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<td>Hi @gatormomx2, if your student is thinking about declaring engineering as a major, I would recommend that he or she visit the advisors in the College of Engineering. They will make sure that your student is on track and help them with the steps necessary for declaring.</td>
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<td>@rmhorne, Summer 2015 re-contracting will happen after Spring break 2015. Your student will receive an email when they are able to re-contract. They will then submit their contract and advanced rent payment by the due date to guarantee a housing space.</td>
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<td>@eprasado- With so many majors to choose from it can definitely be a little overwhelming! I would encourage your daughter to think about hobbies and subject areas that she has always had an interest in and go from there. She can talk to an advisor and discuss introductory courses that relate to various majors and that will help her to discover what she likes and what she does not have an interest in. Just in case your student misplaced their Guide to Majors, here is the online version: <a href="https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/majors.aspx">https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/majors.aspx</a></td>
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For research, the Center for Undergraduate Research (http://cur.aa.ufl.edu/) and the UF Honors Program (http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Research.aspx) will list different research opportunities they receive from professors. However, they only list what is submitted to them. The other thing your son can do is reach out to his professors about his interest and to see if they have any opportunities for undergraduate students to assist in their research.

LAR18: Is there a place on campus for students who have bicycles to store or leave their bikes over the summer?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): @eprasado: Since she is an IA student, in her first semester she does not need to decide on a major immediately. She has the opportunity to explore different majors that relate to her interests!

SKSMom: My son will be a sophomore in the Fall and wants to live on campus. His freshman year he lived off campus. Are there particular dorms for sophomores only or dorms that they usually gravitate towards?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @LAR18, unfortunately there isn't a storage place on campus, but there are several storage unit companies within the Gainesville community.

LAR18: thank you

eprasado: Thank you. We appreciate these chats

Shirhattis: Hello everyone, Which undergrad would cover more prereqs for medical school? Chemical or Biomedical? Thanks.

eprasado: as they meet other students and make friends, are they permitted at any time to change dorm rooms?

Shirhattis: I meant Chemical/Biomedical Engineering.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @Shirhattis, they are going to be pretty similar. What I would encourage you students to think about is which major do they enjoy more/what types of classes do they enjoy more? The pre-health requirements aren't going to change, but the major requirements are going to be different, so they need to make sure they like the major related classes they'll be taking.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): @SKSMom- When thinking about where to live on campus, I would encourage your student to factor in Residence Hall locations in relation to his classes and locations where he will spend most of his time (libraries, food places, etc.) Also, it is important to consider what type of living situation your student wants. If you student wants the traditional style residence hall - one shared room, or a set-up with a small kitchen and a more private area (Beatty Towers) For all of the information and locations, check out https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/majors.aspx

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): Hello everyone! I am Daniel Moore, an Academic Advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): @SKSMoms: I apologize, here is the correct link http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/choices/

SKSMom: Thank you @NSFP_Allison. He has taken a few tours but was just wondering if there was one that sophomores tend to gravitate towards.

Shirhattis: Thank you very much Kris.

