

FLORIDA EDUCATION GUIDE

The Ultimate Resource for Comparing
Postsecondary Educational Options in Florida



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Keeping Students Motivated

The effects of COVID-19 have hit our high school students especially hard, disrupting important years of academics, athletics, socializing, and college preparation. Proms and graduation ceremonies have been canceled. As is so often the case, students with greater needs for support have suffered even more. How has the pandemic impacted pipeline and mentoring programs?



While the online experience is different, it is the new “norm.”

Lynne W. Gassant

For the answer, we turned to Lynne W. Gassant, founder and executive director of Scholar Career Coaching, a United Way of Palm Beach County affiliate mentoring program that coaches, motivates, and supports high-need, high-potential students who are at risk of falling behind in the classroom. Lynne writes:

Despite the pandemic, we are pushing forward. We have transitioned completely to a virtual learning platform. With the app, students can email, chat, video call, and share documents with their mentor.

Additional resources for virtual mentors are available from the National Mentoring Partnership, a national database of youth mentoring

programs connecting volunteers to opportunities and youth to resources in their local communities. Visit mentoring.org to learn more.

The Pivot

Did you know? There are over 80 institutions of higher learning in the state of Florida. Despite the challenges that 2020 threw at these schools, we have a lot to celebrate.

■ **Florida Polytechnic Institute** launched the state’s only undergraduate program in Health Systems Engineering, bringing together STEM majors and health care majors to forge new paths in medical technologies.



■ The **University of South Florida** consolidated its three campuses (in Tampa, Sarasota, and St. Petersburg) under the leadership of new president Steven Currall, rebranding as “One USF.”

■ **Florida Gulf Coast University** was named the best school in Florida (and in the top 10% nationwide) for undergraduate entrepreneurship.

■ Governor Ron DeSantis included over \$123 million in the state budget to help fund Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

ONLINE CLASSES

Every student in Florida has had some experience with digital education in 2020, whether it was temporarily going remote in March or enrolling in online courses in the Fall. It’s pretty likely that your student will take at least one class online while in college, even after we stop doing so for health and safety reasons. It’s important for your student to know that online courses can be more time- and labor-intensive, and that they require quite a bit of internal motivation and self-advocacy. Professors of online courses are just as willing to help and communicate, but the student is often expected to initiate the conversation.





Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The state of Florida has 4 HCBUs—**Bethune-Cookman University**, **Edward Waters College**, **Florida A&M University**, and **Florida Memorial University**. These schools alone contribute almost \$900 million dollars per year to the state economy, and graduates of HCBUS can increase their lifetime earnings by 64% (over \$1 million!) by completing their degree. Admissions rates are on par with other Florida institutions. Most African American doctors and teachers in the U. S. were educated at HCBUS.

GOING ON COLLEGE TOURS.

“Being on campus at Full Sail introduced me to the real process of recording arts, and I learned that I want to work in music production and music psychology.”



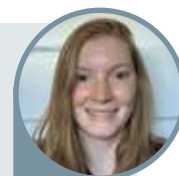
Harrison Lundy, 18,
Kids Community College
Preparatory Riverview

PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The 12 schools in Florida’s State University System can be very selective, admitting about 40% of applicants. Prospective students should take AP and Honors classes in their areas of interest and aim for SAT scores of 1200+. Tuition for in-state students can be less than half of the tuition at a private college. Because these schools have, on average, more than 250,000 students, they often offer lots of extracurricular and athletic options, plus a wide variety of major and minor areas of study.

“Staying in state for college [helps] me save money for graduate school.”

**Catherine Discenza, sophomore
at the University of Florida**



PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

There are more than 40 private colleges and universities in Florida, and they differ widely in size, cost, and admissions rates. Private schools tend to be much smaller than public schools, averaging just over 4,000 students per campus, at an average admissions rate of 65%. Many students choose a private college for smaller class sizes and more focused or individualized courses of study.

TWO-YEAR SCHOOLS

Florida has 25 community colleges that serve our students seeking an associate’s degree or professional certification, looking to get a jump on a bachelor’s degree, or earning college credit while still in high school through a dual enrollment program. Most students at two-year schools live off-campus, and total enrollments vary, largely based on location. Schools in more remote areas can have fewer than 2,000 students, while those in metropolitan areas can have up to 20,000. Tuition rates follow similar trends.

“Getting a jump-start on my bachelor’s degree [through dual enrollment at the University of West Florida] is an opportunity I’m incredibly grateful for.”

Megan Brown, junior at Booker T. Washington High School



CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

If your student already knows that they want to pursue a career in a skilled trade and wants to get started right away, one of Florida’s many specialized technical schools is a great choice. These schools offer training and certification in popular fields like nursing, radiology, hospitality, aesthetics and cosmetology, mechanics, electrical work, plumbing, aviation, and dental hygiene.

Tomorrow's Jobs Today

Florida's Public Technical Colleges

Florida must become workforce ready. Career and technical education is the way to get there.

Florida's 48 technical colleges offer 200-plus programs and train thousands of highly skilled workers each year. "Career in a Year" programs offer training in targeted industries such as manufacturing; health care; public safety; automotive, marine, and aircraft mechanics; and computer programming, IT, and digital disciplines. Hands-on real life experiences provided in classrooms, labs, simulations and registered apprenticeship programs — all delivering tomorrow's critical workforce today.



Errin Gill graduated from Lake Technical College's Automotive Collision Technology Technician program in December of 2020. The auto collision program merged her love of two things, art and cars. As a woman in a non-traditional field, she was pleasantly surprised to feel completely encouraged by her instructors and peers. About midway through the program, she was awarded the Women in Industry scholarship. Errin was ultimately hired by Lockheed Martin to fabricate windows for the F35 fighter jet and the Apache helicopter.



"My job at Lockheed Martin job is the coolest job ever and I would never have had this opportunity without Lake Tech's training."

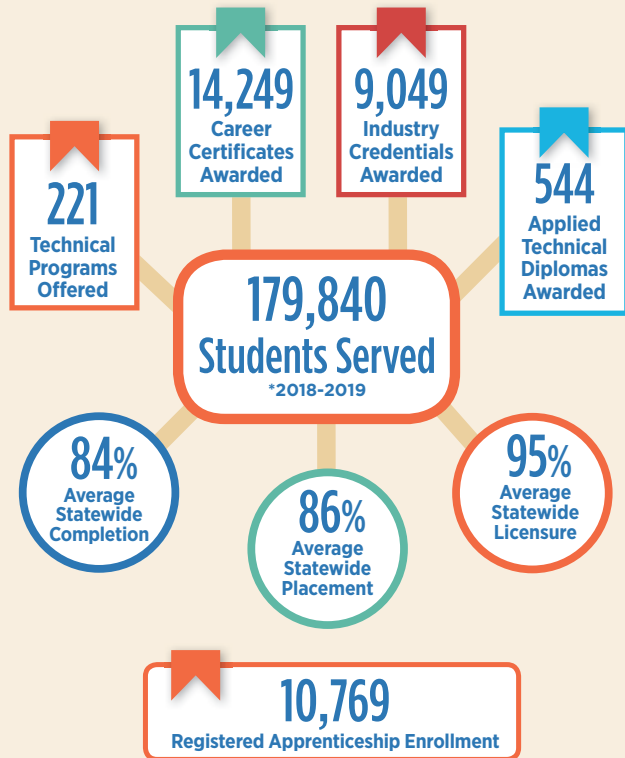
Leah Marley has always been fiercely independent and up for a challenge. She earned her high school equivalency at age 16. Leah completed the Welding Technology Program at Haney Technical Center and was one of the top three welders in her 2020 class. She is now excelling in her new career as a welder with Eastern Shipbuilding.



"Being a welder has provided me with a great income and career opportunities!"



Florida's Technical Colleges Make an Impact



Practical Nursing Graduate **Amoy McPherson**, while in high school, was part of a Health Science program which visited Atlantic Technical College's PN classrooms and labs. During these visits Amoy realized he wanted to enroll at a Technical College because it was so practical. He wanted to become a part of the solution to help others achieve a healthy life.



"Here's a school offering a career in a year. After a year you can become a nurse. That's something unheard of!"

A Message from Florida Association for Career and Technical Education Post-Secondary Chair



Diane Culpepper
Executive Director
Lake Technical College

"Florida's public technical colleges are laser focused on preparing students to be part of the skilled, 21st century workforce. By partnering with business and industry, we

meet needs unique to each local community. With flexible scheduling, competency based instruction, microcredentialing, and affordable tuition, our institutions offer students and employers alike the critical components needed to improve and expand Florida's economy."

See how Florida's public technical colleges are delivering the middle-skilled workers our state needs to grow in the 21st century.

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Be Pointy!

It's the unique combination of your strengths and interests that makes you, you. When an admissions office can see how they work together—how you're "pointy"—they can more clearly see how you'll fit in on their campus.

Gone are the days where being "well-rounded" gives a student the best chance at being admitted to their choice of schools. These days, says Tiffany E. Blessing, director of College Counseling at Shorecrest Preparatory School, colleges are looking for students with passion and drive—students who find what they love and pursue it, whether it's soccer or math or sewing or acting. College hopefuls should be sending that message in their choices of electives, extracurriculars, and volunteer hours.

ENTRANCE ESSAY

The trends in application essays have split in two directions: some schools have transitioned away from essays, while others have turned toward them in lieu of impersonal data like test scores. Applicants who are facing a required essay should aim for authenticity—tell the story you have, not the story you think they want to hear.



And research is an often-missed opportunity here: while students should plan to re-use at least parts of their essays for multiple schools, they should make sure to include their specific reasons for applying to their top tier schools. This is where campus visits come in. Name-checking the professors, students, and tour guides introduced on those visits can go a long way toward convincing an admissions committee that your student is the right fit for their school.

"EARLY" BIRDS

As the college admissions process grows increasingly complex, many schools are offering different programs and procedures for students wanting to get a head start. Below are some terms you should know.

EARLY DECISION: apply early (by Nov. 1) and receive a decision by Dec. 15; viewed as a "binding" option – students are expected to accept the offer and may only apply Early Decision to one school; admissions rates can be 10% higher.

EARLY ACTION: apply and hear back early; non-binding; students have until Spring to accept or decline the offer; may apply Early Action to multiple schools; slightly higher admissions rates.

SINGLE-CHOICE EARLY ACTION: like Early Decision, except non-binding; students have until Spring to accept the offer; slightly higher admissions rates.

EARLY ADMISSION: enroll full-time in college during senior year of high school; courses count for both high school and college credit; all expenses covered, including materials (for public school students); very competitive admissions—required GPA of 3.8 and SAT scores of 1300+.

FIRST-GENERATION APPLICANTS

More than half of all students enrolled in Florida colleges and universities are the first in their families to attend—but those students are statistically less likely to complete a degree until much later in life. In part, this is due to the challenges of navigating the admissions and financial aid processes. These first-gen students can get guidance and valuable practice through programs like AVID and local career coaching.



"It's a very challenging and emotional process. You're navigating the process alone. Just do your best and make it to the finish line; it's a marathon, not a sprint."

