

The Gainesville Guide  
Fall 2004 Entering Class  
for Newcomers

## City of Gainesville

Gainesville, home of Florida's largest and oldest university, is one of the state's centers for education, medicine, cultural events and athletics. The University of Florida and Shands Hospital at UF are the leading employers in Gainesville and provide jobs for many residents of surrounding counties. Known for its preservation of historic buildings and the beauty of its natural surroundings, Gainesville's numerous parks, museums and lakes provide entertainment to thousands of visitors. Due to its beautiful landscape and urban "forest," Gainesville is one of the most attractive cities in Florida and continues to rank as one of the best places to live in the United States. The City of Gainesville is the largest city and county seat of Alachua County. It serves as the cultural, educational and commercial center for the North Central Florida Region.

### Finding a place to live

As a true college-town, Gainesville follows a predictable movement of residents. There are plenty of rental units in the Gainesville area and close by campus. Prices of rental units vary to match its amenities. You may want to contact Apartment Hunters at 335-0872. This is a free of charge relocation service or visit the following site: <http://www.gainesville-rent.com>.

Also, the University of Florida Village Housing department has various apartment complexes on-campus for graduate students and students with families. These apartments vary from one to two bedrooms as well as flat and town-house units. Contact the Housing Department at 352-392-2161, e-mail: [houinfo@housing.ufl.edu](mailto:houinfo@housing.ufl.edu) or visit their website; <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/>. They will mail you information on housing and an application form.

#### **You can also go to the following websites for additional housing information:**

*For off-campus housing*  
<http://www.housing.ufl.edu/offcampus>

*For room-mate referral services coordinated by the UF Law Admissions' Office:*

<http://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/referral.shtml>

### Utilities

GRU serves the Gainesville urban area with electric, gas, water, wastewater and telecommunications services. They also bill for refuse and stormwater services on behalf of the City of Gainesville. GRU phone number is: 334-3434 or visit their website at: <http://www.gru.com/>

To get services you will need:

1. Address of location to start services
2. Social Security Number
3. Driver License and State (if applicable)
4. Date to start services
5. Bank account number or credit card number (for Auto-Pay)

*BellSouth* is the main carrier for local telephone service, their telephone number is 780-2355 or 1-800-753-2909. To order your new phone service, you will need the following information:

1. Address of the new service location (street, city, state, and zip),
2. Social Security number of the account holder, and a phone number to contact you in case questions arise before or during the service installation. You can also check their website at: <http://www.bellsouth.com/>

*Cox Cable* is the fifth largest cable provider in the nation. Cox offers an array of services, including Cox Cable, Digital Cable and internet services. To order Cox services, please contact them at: 1-888-269-9693 or at their website: <http://www.cox.com/>

## Shopping

Gainesville, Alachua County delivers choices from Victorian antiques in Micanopy or High Springs to locally grown produce at the Alachua County Farmers Market. Gainesville's distinctive shopping centers lure shoppers from 13 counties making the city a retail hub of North Central Florida. A major attraction is the Oaks Mall, a million square foot enclosed shopping facility with five anchoring department stores and 150 other shops, boutiques, and services. The Gainesville area shopping experience is wide in scope and growing.

## Nightlife

Historic Downtown is the center for nightlife in Gainesville with clubs and restaurants, featuring live music for everyone. From traditional Irish pubs to juice bars, and from ethnic eateries to coat & ties restaurants, this area teems with life until the wee hours of the night.

## Eating

Gainesville has hundreds of restaurants that serve everything from gourmet food to BBQ, fast food, casual and ethnic cuisines. The Gainesville Sun has a dining guide at: [www.gainesvillesun.com/apps/pbcs/d11/section?category=diningguide](http://www.gainesvillesun.com/apps/pbcs/d11/section?category=diningguide).

## Alachua County Attractions

Alachua County offers a wealth of choices to explore mother nature. Whether it is hiking, canoeing or just sitting back and relaxing, Alachua County is the place for you.

## Art Lovers

Gainesville is alive with the arts, due in large part to the creativity and tenacity of residents, but also to the University of Florida and its impressive facilities. The 1,800-seat Center for the Performing Arts is prime among the university's cultural attractions. It presents theater, dance and orchestra concerts featuring world-renowned artists and performers. Adjacent to the Center is the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, where works of art from around the world are displayed in elegant surroundings.