gatormomx2: Thank you Arie for your feed back. Yes, my students are planning to visit an advisor in the College of Engineering. Hi Daniel Moore, can you tell me if an undeclared CLAS student requires some sort of a release from CLAS in order to declare an Engineering major? They had heard this from friends.
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): | @esprado: As an IA student, your student signed a contract for Spring and Summer, so they will remain in that space for the duration of their contract. After that, your student is more than welcome to choose another housing option that works best for them! |
| Misiphu: | What other tips or information can you give us to help my son get the best internship to help him get in a reputable medical school. |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): | @SKSMom- From my experience, upperclassmen tend to prefer the Murphree area due to the layout of the rooms and their location |
| familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): | @Misiphu, I would recommend having your student visit the Career Resource Center. They can help him find internships that interest him and will also help him accomplish his academic goals. They can also help him with his resume and interviewing skills that will help him land the internship! |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): | @misiphu, when it comes to preparing for applying to medical schools, it's about having a holistic resume (academics, volunteering, shadowing, internships). The Academic Advising Center's Pre-Health website is a great place to start (http://www.advising.ufl.edu/pre-health/pre-health-resources/). They'll list a variety of local places for students to shadow/volunteer. |
| eprasado: | my daughter is an IA student. Will her summer classes be faster paced? |
| SKSMom: | Great...thanks! I think that is what he is leaning towards. Isn't that in the area of Sports Management too? |
| familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): | @eprasado, that will depend on which courses she takes. If she takes courses Summer C (courses last the duration of the summer), they will be similar to a Fall or Spring semester class. If she takes Summer A or Summer B, they will be accelerated. |
| gatormomx2: | Hi SKSMom. My students live in Murphree this year and that dorm advertises a program for Sophomores, but that seems restricted to students who participated in a leadership program in another dorm their freshman year. Just thought I would share this. That area is interesting and close to a lot of classes for students in the 1st couple of years. Hope this helps. |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): | @eprasado, also, many students I've worked with over the years, prefer summer classes because it reminds them more of High School where the classes meet more often and there are less days off in between classes |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): | @SKSMom- The Murphree Area is pretty close to the College of Health and Human Performance! |
| jmilford: | My daughter was very upset by the graphic images displayed on the Prolife demonstrations this week on campus. She described the experience as "horrific" as photos of dead babies were displayed on a big screen as she walked to class. I understand freedom of speech but based on her experience, it feels like emotional abuse and I'm wondering what the university's responsibility in allowing for this psychological abuse. |
| SKSMom: | Thank you Allison and Gatormomx2. He is trying to make a selection so this feedback is great. |
| gatormomx2: | My students are planning to take summer classes online but live at home. Do these classes qualify for summer credit requirements? |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): | @SKSMom- Glad I could help! I loved living on campus! |
familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @jmilford, the demonstrations that took place on campus this week are protected by the 1st amendment, including the posters that were used. As a public institution, we have to allow for public demonstrations. The Dean of Students Office and the Counseling and Wellness Center were on hand with professionals and counselors to assist students who were upset by what was going on.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): Gatormomx2: As long as the online courses are offered by a State of Florida University, then they will count toward the summer requirement.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): If your student was impacted by the demonstrations, we can still provide her assistance by either coming into the Dean of Students Office, contacting the Counseling & Wellness Center or by e-mailing umatter@ufl.edu.

gerlicajane: My child entered UF this fall with over 20 IB credits from earning her IB diploma. She wants to be in medicine. UF Advisors placed her in 2 incredibly difficult "weed-out" classes (Gen Chem and Analytical Calc) for her first semester. Needless to say, it wasn't pretty. How should I advise her to proceed? Ignore the credits she earned through IB and take freshman classes to get back on track?

SKSMom: I have to leave this discussion now but would like to read the transcripts. How do I find them?

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): @SKSMom, they will be posted on our website next week. https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-nsfp/chats

SKSMom: Thank you again! Bye!

familychatmoderator(NSFP-Arie): Have a great night!

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): Gerlicajane: The courses at UF do prove to be a little more difficult for some students that courses they took in high school. But that is mostly, due to a focus on mastery over memorization. I would encourage her to speak with an advisor about her experiences and whether she feels like she needs refreshers in some of these areas. For more information about how to meet with an advisor about her pre-health concerns, please see this link http://www.advising.ufl.edu/advising/advisingservices/.

jmilford: She did not feel protected as she walked to class to take a very important exam. She was approached several times by demonstrators asking if she would have an abortion. I think this goes beyond the 1st amendment and is harassment. I understand there were professionals on hand but I think it went beyond the 1st amendment. They are preying on a vulnerable population. She became a victim and I'm sure others did as well.

eprasado: my daughter advised me that there are alternate routes to avoid these demonstrations

gatormomx2: Hi Daniel Moore, Thank you. My students are thinking of taking technical writing for engineers, 3 credit class, summer A and possibly problem solving using computers (3 cr), summer A also. Then Macro Econ Summer B. Do you think that 6 credits in one summer 6 week session is too much? They will most likely not have jobs summer A.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): Sorry it looks like my link is jumbled there. It is http://www.advising.ufl.edu/advising/advisingservices/.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): *http://www.advising.ufl.edu/advising/advisingservices/

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @jmilford, if your daughter wishes to speak with someone individually about her experience please have her contact myself, Kris Klann (KrisK@dso.ufl.edu), or our Care Team (umatter@ufl.edu).
jmilford: I don't know if she will but thank you for the offer. I think alternate routes posted in dorms would be worthwhile or at least a "head's up" that this is happening. She is not a fragile person but should not be subjected to the images prior to an exam or any other time.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): that is great feedback. I'll be sure to share it with our Dean's Team to see what ways we can better communicate with our students.

VTmom: Hi, are there some ways student can earn 9 credits for summer class, without staying in summer time in school

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): Students who earn six credits through UF-sponsored, UF exchange or approved SUS study-abroad programs during one or two summer terms completely satisfy the summer-term enrollment requirement. In addition, credits earned through any of the study-abroad programs approved by UF during a summer term count toward satisfaction of the summer-term enrollment requirement.

eprasado: What kind of internships are available in the Fall semester for an IA student. My daughter is freshman. If she can't take internship, she will plan for next year.