Winzie Wilson, freshman at Tuskegee University



COMMON APP

31 colleges and universities in Florida use the Common App, a universal admissions application designed to make your student's life much simpler. Go online to CommonApp.org to see which schools accept the Common App. Students can keep all of their materials in one place: essays, transcripts, deadlines, test scores, scholarship info, and recommendations. They can then send completed applications out to multiple schools with just a few clicks.

Growth Industries



Health Care
▲ 10%



Construction
▲ 57%



Tourism
▲ 6%
(expected)

HOT CAREERS

High on every parent's list of wishes for their children is gainful employment—not a given in this economy. If your student is looking for an in-demand career choice before they decide on their next steps after high school, consider these growth industries in Florida.

■ **HEALTH CARE:** Florida's large aging population means a built-in need for nurses and in-home careworkers, but other fields in the health care industry are booming, too, with a projected overall growth rate of about 10% in the next decade—almost 70% of which require a post-secondary degree or certification. It seems student interest in public health professions is up as well.

■ **CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE:** Some estimates show up to 1,000 new Florida residents each day—and all of them need places to live. The real estate market continues to thrive, as does the construction industry that supports it. Degrees in marketing, communications, business, accounting, and finance can all get a career in these fields started.

■ **TOURISM:** Tourism jobs grew by 6% in 2018 and are expected to do so again after the pandemic. With almost 150 million visitors per year (spending \$94 billion), plus the large number of state residents who vacation in-state, a college major in marketing, communications, hospitality, or arts and education is a solid choice. A professional program or internship in food service, hospitality, or performance would also be smart.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Many Florida families are familiar with learning accommodations and modifications to which students are entitled through 504 plans and IEPs. Unfortunately, many students do not seek the same accommodations once they enter college—in part because they may not know how to get them. If your student is 18 or older, they should contact student services as soon as possible upon enrolling in classes, and they should be prepared to provide current diagnostic tests and a copy of recent IEPs or 504s. Students will have to be more proactive than they were in high school about informing their professors and advisors of their accommodations, and they may need to re-apply each semester. It's worth the effort: studies also show that students who use their accommodations are more likely to graduate on time!





BRIGHT FUTURES

The Florida Bright Futures scholarship program provides tuition assistance for high-achieving Florida high school graduates who want to attend an in-state college or university. To qualify, students also need to complete community service—100 hours for the FL Academic Scholars program and 75 hours for the FL Medallion Scholars program. All students seeking Bright Futures assistance need to submit the Florida Financial Aid Application by the end of August in the year they graduate from high school. Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA while in college.

PELL GRANT

Federal Pell Grants offer up to \$6495 / year for students demonstrating significant financial need. These funds are grants, so unlike loans they don't need to be repaid. Students receiving Pell Grants must be enrolled full-time at an accredited institution, and they must complete a FAFSA every year.

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid needs to be completed for each year that a student requests grant money, scholarships, or loans from any federal program. Many colleges and universities use the FAFSA as a basis for their internal aid programs as well. Students fill out the application just once per year, regardless of how many different programs they are applying for. To complete the form, a student will need their most recent tax returns and bank statements.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

All students can apply for Direct Unsubsidized Student Loans, for which interest will accrue while the student is still enrolled. Students who demonstrate financial need may also qualify for Direct Subsidized Loans, for which the federal government pays the interest until six months after the student withdraws or graduates from school.

STUDENTAID.GOV – the central website for federal financial aid of all types; includes link to FAFSA

Bright Futures by the Numbers

1997

year the FL legislature approved using funds from the FL Lottery to fund a scholarship program

2.8 million

number of Bright Futures scholarships given since 1997

\$6.8 billion

total dollars disbursed since 1997

81%

of BF scholarships given to students enrolled at state universities

23%

of high school graduates qualify for Bright Futures

100%

tuition paid for FLAS (FL Academic Scholars)

75%

tuition paid for FLMS (FL Medallion Scholars)

3.5 / 3.0

minimum GPA for students to qualify as FLAS / FLMS

1330 / 1210

minimum SAT score to qualify for FLAS / FLMS

29 / 25

minimum ACT score to qualify for FLAS / FLMS



U.S. News & World Report has ranked Florida No. 3 in the nation for higher education.



U.S. News & World Report ranked three Florida institutions among the top 100 public universities nationwide.



45 public technical colleges offer more than 200 programs.

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Barry University

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Barry University

INSTITUTION TYPE:
Catholic, Private
Not-for-Profit

CAMPUS TYPE: Urban

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 3,747

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 97%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1940

PRESIDENT:
Mike Allen, Ph.D.

MISSION: Barry University is a Catholic institution of higher education founded in 1940 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Grounded in the liberal arts tradition, Barry University is a scholarly community committed to the highest academic standards in undergraduate, graduate, and professional education.

In the Catholic intellectual tradition, integration of study, reflection and action inform the intellectual life. Faithful to this tradition, a Barry education and experience foster individual and communal transformation where learning leads to knowledge and truth, reflection leads to informed action, and commitment to social justice leads to collaborative service.

ACADEMICS: Our mission at Barry University is to provide you with a transformative experience, not simply a degree. With our Catholic liberal arts heritage and over 100 degree programs from bachelors through PhDs, we've got your options covered. Focus on arts and sciences, business, education, social work, communication, nursing, medical sciences, theology, or law.

Take things further with personalized research and experiential learning opportunities. Enhance your prospects with hands-on internships at some of the country's top organizations. Share common experiences and challenges with fellow students in our learning communities – and network with faculty, staff, and alumni who have similar personal and professional interests.

COST/AID: Cost of Attendance (living on campus): \$49,160.
Cost of Attendance (living off campus w/o family): \$52,024.
Cost of Attendance (living off campus with family): \$37,424.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our student-faculty ratio is only 12:1. Even more impressive, over 80 percent of our full-time faculty hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree available in their field of expertise.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Barry University includes 54 buildings, with indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, spread over our 122-acre campus. Our facilities include 10 residence halls and one apartment complex, popular Penafort Pool, the state-of-the-art Landon Fitness Center, and the Broad Performing Arts Center.

STUDENT LIFE: First and foremost, this is Miami! A city known for its perfect blend of cultures, character, food, music, warm weather, and business innovation. You'll be immersed in it all – both on campus, and in the wider community. When you're not cheering on our championship-winning Buccaneers, you'll likely be involved in one of our 60+ diverse student organizations, honor societies, religious clubs, arts and culture groups, plus Greek life.

ATHLETICS: Barry University is serious about athletics. We are an NCAA Division II school and a member of the Sunshine State Conference with 13 varsity teams, including men's baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, and tennis; and women's basketball, golf, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball; and co-ed eSports. So far, we've won 22 NCAA championships, had 390 All-Americans, 499 Scholar All-Americans, and 10 NCAA "Women of the Year" finalists, the most of any Division II school.

VALUE PROPOSITION: No matter what undergraduate or graduate degree program you choose, you gain hands-on experience and apply what you learn in the classroom to a rapidly changing world. Barry University inspires students to foster positive change in the local and global community.



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At Barry University, we inspire students and prepare them for success at every level—personally and professionally. Our graduates lead from the heart and mind, making an impact at home, at work, and in the community. You deserve to have the career and the life you dream of. | **barry.edu**

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year and
Graduate

CAMPUS TYPE:
5 locations, plus online

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT: 1,757**

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 73%

RETENTION RATE: 62%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1999

PRESIDENT:
Kristi L. Mollis

MISSION: The mission of Everglades University is to provide quality education to adult learners of diverse backgrounds in a collaborative environment where each individual has the opportunity to achieve personal growth. The University seeks to accomplish its mission by combining small class sizes with innovative programs with traditional academic values. The University offers graduate and undergraduate programs, both on campus and online.

ACADEMICS: EU offers Bachelor's and Master's degree programs within unique, targeted industries focused on innovation and sustainability. All EU programs are available 100% online. In the undergraduate programs, students complete one class per month, promoting concentration in each individual class to allow students to balance their education with the daily demands of their lives. Our faculty members hold either a Master's or Doctoral degree in their area of specialty. The U.S. Green Building Council and EU have partnered together weaving the principles of sustainability, green building, nutrition, and environmental consciousness into its undergraduate degree programs.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

EU's unique undergraduate programs include: Alternative Medicine, Aviation/Aerospace, Construction Management, Alternative and Renewable Energy Management, Business Administration, Crisis and Disaster Management, Environmental Policy and Management, Hospitality Management, International Business, Land and Energy Management, Surveying Management and Marine Resources Management. EU is preparing for enrollment in three new undergraduate programs: Healthcare Administration, Parks, Recreation, and

Leisure Management, and Sustainability. All undergraduate programs take approximately 41 months to complete, and will vary based on transfer credits.

COST/AID: EU is a member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). As a full-time student, the tuition for undergraduate degree programs is currently \$8760 per semester. EU is also approved to participate in the Florida State Grant, Scholarship Programs, and Veterans Training.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: EU's faculty have real-world experience, in conjunction with their academic credentials and accomplishments to relate to classroom theory to the workplace and eventually a great career! Our faculty members hold either a Master's or Doctoral degree in their area of specialty.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: EU provides quality education to students throughout campuses in: Boca Raton, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, and Tampa. Students can also complete their degree 100% online. Convenient schedules provide for flexibility with students balancing work, school, and family.

STUDENT LIFE: Students have many opportunities to participate in activities on campus such as Student Government Association (SGA), Military Veteran student groups, community service projects, community events, and professional development with EU's Student Services Department.

VALUE PROPOSITION: With small class sizes, innovative degree programs, and convenient scheduling to accommodate working students and adult learners, our university is committed to student success. Consistently awarded and recognized, EU is committed to continually change, improve, and ensure the effectiveness of the University's programs in preparing students for successful careers.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year

CAMPUS TYPE:
Residential & Satellite

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:
7,082

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 30%

RETENTION RATE: 82%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1887

PRESIDENT:
Larry Robinson, Ph.D.



MISSION: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is an 1890 land-grant institution dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, resolution of complex issues and the empowerment of citizens. FAMU's distinction as a doctoral/research institution will continue to provide mechanisms to address emerging issues through local and global partnerships. Expanding upon the University's land-grant status, it will enhance the lives of constituents through innovative research, engaging cooperative extension, and public service.

ACADEMICS: FAMU offers 100 degree programs from the bachelor to doctoral levels in targeted industries such as Education, Law, Business, Pharmacy, Architecture and Engineering, Journalism, Nursing, Science and Technology and more.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: FAMU has a Cybersecurity program and an Institute of Public Health. FAMU's College of Education now ranks number one across the state for elementary education programs in the elementary/English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement and the reading endorsement among its peer groups.

COST/AID: Undergraduate tuition is \$4,554 for in-state, \$16,500 for out-of-state. Graduate tuition is \$7,302 in-state and \$18,396 out-of-state.

***ESTIMATED FEES:** The tuition and fees component is based on 15 credit hours and average costs in the fall and spring semesters.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: In 2019-2020, FAMU received 167 research grant awards totaling \$60.8 million, the largest dollar value of research awards in its history. FAMU is

among several universities and health care entities from around the state collaborating in a \$1 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant on community outreach and engagement to ethnic and racial minority communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: In addition to the main Tallahassee campus, FAMU has several satellite campuses across Florida. These include the College of Law in Orlando and the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health, which has sites in Crestview, Tampa, Jacksonville, and Miami.