The Florida Museum of Natural History is yet another of the university's splendid facilities. The largest natural history museum in the southeastern U.S., the museum's displays include a Florida limestone cave, a fossil study center and a Mayan palace. The Fred Bear Museum is a tribute to the accomplishments of Fred Bear, promoter of proper wildlife management and the founder of Bear Archery. Elephant, caribou, moose, lion, Cape buffalo, brown bear, wolves and many other species share the floor and wall space with groupings of authentic spears, shields, carvings, artwork of Indian, Eskimo and tribal African items that Fred collected, bartered for or purchased during his numerous bow hunting adventures. All this and more are to be seen and enjoyed at the museum.

Gainesville's Hippodrome State Theater is one of only four state-supported theaters in Florida. It brings to the community a continuing series of plays, featuring nationally renowned artists. The theater also houses a second stage where films are presented and includes an art gallery featuring works by local artists.

Performing arts groups flourish in Gainesville and Alachua County. Some are the Gainesville Civic Chorus, Gainesville Ballet Theater, Danscompany, Dance Alive!, the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra and the Gainesville Friends of Jazz. In addition, there are several theatrical groups: the Gainesville Community Playhouse, Santa Fe Players, Across Town Repertory Theater and the Florida Players. The visual arts have a prominent place in Gainesville culture, as well. In addition to the university's Harn Museum of Art, there is the University Gallery, the Santa Fe Gallery at Santa Fe Community College and the Center for Modern Art. The Gainesville Artisans Guild operates a gallery where visitors are welcome to browse and shop.

History is prominently displayed in such places as the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Historical Site, home

of the author of "The Yearling." The Thomas Center in the heart of Gainesville's Historic District presents a fully restored structure in the Mediterranean Revival - Italian Renaissance style. The Matheson Historical Center houses archives and museum to illustrate the history of Gainesville.

## Nature Lovers

Several points in Alachua County draw nature lovers to view their spectacular beauty. These include Bivens Arm Nature Park, Morningside Nature Center, Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and Paynes Prairie State Preserve. Youngsters and adults alike enjoy visiting the Santa Fe Community College Teaching Zoo, where mammals, birds and reptiles from around the world are displayed. The Hawthorne Trail (part of Florida's Rails to Trails Program) attracts many outdoor enthusiasts to walk, cycle or ride horseback through its 17-mile length.

You can find crystal clear, fresh water springs located throughout the region. Some of the most popular ones include: Blue Springs, Ginnie Springs and Ichetucknee Springs. Also, guided cave, cavern and open water diving instructions and excursions are available. Fishing enthusiasts have easy access to six fresh water lakes. All six have boat ramps and two provide accommodations for campsites. A license is required for fishing, which can be purchased in Walmart.

## Worship

The residents of Gainesville and Alachua county can attend any of the 260 places of worship in the area.

## Health Care

The residents have access to excellent professional medical care. The city is home to four hospitals with a total of more than 1800 beds. About 1200 physicians, surgeons, and dentists maintain practices in the county, the largest per capita count in all of Florida. Area hospitals include:  
Alachua General Hospital/801 S.W. 2nd Avenue,  
(352)372-4321 (Hospital Information)  
(352)338-2140 (Patient Information)

Gainesville Veterans' Affairs Medical Center/1601 Archer Road,  
(352)376-1611

North Florida Regional Medical Center/6500 Newberry Road  
(352)333-4000 (Hospital Information)  
(352)333-4200 (Patient Information)

Shands Hospital at the University of Florida/1600 Archer Road,  
(352)395-0111 (Hospital Information)  
(352)395-0110 (Patient Information)

## Veterinary Care

More than 30 veterinarians serve the Gainesville area. Animal hospitals are numerous and include a facility at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, as well as 24 hour emergency services.

## Banks

The residents of Gainesville and Alachua county can choose from more than 25 different financial institution in the Gainesville area, including the Campus USA Credit Union which is affiliated with the University of Florida.

## Newspapers

The Gainesville Sun newspaper is published seven mornings a week. To subscribe, call (800)443-9493. To place a classified ad, call (800)443-4245.

The Independent Florida Alligator, a student produced pub-

lication available throughout the community, is published Monday through Friday when the University of Florida is in session. The Alligator covers regional, national, and international news as well as campus news and events. The High Springs Herald and The Record, covering news and issues of interest to the greater Gainesville area, are published weekly.

## Residency Requirements

In determining residency, the university will require evidence such as a voter registration, driver's license, automobile registration, or any other relevant materials as evidence that the applicant has maintained 12 months residence immediately prior to qualification as a bona fide domicile, rather than for the purpose of maintaining temporary residence for enrollment in an institution of higher learning.

To establish residency, you must show proof that you have, at least two of the following: registered and insured your vehicle in Florida, a Florida license, registered to vote or filed a Declaration of Domicile at the County Administration Building to show intent to make the state of Florida your home. For more information call (352)374-3636 or (352)374-3625. It takes twelve months to establish residency in the state of Florida.