Shirhattis: Will summer classes taken in hometown State College or University count towards UF credits?

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): Esprasado: Both the Career Resource Center and the IA program itself, have great connections for internship programs. I would direct your daughter to one of them to being her internship search.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @eprasado, for internships, UF's Career Resource Center receives hundreds of internship requests every semester, they post them through Gator Career Link on their website (http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentInternshipsExternships.html). Innovation Academy also has their own internship program which your student can learn more about on their website (http://innovationacademy.ufl.edu/clp/internships/)

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @shirhattis, courses taken at any State of Florida institution, both State College and State University, will count towards graduate requirements; however, only courses taken at a State University will count towards the State Summer Course Requirement.

eprasado: Thank You for your advices

gatormomx2: Do any parents and/or advisor have feedback as to how many credits their sons or daughters previously took in a 6 week summer session without feeling overwhelmed? My students are planning to take UF online courses, to fulfill summer requirements, and live at home. They are planning to take technical writing for engineers 3 cr and problem solving using computers 3 cr. Both in summer A. Do you think this is too much at one time?

CherylM: Hello! When should an exploratory major liberal arts come in for counseling for next fall's schedule to beat the busiest time crush? My daughter is considering a Sustainability major, and info found online said that a 2nd major or minor would also be required. Should she remain exploratory until she determines the accompanying major/minor, or will the advisor help determine a good fit?

VTmom: Could you please explain "UF-sponsored, UF exchange or approved SUS study-abroad programs during one or two summer terms"

anacrespo: Daniel: My child would like to take two classes in the Summer but would like to come home. Would it be possible for her to take the classes at a Florida International University (FIU) and transfer the credits to UF or is this not possible?
familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @Gatormomx2 "Too much" is really going to depend on the student. If he or she has not taken online courses before and is uncomfortable with the format, I would suggest easing into it. But your students are always welcome to speak with an advisor to discuss what is best for them.

Shirhattis: Thank you Kris. Thank you all. Have to leave now. Will catch up via the chat transcripts. Have a good evening!

VTmom: Will Student with financial aid & scholarship be cover for those?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Allison): @VTmom: That means that if is a Study Abroad Program through the University of Florida not another school. Here is a list of all the programs UF offers https://www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ListAll

Laddy7: Just to understand...is it possible to take Managerial Accounting online (and live at home in another Florida city) or is it preferable to take the class at another State University over the summer?

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @CherylM Registration is starting up soon, so now would be a great time to come in. We are open from 8am to 4:30pm and would love to talk to your daughter about her options. A second major would not be required, but is popular for Sustainability majors. We would be happy to discuss that with her as well. In terms of declaring a major, she would need to do so by the end of her third tracking term, but an advisor would help to ensure that she is ready.

Laddy7: What is the procedure if my son does want to come back to Orlando and take a class at UCF and get credit for the class?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @VTmom, that will depend on the type of financial aid your student is receiving. I would encourage them to contact their financial aid advisor directly (http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/contact-sfa/).

anacrespo: I am just learning in the chat about online classes as an option for the Summer. My child really wants to come home for the Summer but needs to take classes in the Summer to stay on track can you elaborate a bit more about these online classes are all classes offered online for the Summer? do students get the same credit for online verses class room?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Rachel): @anacrespo yes online classes offer a great chance for students who want to be home for the Summer and also complete their Summer requirement. However, not all courses are offered online during the Summer. The best advice would be for your student to speak with an adviser about which courses are available and if they fit into his schedule.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor - Lynn): anacrespo, Not all classes are offered online. Do you know what classes your students needs? UF online classes are equivalent to classes taught in a traditional classroom.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @Laddy7 It is possible to take some courses away from UF, but students should always get major courses approved by a major advisor. To apply for transient study (taking courses away from UF) at another state of Florida institution, students apply through flvc.org. They should see an advisor in their college for specific instructions as the requirements may vary slightly.