STUDENT LIFE: In addition to being one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation, according to Cosmopolitan magazine, FAMU students can actively engage in a broad range of educational or recreational activities. There are more than 200 recognized student clubs and organizations at FAMU.

ATHLETICS: Beginning in the 2021-22 academic year, FAMU will become a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). FAMU offers men's sports in baseball, basketball, football, golf and track and field. It offers women's sports in basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, softball, tennis, track and field and volleyball.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Founded in 1887, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is a public, historically Black university located in Tallahassee, Florida. What distinguishes FAMU from other universities is its legacy of providing access to a high-quality, affordable education with programs and services that guide students toward successfully achieving their dreams. FAMU is part of the State University System of Florida and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

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#117 OVERALL



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INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, 4-year and above

UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 24,000+

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1961

PRESIDENT:

John Kelly

MISSION: FAU is an energetic and dynamic institution, determined to propel itself to the forefront of innovation and scholarship. In recent years, the University has doubled its research expenditures and outpaced its peers in student achievement rates. *U.S. News & World Report* placed FAU at No. 33 in the nation for “Social Mobility”. At FAU, Pell-eligible students, first-generation students, African American students and Hispanic students all outpace the University’s overall retention and graduation rates, which is an accomplishment that also eliminates historical achievement gaps. Our students are bold, ambitious and ready to take on the world.

ACADEMICS: Distinguished faculty foster a dynamic learning environment that sets students on a path to tackle today’s most important questions. Research-focused curriculum, fellowships and assistantships provide both undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work with world-renowned researchers. FAU is ranked as a top public university by *U.S. News and World Report* and is home to nationally ranked programs in business, nursing, online education and honors.

COST/AID: In-state \$5,488, Out-of-state \$19,488 (2020-21). The University awards more than \$234 million dollars in financial aid each year. FAU has received national recognition as a best total-package university based on the career outcomes of graduates and affordable tuition that allows students to start their careers with less debt, increasing their probability for success.

FACULTY/RESEARCH:

A 21-to-1 student-faculty ratio creates an environment that fosters lifelong mentorships. Across disciplines and campuses, FAU’s world-class researchers seek answers to some of humanity’s most challenging problems, addressing issues

that impact Florida, our nation and beyond. FAU is a “University of Distinction” in artificial intelligence and big data analytics. This official distinction by the Florida Board of Governors will enhance and expand degree offerings at FAU and promote AI and data-driven engagement in our region’s technology industry.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The University serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students across six campuses spanning 110 miles of Southeast Florida’s coast. More than 70 percent of students take classes at FAU’s first and largest campus in Boca Raton, and the majority of the University’s 170+ degree programs are based there. The John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter is home to the nationally-ranked Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College and offers groundbreaking programs in research and education. FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Dania Beach – Sea Tech campuses host academic and research programs in ocean science. More than 5,000 students take classes at FAU’s Davie and Fort Lauderdale campuses.

STUDENT LIFE: Through award-winning advising and career services, FAU provides students with the skills to turn dreams into reality. The University has earned national recognition for student outcomes and is proudly ranked as the most diverse public university in Florida. FAU is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the United States Department of Education. Ranked among the best in the country for undergraduate research, FAU offers students a world of opportunities to dive into high-quality research, scholarship and creative experiences from the moment they step onto campus.

ATHLETICS: FAU is a member of Conference USA and CCSA with nearly 500 student-athletes and 19 NCAA Division I teams. FAU currently holds conference champion status in baseball, football and women’s soccer.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Not-for-profit, doctoral-granting, research intensive

CAMPUS TYPE:
Small, suburban, residential

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:
3,257 (Melbourne campus)

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 70%

RETENTION RATE: 82%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1958

PRESIDENT:
T. Dwayne McCay, Ph.D.



MISSION: Florida Institute of Technology's mission is to provide high-quality education to a culturally diverse student body in order to prepare students for entering the global workforce, seeking higher education opportunities and serving within their communities. The university also seeks to expand knowledge through basic and applied research and to serve the diverse economic, cultural and societal needs of our local, state, national and international constituencies.

ACADEMICS: Florida Tech is known worldwide for its uniquely strong aerospace engineering and space science, ocean engineering and marine science, computer science and cybersecurity, biomedical engineering, aeronautics, and applied behavior analysis degree programs. The university also offers dynamic hands-on programs in business, biological sciences, chemistry, communication, environmental studies, humanities, sustainability, mathematics, physics, premedical studies and psychology.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Florida Tech is unique in that it offers undergraduate aerospace, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, ocean and software engineering programs.

COST/AID: As a private university, Florida Tech does not have a different tuition for in-state and out-of-state students. Florida Tech proudly offers need-based grants and merit-based scholarships to qualified students. As a result, the majority of Florida Tech students find that the net cost of their education is far less than the published tuition—and in many cases, over 50% less.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: As a doctoral-granting, research-intensive university, Florida Tech is fueled by the work of

its stellar faculty. Florida Tech researchers are actively unraveling the mysteries of lightning, high-energy particle physics, and autism spectrum disorder. They build new space technologies and design algorithms for advanced AI. They are inventors, musicians, historians, astronauts and authors.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our subtropical campus is home to unique facilities like the L3Harris Student Design Center, a dedicated space for high-tech engineering projects. Our observation deck houses a large research telescope, while the Digital Scholarship Lab offers students the chance to experiment with new multimedia and design technologies. Florida Tech is also home to WFIT (an NPR affiliate station), the Scott Center for Autism Treatment, and the Panther Aquatic Center. In addition, Florida Tech has ample green space for relaxing outside, including a 15-acre botanical garden.

STUDENT LIFE: From student government to competitive esports, there's an activity for everyone at Florida Tech. The university offers more than 150 clubs and organizations to get involved in. Beyond clubs, Florida Tech students can spend free time at the beach, kayaking the Indian River Lagoon, visiting the Kennedy Space Center or hanging out in Downtown Melbourne.

ATHLETICS: Florida Tech is a member of NCAA Division II and its student athletes compete in the prestigious Sunshine State Conference. The university is home to 19 intercollegiate varsity men's and women's sports teams, which play as the Florida Tech Panthers.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Florida Tech is a university where serious students from around the world come to put their passion to work transforming ideas into actualities. Florida Tech is among Florida's — and the nation's — best universities for return on investment 20 years after graduation, according to PayScale.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Small, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:**
1,339

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 51%

RETENTION RATE: 69%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2012

PRESIDENT:
Randy K. Avent

MISSION: Florida Polytechnic University serves students and industry through excellence in education, discovery, and application of engineering and applied sciences. Florida Poly produces high-demand graduates excelling in high-tech fields.

ACADEMICS: Florida Poly is the most selective, affordable, public STEM university on the East Coast. The fall 2020 average SAT was 1327 and ACT was 30.2, with 57% of incoming freshmen ranking in the top quarter of their graduating class. The University was ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 40 public engineering colleges in the nation without a doctorate, and one of the top five tech colleges in the South by Deep South Magazine.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: Florida Poly offers 32 in-demand programs of study, including cybersecurity, aerospace, machine intelligence, health informatics, renewable energy, and nanotechnology. It also recently partnered with Florida Southern College for a new STEM-to-MBA program, the first of its kind in Florida.

COST/AID: Florida Poly is the state's most affordable public university. It ranks among the best for out-of-state tuition, most affordable mechanical engineering degree programs, and best universities in Florida for top performance at a low cost. Florida Poly's tuition is \$4,950. The University's out-of-state tuition is one of the lowest in the country at \$21,005. About 85% of students earn merit-based scholarships and/or financial assistance averaging \$9,500 annually.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: With a student-faculty ratio of 16:1, undergraduates work alongside faculty conducting cutting-edge, high-tech research. Florida Poly's Advanced Mobility Institute (AMI) is poised to be the premier university-affiliated applied research center for the development and testing of autonomous vehicle-related technology.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The Innovation, Science, and Technology Building is the centerpiece of the state-of-the-art campus. Students have access to high-tech labs and one of the largest 3D printer collections in higher education. The 90,000+ square foot Applied Research Center (ARC) broke ground in 2019 and will become a research hub for students, faculty, and high-tech industry.

STUDENT LIFE: Students participate in many teams and organizations, including band, women's soccer, men's lacrosse, esports, robotics, and archery. Signature events include an annual hackathon; the student-run Florida PolyCon, a Comic-Con-like convention; and the Pi Run, an annual 3.14-mile scholarship fundraising run.

INTERNSHIPS: Florida Poly students must complete an internship. In the last year, Florida Poly collaborated with 200+ companies from throughout Florida and the U.S. to connect students with internship and career positions.

VALUE PROPOSITION: We're a selective, public STEM university focused on student engagement, with 82% of Florida freshmen earning Bright Futures Scholarships. Our students benefit from a collaborative, hands-on environment and work alongside some of the country's brightest minds.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Residential, Suburban

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: 2,700+

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 51%

RETENTION RATE: 81%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1883;
oldest private college in
the state of Florida

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Anne B. Kerr

MISSION: Florida Southern College prepares students through dynamic engaged learning to make a positive and consequential impact on society.

ACADEMICS: Florida Southern is a comprehensive college that offers more than 70 undergraduate degree programs in business, education, nursing, arts, and the sciences. A national leader in engaged learning, FSC guarantees each student an internship, a travel-study experience, and the opportunity to graduate in four years. Our commitment to hands-on experiences gives students a taste of daily life in their field and a deep understanding of the curriculum through real-world application. In fact, 100% of FSC graduates participate in internships, performance, study abroad, research, and other high-impact experiences.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Business and Free Enterprise, Computer Science, Citrus and Horticultural Science, Marine Biology

COST/AID: Total tuition, fees, and room and board per year for a first-year student averages \$50,986. Each year, Florida Southern offers more than \$51+ million in college aid on the basis of academic merit, talent in athletics or fine arts, leadership, community services, student need, and other factors.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Florida Southern students work alongside world-renowned faculty. Students often publish their findings in academic research journals and at national conferences.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Consistently named one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation by The Princeton Review, Florida Southern's

100-acre campus sits on beautiful Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland, Florida. As home to the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world, the campus is a National Historic Landmark that welcomes tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year. In addition to 13 Wright-designed structures, the campus features lavish gardens, lakeside residence halls, and state-of-the-art academic facilities, including the Becker Business, Blanton Nursing, and Christoverson Humanities Buildings—as well as the Wynee Warden Dance Studio and Rinker Technology Center.

STUDENT LIFE: Florida Southern, a residential college with 94% of students living on campus, is home to more than 100 student clubs and organizations and 13 national fraternities and sororities. FSC is a short walk to downtown Lakeland, which features boutique shopping, craft dining, live entertainment, a monthly food truck rally, and a Saturday morning farmer's market. And for more entertainment options, students can travel less than an hour to world-class beaches and the nation's top theme parks.