## Education

The full scope of education is available in Alachua County. The Alachua County public school system includes 23 elementary schools, eight middle schools, seven high schools, two special education centers and an alternative middle/high school center. More than 30,000 students are enrolled. In addition, there are fourteen private schools in the county: nine elementary, four K through twelve and one high school.

To register children for school, call the School Board of Alachua County Zoning Office to identify the school and schedule an appointment. Proof of residency is needed, such as sales, rental or lease agreement, utility bill or a property tax bill. In addition, the child's birth certificate and health and school records are required. Where to call: School Board of Alachua County (352) 955-7300.

## Child Care Information

A Child's Place  
Age group: 6 weeks to 8 years old  
Hours: 6:00 am to 6:30 pm  
Location: Archer Rd. (375-8900) 34<sup>th</sup> St. (376-8900)  
No before and after school care available.

Kindercare  
Age group: 6 weeks to 12 years old  
Hours: 6:30 am to 6:30 pm  
Location: Museum (336-1700) 75<sup>th</sup> Place (376-3503)  
39<sup>th</sup> Ave. (332-4182)  
Before and after school care available.

La Pettite Academy  
Age group: 1 to 12 years old  
Hours: 6:00 am to 6:30 pm  
Location: Archer Rd. (371-0720)  
Before and after school care available.

O2BKids  
Age group: Infant to 12 years old  
Hours: 6:30 am to 6:30 pm  
Location: Newberry Rd. (332-5500)  
Before and after school care available.

## Other Important Numbers

All Emergencies 911  
Animal Control/Licenses (352) 955- 2333

Bus Schedules	(352) 334-2614
Mini-Bus (elderly, handicapped)	(352) 334-2605
Cable TV Service and Billing	(352) 377-2123
Courthouse	(352) 374-3636
Crisis Center	(352) 372-3659
Florida Highway Patrol	(352) 955-2150
Garbage/trash (in County)	(352) 338-3233
Gainesville Regional Utilities-	
Customer Service	(352) 334-3434
Health Department	(352) 955 2364
Humane Society	(352) 373-5855
Library	(352) 334-3900
Recycling Information	(352) 334-2230
School Board	(352) 955-7300
Sheriff	(352) 955-2500
Tax Collector	(352) 374-5236
U.S. Post office	(352) 334-1863

## Emergency Numbers

Alachua County Emergency Services	(352) 374-5222	(non-emergency)
Alachua County Crisis Center	(352) 376-4444	
American Red Cross Emergency Services	(352) 376-4669	
Community Action Agency	(352) 373-7667	
Hurricanes and Storms	(352) 334-5233	
Public Utilities	(352) 334-3434	
Poison Control	(352) 395-0333	
Poison Information	(352) 395-0000	

## University of Florida

The University of Florida is a major, public, comprehensive, land-grant and research university. The state's oldest, largest and most comprehensive university; Florida is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities. Florida has a long history of established programs in international education, research and service. It is one of only 17 public, land-grant universities that belongs to the Association of American Universities.

In 1853, the state-funded East Florida Seminary took over the Kingsbury Academy in Ocala. The seminary moved to Gainesville in the 1860s and later was consolidated with the state's land-grant Florida Agricultural College; then, in Lake City. In 1905, by legislative action, the college became a university and was moved to Gainesville. Classes first met with 102 students on the present site on September 26, 1906. The University of Florida opened its doors to women in 1947 and was integrated in 1958. With more than 43,000 students, Florida is the sixth largest university in the nation.

### Its Students

Enrollment for fall semester is around close to 47,000 students, including 36,047 in-state students representing all Florida counties, with approximately 2,000 international students representing over 100 countries, with the remainder representing all 49 of the other states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The ratio of women to men is currently 51:49. Seventy-five percent of enrolled students are undergraduates, 18 percent are graduate students and 7 percent are in professional degree programs (including dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine). Approximately 22 percent of the members of the UF student body are minorities with 6.5 percent of the student popula-

tion consisting of African-American students, 9.4 percent Hispanic students, and 6.0 percent Asian-American or Pacific Islander students.

University of Florida students are among the best in the nation. The University of Florida ranks fourth in the nation among public universities and seventh among all universities in the number of freshmen National Merit Scholars in attendance. Florida also ranks second among all public universities and fifth among all institutions in the number of National Achievement Scholars in attendance. UF's freshmen retention rate of 92 percent speaks to the outstanding quality of the university's entire academic experience, from counseling to online programs to aid self-tracking of academic progress and class registration.