CherylM: Thank you Daniel. She has been working hard and enjoying her classes, absolutely loves UF, but looking at the calendar, this semester is speeding by. I wanted to nudge her, and your info will help.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @CherylM, My pleasure!

anacrespo: Lynn she would need to take Chemistry 1 and Chem lab
anacrespo, that course is not currently offered online. I would have your student see her advisor to discuss whether she should stay to take the course at UF or whether it is advisable to take elsewhere. Since it is a foundation course in a sequence...

gatormomx2: Thank you Daniel. My students have taken online classes, several FLVS and 3 online dual enrollment courses in high school, 1 was a 12 week summer algebra course and that was not too hard for them, but not a 6 week course yet. That was why I was asking. What do you find many students doing? 3 or 6 credits at a time in 6 weeks? Sorry to be so persistent. Just trying to help them with info so they can decide what to do. Thank you.

anacrespo: Thank you so much Lynn

...typically the Chemistry department does NOT recommend students take the course elsewhere if they need to continue in the sequence. The other institution may not cover exactly the same material and then your student would not be as well prepared for the next course in the sequence.

@Gatormomx2: I usually do not suggest much more than 6, but it really depends on the courses and the student's ability. Online courses require more time than many students expect and the subject matter will be the determining factor. It sounds like your students will be taking more technically based courses, which could prove to be time consuming. But I do not know them personally, to know how technically inclined they are. I hope that helps you, help them make informed decisions.

Laddy7: Is Managerial Accounting advisable to take online over the summer?

gatormomx2: Thank you Lynn, I will releyour recommendation to my daughter

anacrespo: Thank you Lynn, I will rely your recommendation to my daughter

@Gatormomx2: Great! I'm glad I could help!

@laddy7, over the summer, Managerial Accounting through UF is only offered online. If your student would like to take it at another institution, so as to be able to take it in person, they would have to discuss that with their advisor first to see if it is even permitted.

gatormomx2: Daniel, so here's another question about online summer classes.... My students are planning to take the 4 credit Macro econ course summer B, online. They do not want to take the course with the proctorU camerathing for testing. they want to come to the campus and take the tests in the testing center. Both options are offered. The question is: Can they take the on campus testing option course code, live at home, and just travel to Gainesville to take the tests? It's not too far. There are probably not more than 4 tests in the course. (They need to check how many tests before they make this decision.) After this question, I think I'm done!

@Gatormomx2, I would encourage your students to discuss with the course instructor if there are other on campus requirements besides just the exams. I would want them to make sure they know exactly how often they may need to come to Gainesville during the semester.

Laddy7: Do you know how the Managerial accounting tests are given if it is an online only class during the summer?

@Gatormomx2: I don't mind the questions. I would suggest emailing the professor(s) to see. What you are suggesting seems possible, but sometime the professors are more particular about only students who cannot physically make it to campus taking the online proctored sections.
gatormomx2: Thank you Kris and Daniel. Will let them know. A lot of the summer courses do not have instructors posted yet in the course schedule. Will all instructors/professors be posted prior to scheduling? (Ok, there's another question.) I am not sure if Macro Econ has posted the prof yet, will check. But thank you for all of the info tonight.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @Laddy7 Managerial Accounting exams will be proctored by Proctor U. So your student should be able to take the exam wherever he or she is as long as they have a good internet connection, webcam, and meet the other criteria set by the instructor.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @Gatormomx2: The ECO courses have professors listed now, [http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201506/web/economic.htm](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201506/web/economic.htm). Sometimes that information is not available when the schedule is posted but it is updated as often as possible.

Laddy7: Thank you so much.

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): You are welcome!

Laddy7: Is there something on March 18th that there will be some type of career fair for internships and/or summer jobs?

jmilford: My daughter would like to volunteer with a deaf community this summer. Is there a resource to help her find a camp or agency?

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): That will be the Summer Job and Internship Fair! [http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentSummerJob.html](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentSummerJob.html)

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): @jmilford, She can always look for places through the CRC, but she can also go talk to the Disability Resource Center. They have great connections with the community.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @jmilford, also checking with the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences ([http://slhs.phhp.ufl.edu/](http://slhs.phhp.ufl.edu/)). They may know of some specific camps your daughter can work with.

jmilford: thank you

Laddy7: I could not get the link to work regarding the summer job/internship. Do I just go on the career center website?

familychatmoderator(CLAS Advisor_Daniel Moore): @Laddy7 Yes, it would be under students, events, and career fairs. Here is the link again to try just in case, [http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentSummerJob.html](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/studentSummerJob.html)

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): I'm sorry the link didn't work! There should be a link to it on the CRC Website.

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): Are there any final questions before we wrap up for the evening?

eparado: Thank You all!

familychatadministrator(NSFP-Arie): Thank you all for attending tonight! The transcripts will be posted within the next week! As always, if there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to contact New Student and Family Programs at newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu or (352) 392-8396. Have a great night and Go Gators!

VTmom: thank you for all yours answering, bye, good evening