son up from his dorm and will drive him down to Orlando airport. Door to door service. I wasn't able to find the same for Jacksonville

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** icegalbone, Engineering requires students to meet with his/her advisor once a term. How frequently a student "should" see his/her advisor, depends quite a bit on the student and what is going on with the student. Sometimes the advisor is there to review the student's selections and make sure they make sense. The advisor will typically also touch base to make sure the student is not having any difficulties. If the student's plan is sound and the student is doing really well, then the advising won't necessarily be extensive. The key is that your student volunteers info if he/she is having any difficulties, so we can help.

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** Another reminder for all, if your student is having any academic difficulties with a class or classes, the deadline to drop a class and receive a W is Monday, November 24 (5:00 pm). Sometimes students want to wait to discuss dropping a class until Thanksgiving break, but then it is too late.

JANET865: Can freshman students apply for summer internship

icegalbone: Thanks Lynn, that's helpful. No difficulties, he's doing very well. Loves it. Doesn't drink and is having a bit of a hard time finding things to do on the weekends when there isn't any football. He said it's a little ghost townish and most go to parties, drinking.?? Any suggestions?

Tammyb2: I have a general security question, but would also like to tag on to the transportation questions. I know that UF did an awesome job increasing security over the past few months due to the frequent student assaults. I would like to thank the university for that. My freshman daughter said she indeed felt safer and protected by the university. My question is, are the levels still as high now that the frequency of assaults has decreased? Are there still extra UF police on staff? etc. My transportation question is similar to the Jacksonville question, I have had difficulty finding transportation for my daughter to come home to Fort Myers. Do you have any suggestions? Thank you in advance

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** @JANET, all students are welcome to apply for internships. Have your students visit the Career Resource Center and they can help them find an intentional internship that will help them reach career goals.

myrnajune@yahoo.com: My daughter is starting Innovation Academy in January, how soon can she move in after New Year's?

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor):** JANET865, yes, freshman may apply for summer internships. The CRC is a great resource, but students should go early so they can be well-prepared and taking advantage of all the options.

robertstern: My son is in chemical engineering and I'm encouraged him to pursue his master's degree right after the bachelor's. His adviser said that he can go for a combination of master's and PhD right after the bachelor's, which I never heard of. Can you confirm this?

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie):** @myrnajune, your student will be able to move in on January 4 when the residence halls open

anacrespo: Lynn: One more question I understand that dropping a class and getting a W is terrible for a student. Would you elaborate a bit on this subject?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): icegalbone, Is your student involved in any clubs or activities so he can meet like-minded students? There are PLENTY at UF. GatorNights is a great option (Friday nights) they offer the latest movies, bands, DJs, comedians, improv shows, arts and crafts, video game tournaments and more. There are FREE midnight munchies. <https://www.union.ufl.edu/ProgramsArtsLeisure/GatorNights>

familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): Hi Tammy, I'm glad that your daughter noticed the increase in security and support around campus. Yes, many of the measure implemented at the beginning of the semester, such as the walk safe program (campus escorts) and increased SNAP van availability have been continued. And the University is looking at ways to stay on top of campus security. As for transportation, there is a Tampa carpool forum on the Gator Parent and Family Association Facebook page, similar to the one Arie mentioned earlier.

jmilford: Can you tell me when transcripts will be available? My daughter is applying to other schools for next fall.

icegalbone: Thanks Lynn. He's involved in Club Baseball. They keep him busy and I've asked about the GatorNights, I'll tell him again. Not sure if he's gone there on Friday, it seemed like he couldn't find anything going on. Thank you.

tpward1500@gmail.com: Our Student lives in Beaty West Tower. She tells us that the Gator1 card still does not work for the laundry. They have to go to the desk to buy quarters, often the desk is out of them. When will this be fixed?