In addition to being academically motivated, students lead a rich social and extracurricular life. They belong to more than 450 student organizations on campus, attend more than 2,000 campus concerts, art exhibits and theatrical productions, guest lectures, sports contests, and other events a year.

### Its Faculty

Florida has more than 4,000 distinguished faculty members with outstanding reputations for their teaching, research and service. The Teaching Improvement Program (TIP), a nationally recognized program to enhance and reward undergraduate teaching, has provided a major emphasis on the quality of instruction at Florida. The newly developed Professorial Excellence Program (PEP) rewards faculty based on their accomplishments and continuing productivity since promotion to the rank of professor including excellence and high merit in scholarship or creative achievement, teaching, service and extension. The faculty attract around \$280 million in research and training grants. More than two dozen faculty are members of the National Academies of Science and/or Engineering, the Institute of Medicine or a counterpart in another nation. Also, Florida stands 12th among all universities, with 13 awards including Fullbright Awards.

### Its Programs

In 1985, Florida became a member of the Association of American Universities, the prestigious higher-education organization comprised of the top 62 public and private institutions in North America. Florida offers more programs on a single campus than all but a few U.S. universities. A land-grant university with a distinguished record of developing Florida agriculture through research and extension services, Florida is among the nation's 88 leading research universities as categorized by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education. Florida has 23 colleges and schools and more than 100 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes. More than 100 undergraduate majors are offered. The Graduate School coordinates almost 200 graduate programs. Professional degree programs include dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. The University of Florida is the oldest, public, comprehensive, land-grant, and research university.

### Its Libraries

The university libraries form the largest information resource system in the state of Florida, containing more than 3.3 million volumes, 6.3 million microfilms and thousands of full-text electronic journals. The collections are extensive, reflecting the array of subjects researched and taught at the university during the past 100 years. The collections include formats ranging from manuscripts to electronic texts and are distributed in libraries across campus close to the colleges and departments they serve. Library collections are accessed through the LUIS online system.

The libraries of the University of Florida consist of eight libraries. Six are in the system known as the

George A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida and two (Health Sciences and Legal Information Center) are attached to their respective administrative units. All of the libraries serve all of the university's faculty and students, but each has a special mission to be the primary support of specific colleges and degree programs. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of research, scholars may find collections built in one library to serve a specific discipline or constituency to be of great importance to their own research in another discipline. It most likely will be necessary to use more than one library to discover all resources available at the University that are pertinent to a particular research interest.

*The Legal Information Center*, located in the west wing of Holland Hall and Bruton-Geer Hall, is undergoing renovation and expansion. Currently, it is **re-located in Butler Plaza**, on Archer Rd. to provide services to the faculty and students of the College of Law and extension service to the bar, prisoners, and the public throughout the state. The Center contains more than 595, 000 volumes and equivalents and receives over 1200 periodicals regularly.

*Library West*, located at the north end of the Plaza of the Americas, is undergoing renovation and expansion. The building is closed until early 2006. All collections, offices, and staff, except the Facilities Planning Office, have been relocated to Smathers Library or Marston Science Library

*Smathers' Library*, (also known as Library East) is the oldest library on the University of Florida campus. It is located at the northeast corner of the Plaza of the Americas and is currently the home of the George A. Smathers Libraries' units and services.

#### The Reitz Union

As the center of campus community life, the facilities at the Reitz Union provide services and amenities for students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests. The Union houses a Welcome Center, hotel, dining facilities, fast food establishments, a catering service, a travel agency, an optical store, a gift shop, a barber/hairdresser establishment, a photocopy center, a bowling alley and much more. Offices in the Union include the UF Student Government and the student Career Resource Center.

#### Criser Hall - Student Services Center

The Marshall Criser Student Services Center, named after a former president of the University of Florida, houses many important student services. Located on the first floor is the Office for Student Financial Affairs. This is where students go to find out about loans, grants, scholarships and other kinds of financial aid. On the first floor is University Financial Services, where students pay tuition or take care of deferments, waivers and unpaid accounts. The Office of Admissions is on the second floor of Criser Hall. This office processes nearly 38,000 applications each year and contacts the nearly 10,000 students who are accepted in each class. In the west side of the building, also on the second floor, is the Office of the University Registrar. Undergraduate catalogs, class schedules and transcripts can be obtained at the Registrar's Office.

#### The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts attracts world-class symphony orchestras, jazz ensembles, comedies, Broadway plays, operas, and large-scale ballet productions. The ongoing season features a superb balance of the performing arts including Moscow Festival Ballet's Swan Lake, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the plays "Show Boat" and "Annie", the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, and magician David Copperfield's "Global Encounter" show.