ATHLETICS: Florida Southern College has over 20 men's and women's varsity sports teams and boasts 30 NCAA Division II national championships, as well as four club sports: esports, equestrian, ice hockey, and cheerleading. FSC also offers 20+ intramural sports.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Florida Southern College has been recognized as one of the nation's best four-year colleges by The Princeton Review, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *The Fiske Guide* and was recently named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students for the second consecutive year. FSC is committed to preparing students for success after graduation and boasts a 97% placement rate.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Urban

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:
32,520

RETENTION RATE: 95%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1851

PRESIDENT:
John Thrasher

MISSION: Florida State University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The university strives to instill the strength, skill, and character essential for lifelong learning, personal responsibility, and sustained achievement within a community that fosters free inquiry and embraces diversity.

ACADEMICS: Florida State University is a comprehensive degree granting university, offering baccalaureate degrees in 99 programs, master's degrees in 104 programs, advanced master's/specialist degrees in 6 programs, doctorates in 64 programs, and three professional degrees.

Degree programs are also available at campuses in Panama City, Florida, and the Republic of Panama. In addition, the university offers several undergraduate and graduate degree programs that may be completed entirely online.

Florida State University also offers a variety of study abroad opportunities for students during the regular academic year in Florence, Italy, Panama City, Republic of Panama, Valencia, Spain, and London, England, as well as dozens of summer programs.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Florida State University retained its place in the Top 20 among national public universities in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings. FSU is No. 19 on the list, marking the second consecutive year that the university placed in the Top 20. The Journal of Criminal Justice Education ranked Florida State's College of Criminology and Criminal Justice No. 1 in the nation for faculty research. FSU's College of Motion Picture Arts is ranked among

the Top 20 Film Schools by The Hollywood Reporter, 2020. Numerous other programs at Florida State rank in the Top 5. The Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship, the first standalone college of entrepreneurship in the nation, has created a truly interdisciplinary curriculum allowing undergraduates an entrepreneurial degree in the arts, the sciences, commercial management, health, engineering, and computer science.

COST/AID: In 2019, Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best College Value," ranked Florida State as the No. 3 best value among public colleges for out-of-state students, a one-place jump over the previous year. FSU was rated the nation's No. 9 best value among public colleges for in-state students.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our distinguished faculty are central to the mission of the university and the key to every university accomplishment. In the 2020 fiscal year, our researchers received a university record level of funding, bringing in \$250.1 million in grants from federal, state and private sources.

STUDENT LIFE: We encourage our students to be active, both inside the classroom and out. At Florida State, you'll find over 700 student organizations, an extensive array of intramurals to keep you active, a wealth of entertainment options, and countless service opportunities to do your part in making the world a better place.

ATHLETICS: FSU is one of just four schools whose athletic programs have finished in the Top 12 of the Directors' Cup each of the last six years, and the Seminoles have ranked among the ten best overall programs in five of the last ten years. Florida State has won 17 National Championships in nine sports.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private

CAMPUS TYPE:
Large, Urban

CURRENT STUDENTS:
21,000+

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1979

PRESIDENT:
Garry Jones

MISSION: Full Sail University is an award-winning educational leader for those pursuing careers in entertainment, media, arts and technology. With 78,950+ graduates worldwide, Full Sail alumni have worked on award-winning projects with individual recognition including OSCAR®, Emmy®, GRAMMY®, ADDY® and Game Award honors. Our university is a graduate and undergraduate degree-granting institution offering on-campus and online degree programs in areas related to Art & Design, Business, Film & Television, Games, Media & Communications, Music & Recording, Sports, and Technology.

RECOGNITION: Full Sail has received numerous accolades throughout our 40+ year history, including being named one of the 2020 "Top Graduate & Undergraduate Schools to Study Game Design" by The Princeton Review, one of the 2020 "Top 50 Film Schools" by The Wrap Magazine, and the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges has previously named Full Sail the "School/College of the Year."

FULL SAIL ONLINE: Full Sail's online programs are designed for students who want immersive learning experiences with 24/7 flexibility. Our bachelor's programs have integrated career and portfolio modules

that emphasize professional development and put our student's skills into practice. Our master's programs emphasize relevant experience that students can apply into their current or future careers.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Located in Winter Park, FL our 210+ acre campus feels more like working in a collaborative creative studio. From live

venues, to production studios, Full Sail's 880,000+ square feet of real-world media production facilities are fully equipped with the production tools needed for our students to bring their next-gen ideas to life.

STUDENT-CENTRIC FOCUS: Since the COVID-19 pandemic, our university has remained focused on keeping students and staff safe, engaged, and moving forward. After consulting medical professionals and following CDC guidelines, Full Sail launched a gradual campus reopening in July, and began offering limited on-site experiences for all students in October. Our commitment to following expert guidelines, and innovative use of technology, has created safe, robust educational experiences for both campus and online students during the pandemic. Students can participate in campus experiences, including labs, projects, and production work, with a daily cap on the number of students and faculty allowed on campus to maintain social distancing.

WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS: Full Sail follows CDC-recommended cleaning protocols for the entire campus and supplies each classroom with personal protective equipment. Before arriving on campus, all students and staff must complete required video training sessions, sign disclosures, and complete daily attestations. Once on campus, check-in is required at designated stations, where everyone is screened using touchless temperature-check stations, and masks are required at all times. The campus also features an on-site Aventus Health nurse practitioner to provide COVID-19 tests to symptomatic students or faculty members. In the coming months, our university will continue to explore these and other innovative solutions, as we safely welcome students back to campus to pursue their education.



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STATE COLLEGE**

INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, 2-year, 4-year
Community College

CAMPUS TYPE:

5 locations, commuter

UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 27,000

ACCEPTANCE RATE:

100% — Open access

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1960

PRESIDENT:

Timothy E. Moore, Ph.D.

MISSION: A leader in education and innovation, Indian River State College transforms lives by offering high-quality, affordable and accessible education—in-person at campuses in Florida’s Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties, and online through IRSC Global.

ACADEMICS: IRSC offers more than 100 programs leading to Bachelor’s degrees, Associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas, as well as career and technical education and apprenticeship programs that lead to professional licensure or certification. Credits earned at IRSC seamlessly transfer into Baccalaureate Degree programs offered at IRSC and at colleges and universities throughout the State of Florida, and beyond.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Offerings at IRSC range from Dual Enrollment for high school seniors to Rapid Credentialing options for displaced workers. Accredited health science and nursing programs—more than 20—a culinary institute, and police and fire academies offer career training and degree programs. IRSC is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Two-Year Education (CAE2Y). IRSC Global offers students everywhere access to hundreds of online courses, and Quality Matters-certified degree programs.

COST/AID: IRSC is the most affordable college in Florida and the second-most affordable college in the country. Ninety-one percent (91%) of IRSC students graduate debt-free. The IRSC Foundation awards more than \$3.5 million in scholarships annually. Tuition per lower-level college credit is \$103.83 in-state/\$390.49 out-of-state. Tuition per Baccalaureate-level college credit is \$117.10 in-state/\$536.04 out-of-state.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: IRSC students go hands-on in world-class STEM laboratories with equipment usually reserved for graduate students and participate in grant-funded research projects. IRSC is the only community college in the nation with two National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Regional Centers — RCNET and LASER-TEC.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: IRSC’s five campuses house state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories; a planetarium; performing arts center; business incubators; and the 50-acre Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex — one of the most comprehensive and technologically advanced public safety training facilities in the nation. In 2022, Main Campus completes its “triangle” of advanced learning environments with the opening of the 50,000-square-foot Advanced Workforce Training Complex dedicated to next-gen manufacturing and technologies.

STUDENT LIFE: Student life at IRSC proves that you don’t have to go to a big university to have a vibrant campus experience. More than 70 clubs and organizations offer opportunities to develop leadership skills while building lasting friendships.

ATHLETICS: IRSC is widely known for its swimming and diving programs, and with 47 NJCAA consecutive titles for Men’s Swimming and Diving, it holds the longest unbroken U.S. championship winning streak in any sport at the collegiate level. The Women’s Swimming and Diving Team holds 39 consecutive and 43 overall titles. IRSC competes statewide and nationally in men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, fast-pitch softball and women’s volleyball.

VALUE PROPOSITION: The Aspen Prize-winning IRSC offers students big results and little debt. Ninety-six percent (96%) of students are employed or continue their education soon after graduation.





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Private, Not-for-Profit, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:

Mid-sized, 21 locations in 18 Florida cities including residential Flagship campus

ENROLLMENT:

Undergraduate - 17,520
Total - 19,795

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 70%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1977

CHANCELLOR:

Arthur Keiser, Ph.D.



MISSION: Keiser University (KU) is a regionally accredited, private, not-for-profit university that provides degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body. Through quality instruction and learning, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful employment.

ACADEMICS: KU offers more than 100 degrees from the associate to doctoral levels in targeted industries such as health care, information technology, homeland and cybersecurity, transportation and logistics, applied engineering and more. Knowledgeable faculty with real-world experience provide personalized attention and rigorous career-focused academics.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

KU offers South Florida's only Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Other unique study programs include: the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia; the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science; programs in applied engineering, pre-med, equine studies, physician's assistant, golf management; and multiple degrees offered in Spanish and Mandarin to serve international students.

COST/AID: Average undergraduate tuition is \$25,904 per academic year. Over the past two years, KU has awarded approximately \$72 million in needs-based and academic scholarships. A variety of institutional and federal aid programs are available to students who qualify. Financial services personnel are available before, during, and after the educational experience to address students' finances.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: KU prides itself on its use of full-time, qualified, student-centered, and engaged faculty. Research initiatives are encouraged of all faculty as a