robertstern: Do you think a chemical engineering student should pursue a second degree right after graduation or is it more advisable to first obtain industry experience?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): robertstern, this is an area outside my specialty. It's pretty early to be making any of these decisions :-), but your student should explore all the options. I know students can pursue a combined bachelor's/master's degree, but I do not know much more about graduate work in Engineering. You could contact Nell Hinkle in Chemical Engineering, she helps advise their majors and may know better. [Nell@ce.ufl.edu](mailto:Nell@ce.ufl.edu)

anacrespo: My child is in Simpson Hall and has also had terrible experinces using the Gatorone card for during laundry

familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): Hi tpward, I wanted to make sure I understand the question. Is the issue with the card reader for all students, or something with your students card specifically?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, GREAT question! I would love to know what the rationale is for that statement (dropping a class and getting a W is terrible for a student). It depends alot on what your student plans to do. In general, it is better to drop than to get less than a C grade (C- or lower) because dropping means it doesn't affect your overall UF GPA and if you earn less than a C grade, the course generally won't meet any requirements (though may count as an elective if you pass with a D- to C-).

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @Jmilford, your student's transcripts will be updated and available on December 24. I'm sorry to hear that your student is thinking of transferring. If there is anything we can do at the Dean of Students Office to help make the rest of your daughter's semester better, please let us know.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, can you give me more context to the concern about dropping?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, I should mention that when students drop it can affect their financial aid and if they used Bright Futures to pay for the course, they have to pay it back. So we always encourage students to talk to Financial Affairs before dropping.

jmilford: Thank you, Arie. Same issues of difficulty meeting people especially dorm hall (doors shut, etc) Not the culture she wanted for college. She is not in greek system or science-oriented major. Feels that UF just isn't a good match for her.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, is your student in any clubs or activities?

anacrespo: My child is having difficulties with Math she is extremely stressed out she is going to study edge and broward but still have problems she understand the study edge and broward and feel shedid wellon the exam and then when she take the exam she dose terribleteacher not availble only can talk to theTA

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, it may be best for her to drop the course. Has your student been in to see her advisor?**

jmilford: Also, she uploaded 7 completed assignments to course website in the incorrect place and TA gave her 7 0s for the assignments. She met with him and was told "nothing I can do". That sealed the deal for her.

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @jmilford, I'm sorry to hear she hasn't been able to meet people. Which residence hall is she in? I will be happy to have her RA reach out to see if she can help her get involved.**

jmilford: Lynn - swim club, ultimate frisbee, volunteering at homeless shelter, Gainesville Scenes, hangs out at Plaza on Tuesdays

Ej'smom2014: good morning everyone.

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): Good morning Ej's Mom!**

jmilford: She lives in Trussler dorm.

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, your student could try talking to the professor as opposed to the TA, but it may be that they do have rigid rules about submitting assignments. It can be challenging to make exceptions, because where do you draw the line. I am glad she is involved in so many things...it seems like she is doing all she should to adjust to UF. No university can be the best place for everyone, so we'll understand if she transfers.**

Ej'smom2014: my son told he and his roommate are looking for housing outside campus, t

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, what is your student's major?**

jmilford: The professor sent her to TA. Yes, she has put her best foot forward. Thank you.

icegalbone: What is the best way for my son to try and get a RA position next year? He wants to stay in the Murphy Area.

ChristineStump: I would like to say off campus housing is very difficult. My son is having a very hard time as well and wants to drop. This is why we were looking into on campus housing for Spring but have just learned there is nothing he can do.

Ej'smom2014: housings are cheaper. My question is , will this affect his financialaid?

anacrespo: I have recommended the same thing but she tells me a W on her record will be absolutly terrible I had to reach out to Umatter because she was having a melt down with Math. This is terrible for her because she has always been a great student and has always excelledin vigors programs so this istaking a toll on her I have been extremely concernedshe is in the Liberal Arts and Sciencemajor pre-med

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @icegalbone, did your son submit his RA application this year?**

**familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): Hi jmilford, make the transition to such a large institution can present some challenges. Did your daughter take First Year Florida this semester? If not, I will be teaching a special section in the Spring geared towards students who have already been on campus for a semester or two. I would love to have your daughter in our course if she's interested. Have her e-mail me directly (KrisK@dso.ufl.edu) and I can talk to her more about the course.**

icegalbone: I don't know, we've only discussed the hopes of it. Is that the way to go, submit now for next year? Is it difficult to get the RA position?

**familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @Christine, Off Campus Life is a GREAT resource for our off campus students. They are there to provide resource for students who live off campus, as well as serve as an advocate for those students with the apartment complexes.**

**familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): anacrespo, having a W will not be a terrible thing,even for a premed student! It is much better than having a D or E. It's all about how she bounces back from this. Since she's in my college, we can talk with her. And I'm glad you reached about to Umatter so she go some support.**

<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @icegalbone, the RA application process has closed for this year. It is a pretty competitive process, but I would certainly encourage your student to apply next year.</b>
icegalbone: Hmmmm. I'm sure he knows about this, ok, thanks Arie. I'll chat with him about it. Thanks.
jmilford: Thank you Kris - I sent her your email.
ChristineStump: Please send me the link to Off Campus Life
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @Christine, Off Campus Life information can be found here: <a href="http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/">http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/</a></b>
ChristineStump: Thank you Arie
icegalbone: I'm wondering, as far as clubs go, can you join at any time of the year or is it at the beginning only? No specific club, I'm going to try and get my son a little more involved but when I ask him about something, he says he has to wait until next year. Thank you.
ChristineStump: Where can we find a listing of clubs?
JThornton789: When will dorm moves take place? My daughter is in a triple since the start of the fall semester and we've already put in our request for a double for Spring 2015- when will we know what she has been assigned?
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @icegalbone, it really depends on the club. Some will only take new members at the beginning of the Fall semester but most of them will take new members at the beginning of the Spring Semester as well. Many clubs are always open to new members.</b>
KimEricson: icegalbone.....I am a parent whose son is also the non-drinking/partying student. He was having a difficult time adjusting but since he got involved in a couple of the clubs in his area he has become much more excited. He is in the robotics club and some computer gaming club where the develop video games. Also engineering major (computer)
<b>familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): @Chrstine, students can review the listing of clubs and organizations on Gator Connect (<a href="https://ufl.collegiatelink.net/">https://ufl.collegiatelink.net/</a>)</b>
KimEricson: Icegalbone....also, just recently got involved. The group was very welcoming and he has met several people with his same interests this way
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @KimEricson, it seems like your son has found his place! That is our hope for all students, though it can take longer for some.</b>
icegalbone: Another, I asked at an earlier chat and I know that your flex bucks in the food plan carry over from one semester to another. My question is, do they carry over to the next year? I have to purchase his food plan and I'm not sure about how much on the flex bucks, thank you.
icegalbone: Thank you so much KimEricson, I'll tell him about those. And thanks Arie, I'll mention checking into the clubs for Spring membership. :)
<b>familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): icegalbone, as Arie said, lots of clubs take new members all the time, so your student could check out most clubs now.</b>
Lb102194: can someone tell me what the FB links are for UF carpooling - i cannot seem to locate it again? thanks
tpward1500@gmail.com: We are told the problem is for all students in Beaty West. She changed her Gator1 card to see if it was her card, but problem still exists. Also, the "Desk Manager" says they don't know anything about if or when it will be fixed. Our perspective is the right hand is not talking to the left hand. Who can we call to get a focus on this issue?
musiclover: Hello. Are parking restrictions lifted during final exams?
<b>familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): @Jthornton, student being moved from a triple to a double happens on a rolling basis, there isn't necessarily specific date. If you student contact the Housing Assignments office (<a href="mailto:assignments@housing.ufl.edu">assignments@housing.ufl.edu</a>) they should be able to give them more insight into their specific situation</b>
<b>familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @icegalbone, flex bucks do not carry over past spring semester</b>



familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): @LB102194, this is the link to the Gator Parent and Family Association page (<https://www.facebook.com/GatorParentFamily>), on the left, you'll see the car pool forums

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): musiclover, I believe parking restrictions are in effect until the end of the semester (after final exams). Transportation and Parking posts the info at: <http://parking.ufl.edu/subpages/liftedrestrictions.html>

Lb102194: once again UF KRIS - thank you! :)

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @Lb102194, The Facebook Carpool Forums can be found here: [https://www.facebook.com/GatorParentFamily?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/GatorParentFamily?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

musiclover: Thank you Lynn O

icegalbone: Thank you Arie.