The 1700 seat main stage theater features a computerized light-

ing and sound system, a sophisticated fly system for lights and scenery and an adjustable stage that permits an orchestra pit. The Phillips Center's 200-seat black box theater is used for small theater productions, recitals, and receptions. The southwest corner of campus, which includes the Phillips Center, the Harn Museum of Art and the Florida Museum of Natural History, serves as an artistic locale.

#### The O'Connell Center,

The O'Connell Center, which covers 3.6 acres, or approximately 296,000 square feet, is actually a building within a building. The ceiling of the concourse, or outer perimeter is stretched tight to energy-saving earthen beams. This area is attractively landscaped with plants that are able to grow well indoors. Construction of the center began in the Fall of 1977 and the building was completed over three years later in December 1980.

The O'Connell Center was built mainly for instruction and recreation. There are scheduled activities from 6am to 10pm seven days a week. Up to 1500 students a day take physical education classes while many more take advantage of the facilities for recreational swimming, martial arts, weight-lifting, and other activities.

Many of the University Athletic teams, such as the basketball and gymnastics teams use the building for their training and practices. More than a thousand persons can participate simultaneously in at least nine different activities. The various events hosted in this building include rock concerts, philharmonic orchestras, international swimming meets, basketball games, circuses and fairs.

#### Ben Hill Griffin Stadium - The Swamp

On football Saturdays, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field is the place to be. Also known as "the Swamp" where "only Gators come out alive," the stadium is home to the perennial SEC powerhouse University of Florida Gator Football Team. It also is the site for high school state championship games each December.

The original football stadium, the lower half of the current stadium, was constructed in 1930. The completion of the South End Zone project in August of 1982 raised the seating capacity to over 72,000. The addition of the North End Zone brought the capacity over 84,000 seats and made Florida Field the largest stadium in the state of Florida and one of the largest and loudest anywhere in the country.

#### Gator Growl

Gator Growl, billed as the largest student-run pep rally in the world, is held in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on the Friday night of Homecoming weekend. Students and alumni gather together for a night of cheers, skits and top-notch comedians. Robin Williams, Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Ray Romano, Jerry Seinfeld and Rodney Dangerfield are just a few of the comedians who have performed at Gator Growl.

#### The Gator 1 Card

The Gator 1 Card is the official picture ID Card for the University of Florida. This card is mandatory for all University of Florida Students, Faculty and Staff and you can be denied services if you do not have one. Services and programs which require a Gator 1 Card include:

- CIRCA Labs
- Libraries
- Campus Recreational Facilities such as the Student Recreation and Fitness Centers and Lake Wauburg
- Intramural Sports Program
- Athletic Ticket Purchases
- Select Vending Machines
- Gator Dining Accounts

Financial Aid Disbursements  
Gated Reserve Parking (Staff and Faculty)  
Debit Card/Honor Card  
RTS Bus Service

To obtain your Gator 1 Card, you can either:  
**Wait until the Introduction to Law and the Profession Program**, when the Gator ID cards are issued for all new Law students, or go to the ID Card Services office, located in the J. W. Reitz union.

**Spouse Cards:** Students who would like to purchase a card for their spouse should contact the Dean of Students Office, P202 Peabody Hall.

## Standard of Ethical Conduct

### Preamble

Honesty, integrity, and caring are essential qualities of an educational institution, and the concern for values and ethics is important to the whole educational experience. Individual students and faculty and staff members, as well as the University's formal organizations must assume responsibility for these qualities. The concern for values and ethics should be expressed in classes, seminars, laboratories, and, in fact, in all aspects of University life. By definition, the University community includes members of the faculty, staff, and administration as well as students.

Education at the University of Florida is not an ethically neutral experience. The University stands for, and seeks to inculcate, high standards. Moreover, the concern for values goes well beyond the observance of rules. A university is a place where self-expression, voicing disagreement, and challenging outmoded customs and beliefs are prized and honored. However, all such expressions and challenges need to be civil, manifesting respect and concern for others.

As a major sector in the community, students are expected to follow the University's rules and regulations that, by design, seek to promote an atmosphere of learning. The other sectors, faculty, staff, and administration, are expected to provide encouragement and leadership as well as example.

While the University seeks to educate and encourage, it also has a responsibility to restrict any behavior that adversely affects others or is contrary to the pursuit of knowledge. The purpose of this Standard of Ethical Conduct is to summarize what is expected of the members of the University community. Existing University documents address these concerns in greater detail.