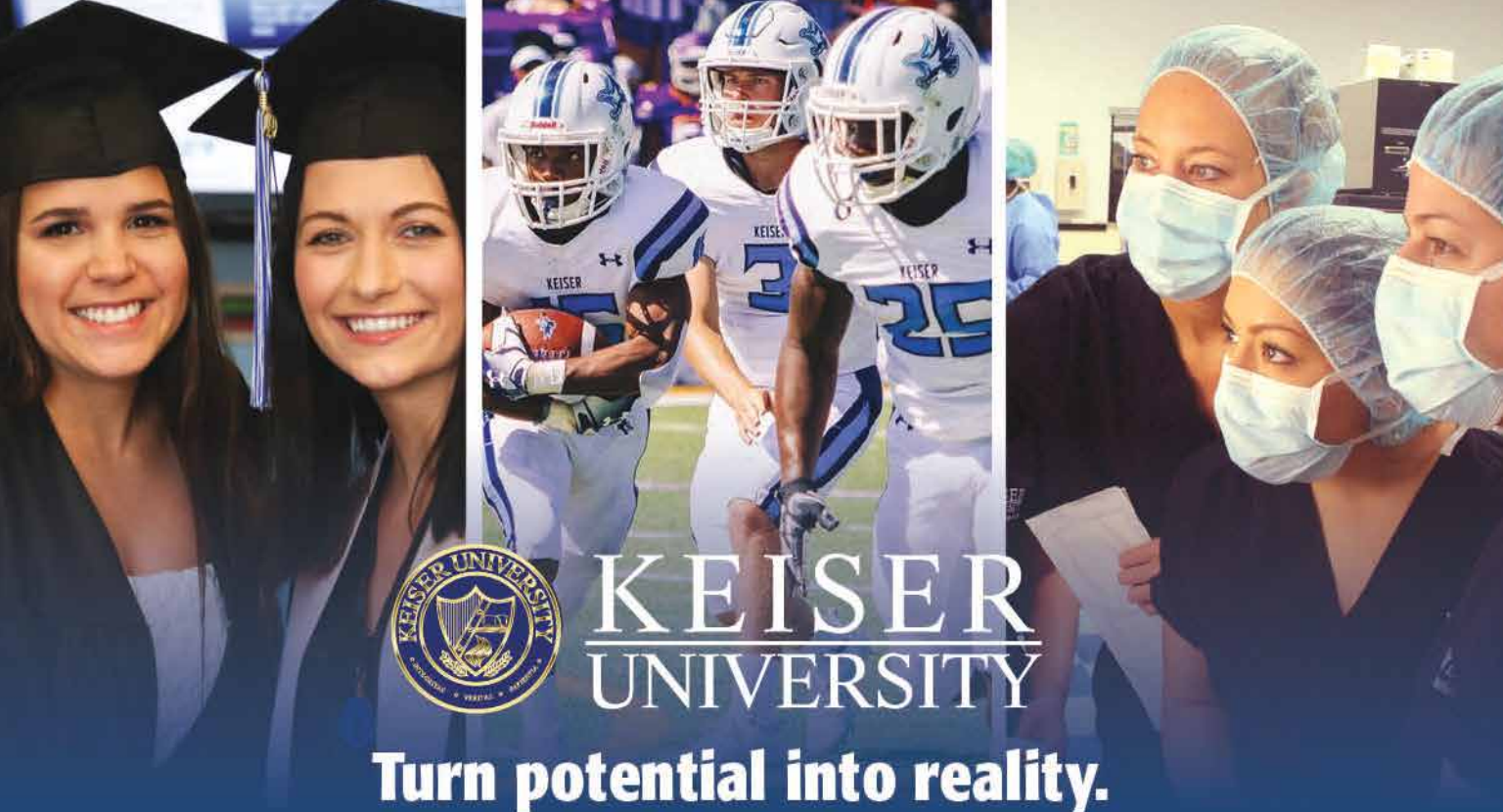
Level VI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and Doctoral/Professional classified institution (Carnegie Classification).

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: KU's 21 campuses are located in nearly all of Florida's metropolitan areas. The Flagship residential campus in Palm Beach County offers a traditional collegiate experience including athletics, student housing, student organizations and clubs, and social activities. The College of Chiropractic Medicine is in West Palm Beach. The Nurse Anesthetist campus is in Naples, and Keiser is the only institution of higher learning with a campus on Patrick Space Force Base.

STUDENT LIFE: Students have countless opportunities to engage in activities such as Student Government Association (SGA), honor societies, Student Veterans Association chapters, club sports, athletic competitions, campus-wide service projects, community events and professional development. Student advisement and career assistance services are available at all campuses.

ATHLETICS: The Keiser Seahawks compete in 24 athletic programs and hold numerous national rankings in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as members of the Sun Conference. KU has competitive Esports teams at its campuses in Pembroke Pines, Lakeland, Sarasota, and the Flagship Residential Campus.

VALUE PROPOSITION: KU's philosophy is "Students First." Individualized attention, engaged faculty, small class sizes, career-focused degree programs, leadership and professional skill development, convenient and innovative scheduling for working adult learners and recent high school graduates are paramount to the educational experience at Keiser University.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private professional

CAMPUS TYPE:
Urban/suburban

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 4,295

ACCEPTANCE RATE:
11.74% College of Osteopathic Medicine,
8% School of Dental Medicine,
42.2% School of Pharmacy

RETENTION RATE: 94.84%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1992

PRESIDENT:
John M. Ferretti, D.O.

MISSION: The mission of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity. The school's professional programs are dedicated to serving all students through innovative curriculums and the development of postdoctoral education and interprofessional experiences.

ACADEMICS: Students have options when it comes to earning a degree at LECOM. The College of Osteopathic Medicine features five unique, student-centered learning pathways, each tailored to accommodate students' preferred learning styles. LECOM's School of Pharmacy allows students to earn their degrees through an accelerated three-year program; a four-year program, either in the classroom or through an online distance education program, is also available. The School of Dental Medicine, based at LECOM Bradenton, sends fourth-year students to dental practices in Defuniak Springs, Florida, and Erie, Pennsylvania, for hands-on, real-world training. LECOM also offers a number of masters- and graduate-level programs, including the nationally ranked Master's in Health Services Administration, through its School of Health Services Administration and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: LECOM has developed special early acceptance programs with more than 160 community colleges, undergraduate schools and universities across the country, granting qualified students a provisional early entrance into LECOM's medical, pharmacy and dental medicine programs. In some cases, this affiliate program permits students to

start LECOM's professional programs even before receiving a bachelor's degree from an undergraduate institution.

COST/AID: LECOM consistently offers one of the lowest tuitions among private medical schools in the country. Since 1994, the school has distributed more than \$40 million in scholarships to deserving students, including \$20 million over the last five years alone.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Students are encouraged to participate in research projects with their classmates and members of the LECOM faculty. LECOM maintains laboratories at its Erie and Bradenton campuses and hosts annual Research Days that allow students and hospital residents to showcase their research projects. Meanwhile the School of Pharmacy Center for Drug Information and Research serves as a learning tool for pharmacy students and provides timely independent, best-evidence analysis and commentary on pharmaceuticals and related healthcare policy.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: LECOM's main campus is in Erie, Pennsylvania, and is the center of LECOM Health, the nation's only osteopathic academic health center. LECOM Health includes two hospitals, a network of physicians and clinical practices, a full spectrum of geriatric and behavioral health services, senior living communities, a medically integrated fitness center, pharmacies and dental offices. Over the last two decades, LECOM has expanded to include college campuses in Bradenton, Florida, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and Elmira, New York. In addition to these academic centers is the LECOM dental offices in Defuniak Springs, Florida.

STUDENT LIFE: LECOM offers students a variety of extracurricular activities, club organizations and other opportunities for personal and professional development at each of its campuses. Students are encouraged to participate in community service as part of their overall educational experience.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public

CAMPUS TYPE:
Urban

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 80,437
college credit students

RETENTION RATE: 65%

GRADUATION RATE: 44%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1960

PRESIDENT:
Madeline Pumariega

MISSION: As the recognized leader in student learning, achievement and success while enriching our community, Miami Dade College is known as Democracy's College. MDC changes lives through accessible, high-quality teaching and learning experiences and embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS: MDC learners have a wide array of offerings from which to choose, including more than 300 programs of study. MDC is home to the Miami Fashion Institute, Miami Culinary Institute, Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex (MAGIC), Eig-Watson School of Aviation, The Idea Center, The Honors College and School for Advanced Studies, among its most innovative programs. MAGIC offered the first AR/VR academic program in the state of Florida. And the College's partnership with Tesla enabled it to offer the first Tesla START program in the state, which trains students to be Tesla electric vehicle service technicians. MDC's Cybersecurity Center of the Americas features a state-of-the-art Cyber Range, the first of its kind in the region.

COST: MDC offers unparalleled educational value. In-state, annual tuition for an associate degree is \$3,547, and \$3,897 for a bachelor's degree. Nearly 85% of MDC's full-time, first-time students receive financial aid (average amount: \$6,027), requiring few of them to take on educational debt. In fact, only 3% of MDC students take on federal student loans.

CAMPUSES AND FACILITIES: MDC boasts eight campuses, an outreach center and online courses available across Miami-Dade County. With so many locations, chances are that everyone has an MDC campus nearby. They range in size and atmosphere from the bustling Wolfson Campus in the heart of Downtown Miami and the Padrón Campus in lively Little Havana to the vast, beautifully landscaped Kendall and North campuses and the advanced Medical Campus in the city's medical/civic center complex. Homestead Campus is home to the College's renowned aviation program, and smaller campuses including Hialeah and West have helped MDC fulfill its mission to provide access to education in fast-growing neighborhoods.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Bottom line: it pays to go to MDC. The College's graduates earn on average nearly \$49,000 a year with an associate in science degree and \$56,300 with a bachelor's degree. Furthermore, MDC boasts the fourth highest student economic mobility rate of all four-year public colleges in Florida. Alumni employment numbers make the best case for return-on-investment: 96% of MDC associate in science degree graduates, and 97% of newly minted baccalaureate degree holders, find employment.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
4-Year Public College

CAMPUS TYPE:
Small, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:**
647

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 73%

RETENTION RATE: 86%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1960

PRESIDENT:
Donal O'Shea



MISSION: New College of Florida prepares intellectually curious students for lives of great achievement.

ACADEMICS: New College offers 45 undergraduate majors in natural sciences, mathematics, arts, humanities, and social sciences, dual degrees in liberal arts and engineering with University of Florida, a master's degree in applied data science, and certificates in business and technology. As the Honors College of Florida, New College offers rigorous curricula and career-building experience customized to students' academic and professional goals.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

At New College, faculty go beyond traditional letter grades and give students detailed written evaluations each semester. Just like in the professional world, students receive a personalized assessment of their progress toward performance goals, skill development, and mastery of new knowledge.

COST/AID: Tuition and fees are \$6,916 for Florida residents and \$29,944 for out-of-state residents. New College guarantees scholarship funding to virtually all admitted freshmen. We offer an ambitious array of both academic and need-based scholarships and grants. As a result, 58% of our students graduate with no student debt (compared to 31% of college graduates across the U.S.). New College has been named a "Best Value" college by Fiske Guide to Colleges, Forbes, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, and The Princeton Review.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: New College is the only liberal arts college in the nation with a marine science research center on its main campus.

New College is the nation's No. 1 public university for the percentage of its graduates who go on to earn PhDs.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Our beautiful 110-acre waterfront campus on Sarasota Bay features dormitories designed by I.M. Pei and historical mansions once owned by the Ringling and Caples families, alongside state-of-art research facilities, a high-tech academic center, and a modern fine arts complex.

STUDENT LIFE: More than 60 student organizations, with interests ranging across hobbies, sports, community advocacy, and future professions, provide co-curricular activities. New College students are recognized for their civic engagement, winning two national awards for high campus voter turnout in 2018. In 2019, students created the first-ever Social Entrepreneurship Conference at New College.

ATHLETICS: Students can participate in a variety of club sports and organized recreational opportunities, including powerlifting, roller skating, rowing, sailing, scuba diving, swimming, and volleyball. All students can use the Fitness Center, softball field, beach volleyball court, tennis courts, lighted basketball court, and outdoor swimming pool. The Waterfront Recreation Program provides sailboats, sailboards, kayaks, and a canoe for exploring Sarasota Bay. New Crew SRQ, the college's rowing club, practices and competes at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, home of the 2021 U.S. Olympic rowing trials.

VALUE PROPOSITION: New College of Florida offers a liberal arts education of the highest quality in the context of a small, residential public honors college with a distinctive academic program.

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Because of our low student-faculty ratio and emphasis on undergraduate research, students interact regularly with their professors and utilize the college's state-of-the-art facilities

to produce original research that most students don't experience until graduate school.