JThornton789: Thanks Kris!

carolpomerantz: Hi, this is my first time on this chat and I know I'm off topic but I need some direction. My son is having pretty severe problems in Calc and Chem and is failing. We are discussing the pros and cons of withdrawing. He needs to talk to an advisor and soon. Where does he go? He is struggling more than I realized. I am going to try to get him to see a counselor as well.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carolpomerantz, what major is your student pursuing?

carolpomerantz: engineering, undeclared

ChristineStump: Carol, my son is having the exact same problem....maybe we can connect and help each other.

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @tpward1500, I will be happy to contact the correct person in Housing about this issue. Would you mind emailing me (or having your student email me) a description of what is happening with the laundry room and I will make sure it gets to the right person.

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): My email is [arieg@dso.ufl.edu](mailto:arieg@dso.ufl.edu)

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Here's the link to the college advising offices: <http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx> Believe me, this happens to some new engineering students each term. The transition to those classes in college can be tough. If your student is considering changing majors we in the Liberal Arts and Science advising center can assist him since we work with exploratory students.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): ChristineStump, what major is your son pursuing?

gplacencia: My daughter is having a problem using her debit card when she needs to use the laundry. Do you know who she needs to go to?

myrnajune@yahoo.com: Why do the student have to have so much money in financial aid to be eligible for a housing deferment? Why can't everyone be eligible for a housing payment plan/deferment? (if they need one).

tpward1500@gmail.com: Will send you an email. In brief, the card does not work. We know there are vending funds on the card.

ChristineStump: Engineering exploration

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Christine, if you go to the link I posted, it should give you contact info for the Engineering advising office.

ChristineStump: Thank goodness he is receiving advisement now. Thank you.

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @JThornton789, as far as the triple, your student will likely find out in January if they are able to change rooms. Housing has to wait to find out who will be returning in January before they can move students into those rooms. There are often cases where students don't notify the office that they will not be returning for the spring semester so Housing doesn't know about this until the student doesn't show.

carolpomerantz: I think he took the higher level classes and should withdraw, then in spring take the next level down and essentially start over. He is embarrassed and ashamed, homesick, and reluctant to get help.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Christine, good! A rough first term doesn't mean he has to change majors, just that he needs to adapt to what's expected at UF.

Ej'smom2014: my son lives in Tolbert, told me he cannot use gator one card for laundry. he has to use coins. enlight me in that matter. anyone.

Lb102194: my daughter is having difficulty using her vending account as well

ChristineStump: @carolpomerantz My story too!

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carolpomerantz, obviously I have not met your student. But there is a difference between dropping (one or several) classes and withdrawing from all classes. Sometimes students do go too high (their background mastery is not strong enough). Sometimes they underestimate what it will take to do well in the higher class because they did so well in HS. So it may be your student should 'drop back' or maybe just retake the courses, with a better understanding from day 1 as to what is expected.

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): For those having trouble with their vending accounts, have your student call the GatorOne office first to make sure their card is working properly. If they are still having challenges accessing certain services, i.e. laundry, have them contact their RA about the issue. Their RA will pass along this information to the appropriate person.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carolpomerantz, all those emotions are pretty common, but please do what you can to get over his reluctance to get help because if he does he will realize that many students struggle at first and it just needs to be put into perspective.

carolpomerantz: Lynn, that is spot on. He has promised me that he will see an advisor this week. He should go to engineering advisor?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): It is often a shock for UF students to struggle because they are used to doing so well. But that doesn't mean they won't again, they've just got to be resilient - and of course, take advantage of UF's many resources to adapt and do better.

ChristineStump: Lynn, my son feels as if he is the only one...everyone around him is transitioning well. It is hard to put it in perspective...so glad he is seeing the advisor.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carolpomerantz, yes he should start there, advising is mandatory in EG anyway, so he has to go in. If he feels like he did not get what he needed when he meets with his advisor (which happens sometimes when it is their first meeting and the student is feeling those emotions and maybe not being as upfront with the advisor as we'd like), the please give him my email losickey@advising.ufl.edu. He is welcome to set up a meeting with me. He will have to see EG anyway, but we find sometimes it takes more than one session to get a student to put it all out there.

tpward1500@gmail.com: Sorry, referring us to the RA only puts the RA in a bad position. The RA has been consulted multiple times. The RA refers you to the Desk downstairs. This issue exists since move-in. With multiple parents commenting on this issue, can there be an ombudsman established to own this issue?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Christine, I know... and it is not true, we are talking to a bunch of students who are struggling every day. But after all that success it is hard to be public about not being successful, so you can tell him other students are pretending to do better!