### Academic Honesty

The University of Florida requires all members of its community to be honest in all their endeavors. Students are required to commit themselves to academic honesty by signing a prescribed basic statement, including the Student Honor Code, as part of the registration process. A fundamental principle is that the whole process of learning and pursuit of knowledge are diminished by cheating, plagiarism, and other acts of academic dishonesty.

In addition, every dishonest act in the academic environment affects other students adversely, from the skewing of the grading curve to giving unfair advantage for honors or for professional or graduate school admission. Therefore, the University will take severe action against dishonest students. Similarly, measures will be taken against faculty, staff, and administration members who practice dishonest or demeaning behavior.

### Student Responsibility

A commitment is made in writing at the time of admission to be honest in all academic work, and abide by the Student

Honor Code. In addition, students should report any condition that facilitates dishonesty to the class instructor, the department chairperson, the dean of the college, or the Student Honor Court.

### Faculty Responsibility

Faculty members have a duty to promote honest behavior and to avoid practices and environments that foster cheating in their classes. Teachers should encourage students to bring negative conditions or incidents of dishonesty to their attention. In their own work, teachers should practice the same high standards they expect from their students.

### Administration Responsibility

As highly visible members of our academic community, administrators should be ever vigilant to promote academic honesty and conduct their lives in an ethically exemplary manner.

### Alcohol and other Drugs

The use of alcohol and other drugs can have a negative impact on judgments and reaction, health and safety, and may lead to legal complications as well.

### The University's Role

The University's principle role is to engage in education which leads toward high standards and respectful conduct. When those are compromised, it will take disciplinary action against organizations violating rules regarding alcohol and against individuals violating either the law or reasonable conduct in the use of alcohol. It must also provide help for students who are alcohol-dependent. The university will deal severely with students convicted of the illegal possession, use, or sale of drugs.

What the University Community Can Do to Prevent Alcohol Abuse and Drug Use. Students can help control substance abuse by declining to use or condone the use of drugs and by insisting that organizations and individuals use alcohol within the law and within the bounds of reasonable conduct. Students should make an effort to prevent persons who have abused alcohol or used drugs from harming themselves or others, especially in driving a motor vehicle, and should encourage those needing professional help to seek it. The same standards and regulations apply with equal force to members of the faculty, staff, and administration.

### Relations Between People and Groups

One of the major benefits of higher education and membership in the University community is greater knowledge of and respect for religious, racial, cultural and other groups. Indeed, genuine appreciation for individual differences and cultural diversity is essential to the environment of learning.

Another major aspect of the University's life involves sexual relationships. Sexual attitudes or actions which are intimidating, harassing, coercive, or abusive, or that invade the right to the privacy of the individual are not acceptable. Organizations or individuals that adversely upset the delicate balance of communal living will be subject to disciplinary action by the University. Only in an atmosphere of equality and respect can all members of the University community grow.

### Service To Others

An important outcome of a University of Florida education should be a commitment to serving other people. This sense of service should be encouraged throughout the institution by faculty, administration, staff, and students. Through experience in helping individuals and the community, students can put into practice the values they learn in the classroom.

Education at the University of Florida is not an ethically neutral experience. The entire University community should dedicate itself to realizing the vision

that a center of learning is a beacon that, by directing itself to the highest values, guides and encourages the society to do the same.

## The Division of Recreational Sports

The Division of Recreational Sports at the University of Florida provides an opportunity for every student to participate in an athletic or recreational activity on a voluntary basis. Your enjoyment as a participant or spectator is one of the most important goals of our Division. Through participation, it is hoped that each individual will develop an appreciation of the worthy use of leisure time and a wholesome attitude toward physical activity both while in college and in the future years.

Whether you are an occasional participant, or an active daily competitor, Recreational Sports has something for everyone. Recreational Sports is funded by Student Government, and is a division of the College of Health & Human Performance. Some of the services and areas include: Student Rec. & Fitness Centers, Intra-murals Sports, Sport Clubs and Lake Wauburg.

Also students can visit:

- Broward Basketball Courts
- Broward Tennis Courts
- Broward Skateplex
- Florida Gym (Sport Clubs Only)
- Florida Pool
- Flavet Field, Tennis Courts and Volleyball Courts
- Hume Field
- Lake Alice Field
- Maguire Field
- Norman Field and Gym
- Pony Field
- UVS Sand Volleyball Courts
- Women's Gym

## Student Health Care Center

The Student Health Care Center (SHCC) is a fully accredited outpatient clinic that provides primary medical care, mental health counseling, health education, disease prevention, wellness promotion, and various specialty services. Its mission is to help each student achieve maximum physical and emotional health so that he or she may participate fully in the educational and personal growth opportunities afforded by the University. The SHCC is staffed by a large number of health care professionals. Physicians, physician assistants, health educators, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, psychiatrists, counselors and many other health specialists are available to meet your needs.