During the four-week Interterm each January, students work one-on-one with their professor or in a small group on an independent study project. Nearly 40% of the Class of 2020 majored in a STEM field, and all students complete a senior thesis/project under the guidance of their faculty adviser.

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public

CAMPUS TYPE:
Rural

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 9,238

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 100%

RETENTION RATE: 64%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1963

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Devin Stephenson

MISSION: To improve lives by providing a high-quality, globally competitive education that is a catalyst for cultural, civic and economic development throughout the region.

ACADEMICS: We offer 27 associate degrees, 5 bachelor degrees and 35 certificates/other programs. At NWFSC, we produce leaders, artists, champions and hometown heroes who come from our diverse educational programming — welders, nurses, musicians, project managers, chefs, dental assistants, radiography technicians, law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics and high performing students who matriculate to 4-year universities.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Beginning in Fall 2021, NWFSC is offering credentials in Physical Therapist Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology, Cybersecurity, Aviation Airframe Mechanics and Professional Pilot Tech. All programs are aimed at industry needed positions providing family sustaining wages.

COST/AID: In 2020, the NWFSC Board of Trustees focused on student success by: holding tuition flat for the 2020-2021 academic year, making it the seventh consecutive year with the same tuition rate; \$104 per credit hour for lower-division undergraduate in-state students; eliminating parking and graduation fees; waiving fees for active duty military using tuition assistance. NWF Online offers a \$1 eRate, meaning out-of-state online students pay only \$1 more per credit hour.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: In 2018, Scottie Smith, Allied Welding Technologies program director received the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges. Amy

Krafcik, English instructor at the Collegiate High School, was selected a high impact teacher by the Florida Department of Education two years in a row. Faculty member Cecil Scalf was voted FCSAA 2018 Forensics Coach of the Year for the third time.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Northwest Florida State College maintains six locations across Okaloosa and Walton Counties in the Florida Panhandle — Main campus in Niceville; the Fort Walton Beach Campus; Crestview Center; the Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs; the South Walton Center in Santa Rosa Beach; and the Hurlburt Field Center. NWFSC's facilities are among the best, including the state-of-the-art Raider Arena, nationally-recognized welding testing facilities, Baseball/Softball Indoor Practice Facility, the Kay Litke Culinary Arts Greenhouse and a 1,650-seat performing arts center. Most notably is the new Walton Works Training Center of Excellence housing workforce training programs located at the Chautauqua Center.

STUDENT LIFE: We have a number of clubs, organizations and groups available for students to enhance their collegial experience.

ATHLETICS: The Raiders men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball teams compete in the Panhandle Conference where they have collectively brought home 31 conference championships, 14 regional championships and three national championships as of February 2021. The college recently invested in a state-of-the-art 6,000 square-foot Baseball/Softball Indoor Practice Facility.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Northwest Florida State College has earned a reputation for educational excellence and community involvement. We are proud to be designated a Military Friendly® School by Victory Media for 2021-2022.

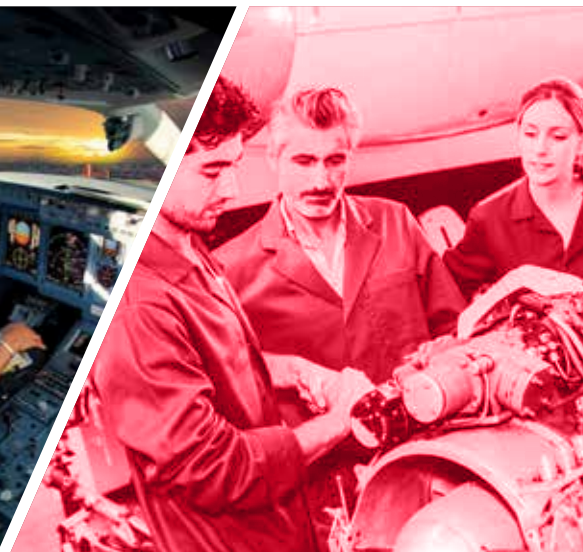


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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private, Non-profit

CAMPUS TYPE:
314 acres, Suburban
(8 campuses in Florida and
1 in Puerto Rico)

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 6,314

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 80%

RETENTION RATE: 79%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1964

PRESIDENT:
George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.

MISSION: The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible, distance-learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.

ACADEMICS: With 17 colleges and centers, NSU offers more than 150 degrees. The student- faculty ratio is 17:1. Some 73.8% of classes have fewer than 20 students. Undergraduates choose from more than 50 majors and 50 minors. Graduate and doctoral students can explore more than 80 programs. Professional degrees/programs include law, medicine, clinical psychology, dental medicine, optometry, pharmacy, audiology and physical therapy.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: The Farquhar Honors College offers high-achieving students unique learning and research opportunities, resources, faculty mentoring, and participation in campus and community leadership roles. NSU's Dual Admission Program allows high-achieving, motivated and career-focused students to apply for graduate or professional schools as incoming freshmen and earn a reserved seat in the program while they complete their undergraduate degree.

COST/AID: 2020-2021 undergraduate tuition and fees: \$32,270. Graduate tuition and fees: \$21,206. Some 71% of full-time undergraduates receive financial aid. The average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$21,409.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: NSU is classified as a research university with "high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundations for the Advancement of Teaching. More than 200 research projects underway include studies on COVID-19, cardiovascular diseases, anti-cancer therapies, chronic fatigue syndrome, autism, coral reef restoration, stem cells, HIV-AIDS, disorders causing blindness and wildlife DNA forensics. Located adjacent to the Fort Lauderdale campus, the state-of-the-art Center for Collaborative Research is one of the largest and most advanced research facilities in Florida. In Dania Beach, NSU's Guy Harvey National Oceanographic Center is a renowned, oceanfront research facility in the marine sciences.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: In addition to the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus, NSU has campuses in Tampa/Clearwater, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach and Puerto Rico. The Fort Lauderdale campus includes the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center and the Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center. NSU Art Museum is located 10 miles from campus in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

STUDENT LIFE: NSU has more than 400 student organizations, an active student government, fraternities and sororities and intramural sports. The Fort Lauderdale campus is a 15-minute drive from the beach.

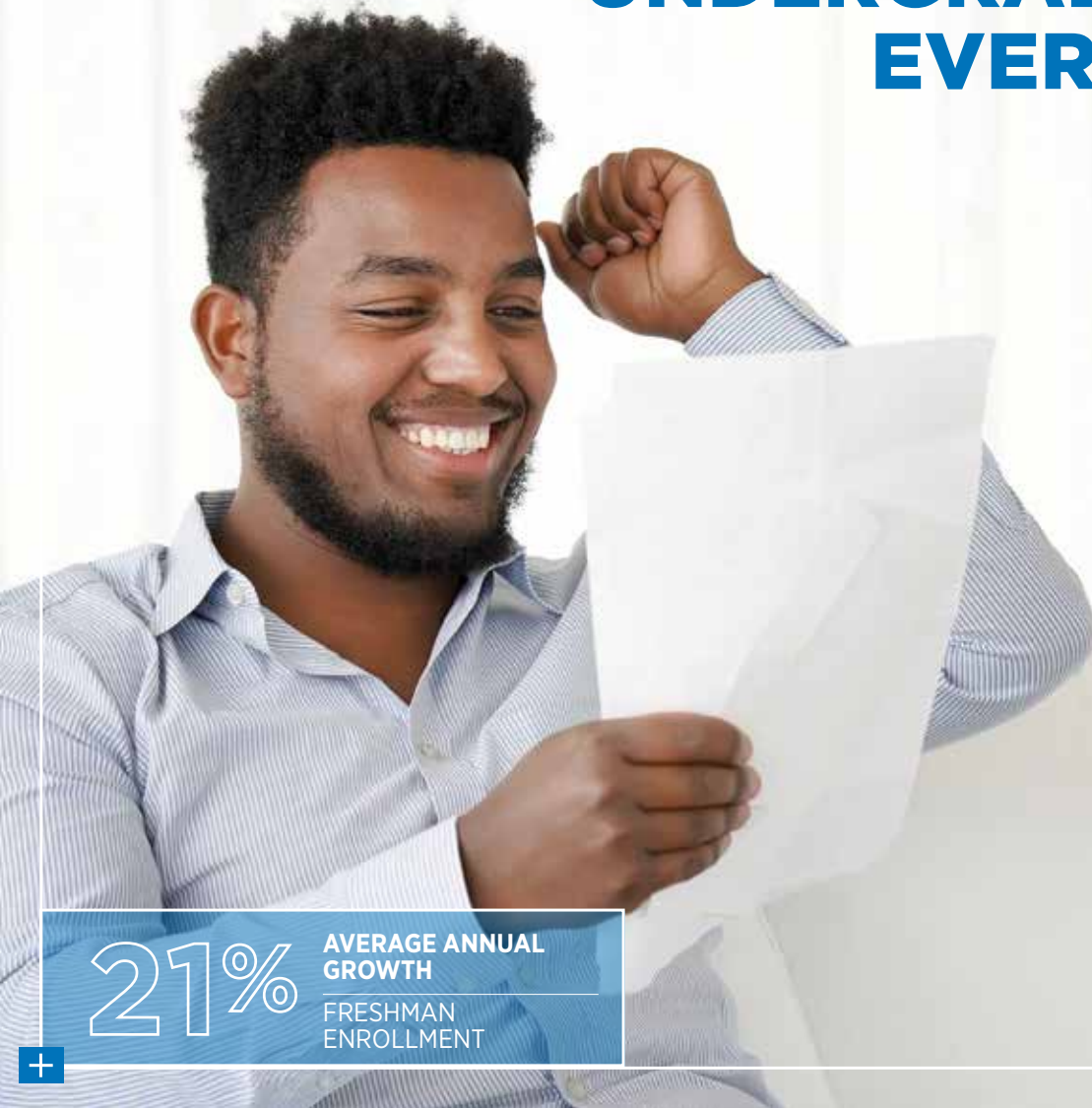
ATHLETICS: NSU has 16 NCAA Division II inter-collegiate and champion athletic programs, including men's and women's basketball, soccer, swimming, golf, track and field, cross country, baseball, softball, women's tennis and women's volleyball.

VALUE PROPOSITION: NSU students prepare for real careers, real contributions and real life. They enter looking to take on the world and emerge prepared to dominate their own future.





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Public; Baccalaureate and Associate degree granting

CAMPUS TYPE: Urban

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: 26,007

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 100%
Open access

RETENTION RATE: 60%
Full-time, first-time-in-college

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1948

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Edward Meadows



MISSION: Pensacola State College, under the governance of a local Board of Trustees, is committed to providing quality, affordable, and accessible educational opportunities through a variety of delivery methods. The College, a member of the Florida College System, offers baccalaureate and associate degrees, workforce certificates, adult education, business and industry training, non-credit continuing education, community outreach, and cultural enrichment for students and the community.

ACADEMICS: Pensacola State College offers a wide variety of programs of study. Students can choose from workforce baccalaureate or associate degrees, transferable associate degrees, career certificates, or applied technology diplomas.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: With more than 100 programs to choose from, Pensacola State College offers a multitude of academic programs to help students reach their educational and career goals. The College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program is the only BSN program in the region to hold dual accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity includes 16 stackable certificates identified as highly desirable by industry partners.