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @tpward, where does your student live?

tpward1500@gmail.com: Beaty West

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): Great. I received your email and I will make sure it gets to the right person.

Yourell8228: My daughter was very successful in high school but is struggling in one of her classes. She goes for extra help and is so upset with herself. She has even spoken to the professor. Is there anyone else she could go to for help

ChristineStump: So true....thank you. I hope his advisor is seeing his struggles, not only academically but emotionally and will act on them. I am trying my best from my end to keep him positive.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Yourell, what class is at issue? and what major is your student pursuing or is she exploratory.



Yourell8228: Chemistry, medical would like to become a pediatrician
icegalbone: I shall exit now. Thank you all so very much (this chat event is brilliant)and good luck to the parents who's children are struggling. Talk with you all next chat. Have a great day everyone!
carolpomerantz: Lynn, thanks for this. I will no doubt be back to you aftr he sees the advisor. The hardest thing for our kids (my kid) is accepting help.AND Christine is right, the emotional struggles are big. Huge.
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Yourell, we have been discussing issues with Calc and Chem because they are quite common. If she's a Chemistry major, she can come and see an advisor in the Academic Advising Center to discuss what her best options are. Our pre-health advisors have specific walk-in times. <a href="https://www.advising.ufl.edu/prehealth/">https://www.advising.ufl.edu/prehealth/</a> Encourage her to go to a morning walk-in slot to minimize the wait - though we are gettting very busy, so she should be prepared to wait some.
Lb102194: Thank you everyone for your help and input. To all the parents, I wish your students well and to be happy.
jmilford: can my daughter do an internship in London and have housing options in the summer
familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @Icegalbone, thank you for joining us!
carolpomerantz: Last question. Can my son walk in to eng advising or does he need to make an appointment?
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carol and Christine, one more word, it all may be huge right now, but this too will pass. That is something we more mature folks know that our students lose sight of. Feel free to have your students contact me and I will talk to them. Your student as well Yourell8228.
Yourell8228: Thank you for your help
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carolpomerantz, I honestly don't know, here's their website.
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): oops - <a href="https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/advising/who-is-my-advisor/">https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/advising/who-is-my-advisor/</a>
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, what do you mean? Housing options while in London?
jmilford: yes, is there a UF housing option?
familychatmoderator(UF_NSFP_Kris): @jmilford, usually if a student is doing an internship, they will be setting up their own housing options
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): If your student arranges the internship herself, then your student probably needs to find housing herself. The company she does the internship with may be able to helper. If she does an internship through an academic overseas program , they probably would provide housing. Does she have somethingset up already?
carolpomerantz: Lynn, thanks so much. This has been a godsend.
familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @jmilford, there aren't any housing options through UF Housing, but the International Center may be able to help her with a Study Abroad/Internship options for the summer
jmilford: no, not yet. Thank you.
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): carol and Christine, :-) I'm a parent of an 18-year-old and a 15-year-old. I know how much I worry about them :-)
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, there are some international opportunities available through the Washington Center <a href="http://www.twc.edu/internships/additional-programs">http://www.twc.edu/internships/additional-programs</a> They are an independent non-profit that helps students get internships in Washington DC and has some programs abroad.
familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): TWC isnot affiliated with UF, but we have had lots of students participate and I've gotten amazingly positive feedback. I'm not sure if these options will work for your student. The Career Resource Center is another place to go for help in finding overseas options.

Pedalon: Many advised they dropped the "weed out" Chem 1 at UF, successfully passed the class at another college or university with a good grade and progressed well through more advanced UF Chem courses. Also, it seems questionable that StudyEdge is frequently used for Chem 1. Is something going on with Chem 1 at UF?