Student Mental Health Services (SMHS) of the University of Florida, a division of the Student Health Care Center, is dedicated to assisting students toward successful completion of educational programs through enhancing and maintaining their psychological and emotional well-being, providing support in situational crises, and treating them when functioning is impaired by stress or psychiatric disorders. All services are confidential.

## The Counseling Center

The Counseling Center, located in room 301 Peabody Hall, provides counseling services to currently enrolled UF students and their spouses/partners. The Center offers brief counseling to help students develop the personal awareness and skills necessary to overcome problems and to grow in ways that will allow them to take advantage of the educational opportunities at the university. Individual, Couples and Group Counseling are available to assist students with personal, academic

and career concerns. The Center has 14 licensed or license eligible psychologists and counselors on the faculty.

## Services for Students with Disabilities

For students with disabilities, this publication is available in alternative formats. Please contact the Dean of Students Office, P202 Peabody Hall, 392-1261 or 392-3008 (TDD). For students with hearing or speech impairments use the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771(TDD).

### Handi-Van Service

Handi-Van provides free, reliable on-campus transportation for disabled students and staff. Rides are by appointment only. To schedule a ride on Handi-Van, please call (352) 374-6547-Unit 482, 24 hours in advance if possible. After 3:30 p.m., call 392-SNAP (7627). For more information about Handi-Van call Transportation and Parking Services at (352) 392-8048.

## Parking Options

Student parking is based upon class standing and whether you live on-campus or off-campus. Decals are necessary to park on campus weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in core campus parking lots and weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in non-core campus parking lots.

There are a limited number of parking spaces on campus. Transportation and Parking Services does not limit the amount of parking decals available for sale. All members of the UF community who want to buy a parking decal are allowed to do so, but the demand for parking usually exceeds the number of parking spaces. If you plan to park a vehicle on campus between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. you will need to purchase a parking decal.

Parking restrictions are lifted on weekends, except on football game days (home games) and semester breaks and holidays in some lots. Please also check their web-site a few days prior to semester breaks or holidays to find out if any parking restrictions have been lifted.

## Swamp Vocabulary

### Albert and Alberta

The official Gator mascots.

### ALL LAW

This is the name for the Levin College of Law distribution list that goes out to all the law students. It informs students about administrative and campus-wide matters.

### The Alligator

The unofficial, free, daily campus newspaper. Its full name is the Independent Florida Alligator.

### Bandshell

Site of free concerts by many well-know artists. Located on Flavet Field.

### Barrister's Ball

This is the college's spring formal event sponsored by JMBA, where the Faculty and Student of the Year are announced.

### Bat House

A sanctuary for bats near Lake Alice, west of Museum Rd.

### Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

Home of Florida Field and Gator football games. You can't miss it. It's the largest and loudest struc-

ture on campus (seating capacity 85,000). Also known as “The Swamp.” It is the site for Gator Growl.

#### Bloc Seating

An opportunity given to members of student organizations to get their football seats together that is sponsored by JMBA.

#### Blue Phone/Blue Box

Emergency call box posted around campus identified by a blue light. By pressing a button, an officer will respond immediately.

#### Bruton Geer

This building was completed in 1984 and houses the Center for Career Services, the Media Center, the Center for Governmental Responsibility, the Cafeteria, Student Organization Offices, the Virgil Hawkins Clinic, Legal Research and Writing. It was named after its donor, Judge Bruton's parents.

#### Center for Performing Arts

Located across from the Southwest Recreational Center, it is the site for cultural events and the Law School Fall Commencement Ceremony.

#### Century Tower

The large brick tower in the center of main Campus (on Newell Drive). Built in 1953 to honor UF alumni killed in the world wars, it chimes each quarter of an hour.

#### Church Parking

This is a parking area reserved for JMBA members at a nearby church.

#### CIRCA

The campus computer lab system.

#### The Clinic

This is a part of the skill training program available at the Levin College of Law. Also, it is the name used for the Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic, which is located in Bruton Geer.

#### Computer Requirement

All students are required to have ongoing access to a personal computer.

#### Constans Theater

Located next to the Reitz Union. Home of the University Box Office.

#### Criser Hall

Home of the offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Affairs and Student Financial Services.

#### Crosswalk

It is required by law for cars to stop for pedestrians crossing the streets on a crosswalk.

#### Dean of Students Office

Main campus first stop location for referrals and questions. The Offices of Judicial Affairs, Multicultural Programs, Greek Life, Orientation, the GLBT Resource Center and Students with Disabilities are also housed there. (202 Peabody Hall)

#### The Docket

A student publication coordinated by JMBA, which is published once a month and inserted in FLALAW.