COST/AID: Pensacola State College's average in-state tuition and required fees for an Associate in Art degree is \$3,137.40 per year. The College awards more than \$24.6 million in scholarships, financial aid and grants annually. Also, 95 percent of Pensacola State students graduate debt-free, according to a prepared study submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: The faculty at Pensacola State College are focused on teaching and on helping students succeed. Each year, in recognition of a sustained record of outstanding teaching, four full-time faculty members and one adjunct faculty member are inducted into the College's Academy of Teaching Excellence.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Pensacola State College has six campuses and centers to meet the needs of the student population in the community.

STUDENT LIFE: Pensacola State College offers students more than 30 clubs, organizations, and honor societies to satisfy their interests. Service learning is incorporated into many classes to help students get a hands-on opportunity not only to serve the community but also to better understand issues facing our society.

ATHLETICS: Pensacola State College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, the Florida College System Activities Association, and the FCSAA Panhandle Conference. With more than 80 student-athletes participating in six sports, the College added a Women's Cross Country team to its roster during the 2019-2020 academic year. The College has won three national championships and placed as runners-up in two other national competitions.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Pensacola State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and holds national accreditations for 17 academic programs. Students experience small class sizes, individualized attention from faculty, and services designed to help them succeed - all at an affordable cost.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 2-year, 4-year State
College

CAMPUS TYPE:
Small City

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 15,647

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 81.5%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1964

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Angela Garcia Falconetti,
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MISSION: Polk State College, a quality-driven institution serving Polk County and beyond, transforms students' lives through the power of teaching and lifelong learning by providing access to affordable associate and baccalaureate degrees, career certificates, and workforce employment programs, delivered through various modalities and innovative technologies and by diverse, qualified faculty and staff.

ACADEMICS: Polk State offers 70 programs, allowing students to earn associate and bachelor's degrees, as well as nationally recognized industry certifications. Guided Pathways provide students with detailed program maps that outline the courses they need to take from start to finish to achieve their academic and career goals. Students also benefit from a variety of academic support services, including tutors and libraries. From three collegiate high schools, dual enrollment, and early admission, to short-term workforce training programs for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed, Polk State provides unique opportunities for all.

GRANTS & SHORT-TERM TRAINING: Polk State's Metallica Scholars Initiative provides free computer numeric control (CNC) machining training to individuals through a grant from the All Within My Hands Foundation in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges. Similarly, the Fast Forward Rapid Credentialing Initiative provides free training in areas including logistics, technology, and web production through a Florida Department of Education grant to reskill individuals whose jobs have been impacted by the pandemic. There are a variety of grant-funded and short-term training options at Polk State that lead to high-wage, in-demand careers.

COST & AID: In-state students pay \$112.22 per credit hour and out-of-state students pay \$409.06 per credit hour. With tuition approximately one-third the cost of that at universities, Polk State is an affordable higher education option that does not sacrifice quality. Students also have access to financial aid, grants, and scholarships.

STUDENT LIFE: Polk State provides the full college experience with a robust, diverse student life. Home to more than 50 student clubs and organizations and five intercollegiate athletic teams, the College fosters multicultural activities, community service, health and wellness, leadership, and more.

CAMPUSES: Polk State has six locations across Polk County and provides students the flexibility to complete courses in person, online, and in hybrid formats. With classes during the day, nights, and weekends, students can fit them into their schedules conveniently.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Polk State boasts some of the greatest job placement and continuing education rates in the Florida College System, including the highest rate for its Associate in Science graduates at 93 percent. Additionally, Polk State graduates make, on average, 2.3 times the average wage in Polk County, illustrating the College's success in preparing students for success in high-wage, in-demand careers.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Whether a student is just getting started or starting over, Polk State is an affordable, quality higher education solution. With the State of Florida's 2+2 articulation agreement which guarantees state college students admittance to a state university, as well as the College's articulation agreements with the University of Central Florida's Transfer Connect, University of South Florida's Fuse, and Florida Polytechnic University, Polk State is a cost-saving option for anyone's educational journey.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
4-year Art and Design College

CAMPUS TYPE:
Open 48-acre Campus

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT: 1,600

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 68%

RETENTION RATE: 80%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1931

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Larry R. Thompson

MISSION: Since 1931, Ringling College of Art and Design has cultivated the creative spirit in students from around the globe. The private, not-for-profit, fully accredited college offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in eleven disciplines and the Bachelor of Arts in two. The Ringling College teaching model ultimately shapes students into highly employable and globally aware artists and designers.

ACADEMICS: Ringling College's BFA programs include: Computer Animation, Creative Writing, Entertainment Design, Film, Fine Arts, Game Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Motion Design, Photography and Imaging, and Virtual Reality Development; BA programs include: Business of Art and Design, Visual Studies. Ringling College also offers a summer intensive PreCollege program for high school students.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Ringling College's Computer Animation program is ranked #1 in the world; Motion Design is ranked #2 for Best 3D Motion Graphics Schools in the world; Illustration program is ranked #2 in the U.S.; Game Art is ranked #1 in the U.S. and #3 in the world for game design; Ringling College is a Top 25 Film School in the U.S.; Virtual Reality Development is first BFA of its kind in the world; the new major, Entertainment Design focuses on themed built environments.

COST/AID: Tuition and fees: \$49,540 per year; 95% of Ringling College students receive substantial financial aid. Florida students may also qualify for Florida-based scholarship programs including the Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) grant, Florida Bright Futures, and the Pell Grant.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Ringling College employs over 100 full-time, and over 50 part-time faculty members, all of whom

are practicing artists, designers, writers, and academics.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Ringling College resides on a beautiful, open 48-acre campus. Students are set up for success with access to cutting-edge technology and state-of-the-art facilities, such as the Richard and Barbara Basch Visual Arts Center, the Alfred R. Goldstein Library, and The Ringling College Studio Labs. Ringling College is home to five on-campus galleries, as well as modern on-campus residence halls and apartments. The Ringling College Museum Campus is home to the groundbreaking, contemporary Sarasota Art Museum of Ringling College and Ringling College's Continuing Studies programs.

STUDENT LIFE: Our student body comes from 55 countries, 44 states, and five commonwealths and territories. Ringling College promotes an involved Student Life program, multiple clubs and organizations, and student support services through our Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Student Learning Center and Access Services, and our on-campus Health and Counseling Centers.

ATHLETICS: Ringling College offers students the opportunity to participate in Esports, club sports, and offers access to a fully-equipped Fitness Center on campus.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Ringling College is one of the few art and design colleges in the country with a residential campus. Our Student-to-Faculty ratio is 11:1, offering small class sizes and individualized attention. All first-year students receive a high-performance tablet (currently the Wacom Mobile Studio Pro) equipped with required software, which is theirs to keep during their time at Ringling College. Students can work with our Center for Career Services from day one, working on their interview skills, resume and portfolio building, and learning from professionals. The Center for Career Services connects students with 100+ industry recruiters each year and their services are available to students for life.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private

CAMPUS TYPE:
Small, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 2,400

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 71%

RETENTION RATE: 64%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1889

PRESIDENT:
Jeffrey Senese, Ph.D.



MISSION: At Saint Leo University, we believe that a college education should propel you to new places, add value to your life, and build the kind of character that you read about in the news. Bottom line: you should be made better by the experience. With a 130-year history rooted in Catholic Benedictine values, Saint Leo University is called to be more and do more to enrich the lives of others—mind, body, and spirit—making our world a better place, one person at a time.

ACADEMICS: Students enrolled at Saint Leo choose from nearly 60 academic programs, including associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees, offered through four colleges. Saint Leo's wide range of academic programs in highly sought-after areas of concentration translates into graduates with the skills that today's employers covet. As the global marketplace keeps evolving, so does Saint Leo.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Saint Leo guides our students toward leadership and success. Through popular programs in biology, psychology, business, criminal justice, education, nursing, and social work, students develop leadership skills, critical thinking, and intellectual curiosity. For highly motivated students seeking a more aggressive pace, we offer 3+1 and 3+3 accelerated-learning and dual degree programs.

COST/AID: Students across the country are setting new sights on private education, and we are taking bold steps to ensure that a Saint Leo education is within reach for everyone. On top of being one of the lowest private education tuition rates in Florida, we pride ourselves in providing new scholarship opportunities and unique programs, through our Dare to Roar program. About 98% of our students receive financial aid.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our courageous calling to serve means that we are dedicated to helping students become their best. Our passionate faculty and staff are experts in their fields, and they collaborate regularly with industry partners to develop curriculum that prepares students to make valuable contributions in a career and live a purpose-filled life.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Nearly 70% of students live on our 280-acre campus. Whether lakeside or in the heart of campus, Saint Leo offers modern living accommodations set within our beautiful Spanish Mission architecture. Our vibrant campus includes a new esports arena, athletic fields, tennis center, outdoor volleyball courts, Marion Bowman Activities Center, Student Community Center, Career Services Center, and Benedict's Coffeehouse.

STUDENT LIFE: Our students enjoy a rich and engaging learning experience in our close-knit community. About 70% of students participate in at least one of the 60-plus clubs and organizations, transforming personal interests into leadership skills. A culturally diverse campus, Saint Leo is ranked No. 3 in the South for Most International Students by *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges*.

ATHLETICS: Saint Leo University Athletics competes in NCAA Division II sports at University Campus. Throughout its history, the program has made more than 100 NCAA championship appearances and earned 27 Sunshine State Conference titles. Saint Leo Athletics also has a strong performance off the field, with a 3.28 overall student-athlete GPA.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Saint Leo University is devoted to helping all those who dream of greater things, gain the competence and courage to be more. As the largest Benedictine Catholic university in the nation, our Benedictine-inspired core values resonate with students of all generations, faiths, and backgrounds.

COMPETENCE AND COURAGE To Be More

When Melanie Rivera moved from Puerto Rico to attend Saint Leo University, she didn't know what to expect. Now as a graduate, she realizes her experience was more than she could have ever imagined. What Melanie found was a close-knit community of friends, encouraging faculty members, leadership and service opportunities, and professional experience from an internship in the field of criminal justice.

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become more of the
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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private, Coed

CAMPUS TYPE:
Urban

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 1,607

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 60%

RETENTION RATE: 49%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1961

PRESIDENT:
David A. Armstrong, J.D.

MISSION: St. Thomas is a Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community.

ACADEMICS: STU is the only Catholic archdiocesan-sponsored university in Florida. On our beautiful campus and online, the university's College of Science, College of Law, Gus Machado College of Business, and Biscayne College offer 46 undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate degree programs and 22 certificate programs.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

STU areas of study range from global entrepreneurship and undergraduate scientific research, to ethical leadership, intercultural human rights, and liberal arts. STU also offers students an opportunity to earn their law degree in six years versus seven years with our 3 + 3 B.A./J.D. program.