Karmapod: My daughter is an exploratory major currently. She took Intro to Horticulture to see if this was something she was interested in. It has proven to be much more than she anticipated. She has spoken to the professor that taught the first half of the class. Are there any tutoring opportunities for this class?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Pedalon, Well Chem 1 is commonly taken by first-term frosh and is also quite a rigorous course, so some students do perceive it as a weed out class. But having advised students over 20+ years at UF, I think alot has to do with the adjustment to college and that Chem requires more proactive adapting to what is expected here. Also, we find students often don't anticipate how important it is to keep up with the class and get behind early and find it hard to catch up.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Pedalon, I also think there are other strategies than going to StudyEdge if your student needs help. Finally, going elsewhere may not be the best answer, because we have found students who split sequences between schools often miss something and have a harder time when returning to UF>

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Karapod, Do you know the course number, I don't recognize that course name.

jmilford: Thank you, Lynn. I will pass the info on to her.

Karmapod: I am sorry I do not know the course number.

cfosse: Does UF offer any free nutrition counseling?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Karampod, If you want to find out and email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu, I'll see if there is tutoring for that course. Going back to the instructor would be good, since he/she probably knows grad or upper division students who could help your student.

familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): @cfosse, yes through GatorWell Health Promotion Services (<http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/Nutrition.aspx>). They even have a simple cooking, cook book that can be accessed online.

cfosse: Great. Thank you.

Karmapod: Okay. Thank you, Lynn.

ChristineStump: Thank you Lynn....

familychatmoderator(UF\_NSFP\_Kris): we have about 10 minutes left, please let us know if there are any final questions you have (or if we may have missed your question earlier)

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): A secondreminder for all, registration for spring term has begun. For the most part, incoming frosh will register between November 13 and 20th, depending on the number of hours earned a student has accumulated. If your student has trouble getting into a course, encourage him/her to check ISIS daily - we find there are tens of thousands of drops and adds between advance registration and the end of drop/add (11:59 pm on January 12, the fifth day of class).

Pedalon: Lynn O, Thank you, but my student is successful with StudyEdge, General observation, as Chem 1 affects GPA for limited college entrance.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Pedalon, yes, many competitive programs require Chem 1. Keep in mind that they want students who have mastered the material, not just students with As. So more rigorous preparation can serve you well in those programs.

ddwight: My son's major is engineering. I am looking for potential scholarships for next year. Does UF have a online site.

jmilford: Do they have the same advisor as Preview?

southeasteducation: Kris, Lynn & Arie - Thank you.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Another reminder for all, if your student is having any academic difficulties with a class or classes, the deadline to drop a class and receive a W is Monday, November 24 (5:00 pm). Sometimes students want to wait to discuss dropping a class until Thanksgiving break, but then it is too late.

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @ddwight, scholarships can be found here for the College of Engineering: <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/Scholarships/ScholarshipsByUnit.asp?Unit=EG>

musiclover: What are the best resources finding off campus housing?

jmilford: By the way, my daughter has loved the Gardening class. A wonderful stress-reducer to be outside and pulling weeds. Her crops are coming along and she harvested her first radishes the other day. Highly recommended 1 credit course.

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, no, students change majors so much during Preview that they are not assigned by major at that time. Your student should meet with an advisor in his/her college and major. I sent the link before, let me know if you need me to send it again.

UF Millie-Javier: I joined late due to connecting problems. Since we are almost finished. Could you advise on how we access the notes of the call?

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): jmilford, that sounds great!

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @musiclover, Off Campus Life is an awesome resource. They have a housing locator as well as lots of information and things to consider when choosing off campus housing. Their website is here: <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/>

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): @UFMillie, the transcripts will be online on the website (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-nsfp/chats/>) by Friday afternoon.

musiclover: Thank you Arie

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): My pleasure!

UF Millie-Javier: Thanks!

fkhc1148: my daughter found her apartment using swamp rentals. maybe this can help someone

familychatmoderator(Lynn O - Academic Advisor): Thanks to all you families for supporting your students!

jmilford: Thank you all as well.

UF Millie-Javier: As always, your support is the best!!!

familychatadministrator(NSFP\_Arie): Thank you all for joining us today! The transcripts for this chat will be available on Friday. I will send you all an email when the link has posted so that you can access all of the helpful links that we have shared today. If you have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Kris, or Lynn. Have a wonderful rest of your Wednesday.