#### Drop/Add

Period of time at the beginning of the semester in which students are allowed to make changes in their schedules.

#### Exam Numbers

This is a special number given to you every semester as a way

to identify your exam, so the faculty does not know your name when grading. You will get a new number each semester on ISIS.

#### Flavet Field

A favorite practice field for intramural sports. Also the location of the University Bandshell.

#### FLA LAW

It is the College of Law weekly newsletter where you can read updated information on faculty, students and staff as well as upcoming events and important deadlines.

#### Fredric G. Levin

Levin is a prominent trial lawyer who graduated from UF in 1961. The college was named after Levin in 1999, after he gave \$10 million that was matched by the state to create a \$20 million endowment for the school.

#### Gator 1 card

Your official University ID card. You will use it to pick up athletic tickets, check out books from the libraries, get a Gatorlink ID and to pick up sporting events tickets.

#### Gator Growl

The largest pep rally in the country. Held the Friday night before the Homecoming game, it usually features big name comedians and high-tech entertainment.

#### Gator Link

This is your e-mail account @ UF. Also, the only e-mail used by the Law School.

#### Grad Check

Brief meeting to evaluate credits for graduation done the semester before graduation.

#### Grinter Hall

Home of the UF International Center.

#### Holland Hall

This building was completed in 1968 and it houses classrooms, the Legal Information Center, as well as faculty and administrative offices. It was named after Spessard Holland, a 1916 UF graduate, US Senator and Florida governor, who was instrumental in raising the money for its construction.

#### ISIS

The Integrated Student Information System includes web-based course schedules and registration, degree tracking, financial status and other student information. (Note: the class periods and times are different from main campus and the law school.)

#### JMBA (John Marshall Bar Association)

This is the student bar association and one of the many student run organizations at the Levin College of Law. JMBA is in charge of lockers, carrels, the church parking and many other services for students.

#### J. Wayne Reitz Union

The student union. Home of the main food court, student activities office, student government office, student organizations, Welcome Center, a hotel, and a game room including a bowling alley.

#### Lake Alice

A quiet natural area located on the west end of Museum Road. Many runners, walkers, and sightseers visit this peaceful area. Beware of the alligators!

#### LCC

Law College Council is the organization that manages

student organization funding for the College of Law's many extracurricular organizations.

## LUIS

The university library system's method of cataloging materials. This is a very different system from the good old Dewey Decimal. WebLUIS is its online version!

## Message Folders

In addition to the All Law, this is another way information is distributed in the law school community. Check your folder regularly!

## O'Dome

Nickname for the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, the multi-purpose sports and entertainment arena located just west of the stadium. Home of basketball, swimming and diving, indoor track, gymnastics, volleyball, concerts, major speakers and graduation ceremonies, including our Law Spring Commencement Ceremony.

## Parking

You must have a permit/ decal to park on campus. You are only allowed to park in lots corresponding to your parking decal during business hours. Parking violations are expensive and accumulated points can lead to revocation of your parking privileges or towing.

## Paynes Prairie

A state preserve south of Gainesville. A popular place for hiking and viewing the wildlife.

## People Awareness Week

A week dedicated to the education about and celebration of UF's culturally diverse population.

## Plaza of the Americas

Located in the quadrangle between Library West and the University Auditorium.

## School Colors

Orange and blue.

## SNAP

The Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol is a free service offered to students which provides door to door nighttime transportation.

## Student Activities List Serve

The Student Activities List Serve shall be used for the purpose of informing the student body at the Levin College of Law about student organization meetings, events, conferences, as well as non-UF events that pertain to the law school student body.

## Student Infirmary

It is the UF Student Health Center, located east of the stadium on Fletcher Drive.

## Student Lounge

The area next to the Cafeteria where students can watch TV, eat, study or just relax.

## Student Organization Office

Located next to the Student Lounge, it provides an area for organizations' offices and the home for the LCC office.

## Study Carrels

Managed by JMBA the carrels provide you with study area in the library and throughout the college.

## The Swamp

Nickname for the football stadium.

## The Glass Board

The place to look for First Day Assignments, Jury Duty information and other administrative notices. It is located right across from the Office of Student Affairs.

## Tiger Hall

Home of administrative offices for the President, Vice-Presidents, Provost, Ombudsman and Honors Program.

## University Auditorium

Located next to Century Tower on Newell Drive. Popular place for concerts and guest speakers.

## UFID

Your student identification number. Your Social Security number is no longer used in school records.