COST/AID: \$15,900 (2019-2020) and \$570 in fees per semester. St. Thomas University recognizes the importance of providing students with a choice when it comes to selecting an institution that meets their educational needs, which is why STU provides merit and need-based financial aid. At STU, more than 98% of students receive scholarships.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our diverse faculty are internationally recognized for their unique and award-winning specializations in academia, sports administration, international business, ethical leadership, and the sciences. STU's 11 to 1 student to professor ratio allows our faculty to deliver a magical collegiate experience which incorporates mentoring faculty, character formation activities outside the classroom, and required real-world experience before graduation.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Surrounded by nature, STU's 140 acre campus is home to our four main colleges, four residence halls, a chapel, and modern athletic facilities and fields. Construction has begun on a new athletic training facility and weight room. This fall, STU will open a new dining hall and 308-bed residence hall, which will include a new student union space designed to better service students, and offer more gathering places. The campus is centrally located, with easy access to many South Florida attractions.

STUDENT LIFE: STU is committed to providing its students with a rewarding college experience while also promoting their personal and professional growth and development. Our campus offers a fun and vibrant learning environment where STU students have an opportunity to participate in a myriad of student-centered programs including student government, campus activities board, campus ministry, clubs and organizations, and intramural sports.

ATHLETICS: STU Bobcats athletics offers 30 highly competitive sports programs. In 2020, STU led the nation in creating one of the first collegiate women's flag football teams. Last year, twelve STU teams earned NAIA Scholar Team recognition, and 66 student-athletes were named as Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes. NAIA recognized St. Thomas University as a Gold Level 5-Star Champion of Character Institution.

VALUE PROPOSITION: The South Florida Business Journal ranks STU in the Top 3 South Florida Universities producing the highest-earning graduates. At STU, we deliver a quality education to develop knowledgeable, confident, and ethical leaders not only for our communities, but for the world. STU is a place of limitless opportunity and access, giving every student who walks through its doors the tools necessary to reach higher and pursue greatness.





Mentoring faculty who challenge our students.
Character formation activities outside the classroom.
Required real-world experience before graduation.
Extraordinary students who become ethical leaders
for our global community.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 2-year and 4-year

CAMPUS TYPE:
Medium, Urban, Rural

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 13,996

ACCEPTANCE RATE:
Open Enrollment

RETENTION RATE: 71.2%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1966

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Paul Broadie II

MISSION: Santa Fe College, a comprehensive public institution of higher education serving North Central Florida and beyond, adds value to the lives of our students and enriches our community through excellence in teaching and learning, innovative educational programs and student services, and community leadership.

ACADEMICS: Santa Fe College offers both associate and bachelor's degree programs, as well as vocational certificates, continuing and community education, adult education and test preparation.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Students graduating SF with an A.A. degree are guaranteed admission at UNF, USF, UWF, UVI and FAMU. Graduates from the Honors Program have an 88% transfer rate into nearby University of Florida. The SF2UF Bridge program offers a specialized transfer track for minority and underrepresented students pursuing degrees in biomedical or behavioral sciences. In addition, SF has an accredited teaching zoo on its main campus.

COST/AID: \$106.77/credit hour (FL) (\$1,281.24 for 12 credit hours, \$1,601.55 for 15 credit hours), \$382.90/credit hour (out of state) (\$4,594.80 for 12 credit hours, \$5,743.50 for 15 credit hours). Financial aid and scholarships are available based on need and/or merit.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Our classrooms were intentionally built smaller, keeping our student to faculty ratio at about 30:1. SF professors are widely available for questions and feedback.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Safe Campus recognized SF as second in the nation for campus safety initiatives in 2020. Parking at the college is free, as is the city bus system. The main campus has a zoo, as well as the only planetarium in North Central Florida. In downtown Gainesville, the Blount Campus is undergoing a major renovation. Located six blocks from the University of Florida, it will soon house the business and IT departments of the college, as well as incubation space in the center of the city's Innovation District.

STUDENT LIFE: Santa Fe College has over 90 different clubs and organizations. The college Ethics Bowl, Brain Bowl and Model UN teams have recently ranked in the top three at national competitions, but the Society of Nerds take the cake with their clever bake sales. You can run for student government, take study abroad trips, visit campus art galleries or volunteer through civic engagement opportunities, but Student Life starts with free pizza in the Oak Grove.

ATHLETICS: Santa Fe College has NJCAA-level women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball, plus an assortment of intramural sports and a gym facility for students.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Santa Fe College has consistently been one of the nation's top colleges, before and since bringing home the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence in 2015. Our best partner, the University of Florida, accepts more transfer students from SF than from any other college, including 88 percent of SF Honors Program students. High graduation and job placement rates place SF as a top school in the Florida College System. In 2021, SF was designated a Best for Vets college by Military Times.



"If UF is where
you want to be,
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toward your dream."



Corey Staples dreamed of being a Gator. In high school, she was recruited to play basketball for the **University of Florida**. She applied, but didn't get in. She was devastated.

Then a coach called from **Santa Fe College** and invited her to visit. When she arrived on the SF campus, she knew that SF was how her dreams would come true. She would graduate as a Gator, but first she'd be a Saint.

UF accepts more transfer students from SF than from any other school, including 88 percent of the students enrolled in SF's Honors Program. Many students also choose to stay at SF to earn their bachelor's degree. Students at SF enjoy smaller class sizes, readily available professors, active and diverse student clubs and organizations, generous scholarship opportunities, free tutoring, free gym membership, free parking. **It's even free to apply!**

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Comprehensive

CAMPUS TYPE:
Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 3,125

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 81.5%

RETENTION RATE: 76.2%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1883

PRESIDENT:
Christopher F. Roellke, PhD

MISSION: Stetson University provides an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet, and fosters in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

ACADEMICS: Across more than 107 areas of study, Stetson faculty help students go beyond the classroom, discover their passions and translate learning into real-world knowledge.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Programs in finance, accounting, sales and entrepreneurship put Stetson on the cutting edge of financial education, including the Roland George Investment Program that manages a \$5 million investment fund (real money). Stetson's popular programs in health science, biology and environmental science/studies are getting a boost from a new National Science Foundation grant and state-of-the-art facilities with the planned Cici and Hyatt Brown Hall for Health and Innovation, and new aquatic center for the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience. For talented voice and music students, Stetson's School of Music offers a rigorous and rewarding experience with an emphasis on undergraduate-only education that is unique among music programs.

COST/AID: Nearly 98% of students receive financial assistance, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. The average academic merit scholarship for the first time in college students is \$25,000 for Fall 2020.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: With 20 academic institutes, centers, programs and initiatives, faculty and student research at Stetson is dynamic and diverse. Current projects range from

an NSF study on outcomes for science, technology and math students to a Mellon grant on education in prison. Stetson was recently named a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars, and the university hosts an annual celebration of senior research projects.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Stetson University's DeLand campus is home to the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration and School of Music. The Stetson College of Law is in Gulfport with its Tampa Law Center nearby. Stetson is well-known for environmentally friendly, award-winning construction and its eight buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

STUDENT LIFE: The DeLand campus hosts more than 100 student clubs and organizations, and club sports, from surfing to equestrian. Stetson has been named a top 10 pet-friendly university.

ATHLETICS: Stetson University offers 18 Division I, NCAA programs, and competes in the ASUN conference and Pioneer Football League. Stetson teams are making their way back to competition within strict COVID-19 health and safety standards. In recent years, its Beach Volleyball and Baseball teams have competed in regional and national championships.

VALUE PROPOSITION: The Stetson Promise is a commitment to students to graduate in four years or less — or receive up to a full semester tuition free to complete their degree, participate in internships or other experiential learning activities and engage with faculty in distinctive academic programs. These are some of the reasons *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Stetson University No. 4 on its 2021 list of Best Regional Universities (South). Stetson has been recognized as one of The Princeton Review's "386 Best Colleges, 2021".



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We promise a 4-Year Plan and the advising students need to graduate in four years, or less, or Stetson will cover the cost of tuition for up to one full semester to finish your degree.

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We promise that every student will put "theory into practice" through internships or other high-impact learning experiences.

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We promise students will experience excellent faculty in outstanding and distinctive academic programs.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Community College

CAMPUS TYPE:
Commuter

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:**
12,000

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 100%

RETENTION RATE: 70%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1966

PRESIDENT:
Dr. Jim Murdaugh

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that prepares students for success in a global economy by offering higher education pathways, workforce opportunities and civic engagement experiences.

ACADEMICS: For more than half a century TCC has focused its efforts on affordability, accessibility and academic excellence. We offer academic degree programs and 70-plus TCC2WORK job-training programs in a variety of fields from nursing to law enforcement. Our A.A. degree for transfer to a state university also offers multiple tracks for those who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree or higher.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMS: TCC offers students the opportunity to start their college or professional career with the skills they need to achieve whatever goals they set. Top ranked programs include nursing, dental hygiene and paralegal. TCC's two transfer programs, TCC2FSU and TCC2FAMU, provide students one-on-one advising with transfer-focused advisors, support for applying to limited majors and special transfer scholarships. The College also offers a FLAGLER@TCC Gateway to Teaching program through its on-campus partner, Flagler College Tallahassee.

COST/AID: The in-state cost per credit hour is \$100.83, among the lowest in Florida. Each year, TCC awards more than \$30 million in scholarships and grants.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: TCC is a high performing institution with a reputation for its student-centered, dedicated faculty and workforce stability. The College provides opportunities for professional development through tuition

reimbursement, waivers and the College's Center for Professional Enrichment for employees. TCC also hosts a variety of programs to recognize faculty and staff achievements.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: TCC's main campus is located on the west side of Tallahassee, 3.5 miles west of the State Capitol and two miles west of Florida State University. The College has service centers in Gadsden and Wakulla counties, as well as a Center for Innovation in downtown Tallahassee. TCC's healthcare programs (with the exception of dental health) are housed in the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education. TCC operates the Wakulla Environmental Institute in Wakulla County and the Gadsden County-based Florida Public Safety Institute, home to the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy.

STUDENT LIFE: At TCC, we believe leadership takes many forms, from participating in a student organization to volunteering for a service project.

ATHLETICS: TCC offers men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, women's softball, men's and women's track & field and cross-country, along with intramural sports for students who want fun competition.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Tallahassee Community College was recently named one of 10 finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. Nearly 80% of TCC graduates transfer to a four-year institution in Florida after graduation. TCC is the top transfer school to both FSU and FAMU. TCC is ranked by Zippia.com No. 1 in Florida for the percentage of graduates employed 10 years after graduation.





Don't delay your College Dreams

Tallahassee Community College's transfer programs are ideal for students who wish to earn a degree at Florida State University or Florida A&M University after completing an Associate in Arts degree at TCC.

Class options:

- **ONLINE** - Take classes from anywhere and work at your own pace to complete assignments.
- **TCC LIVE!** - Take classes anywhere and interact in real time with your professors and classmates at scheduled days and times like you would in person.
- **HYBRID** - Combinations of online and face-to-face classes.
- **FACE-TO-FACE** - On campus classes following social distancing protocols.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year Research
University

CAMPUS TYPE:
Large, Urban, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 61,441

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 42%

RETENTION RATE: 92.1%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1963

PRESIDENT:
Alexander N. Cartwright

MISSION: The University of Central Florida offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate education and creates positive, lasting impacts on students and communities locally and across the globe.

ACADEMICS: UCF is an academic and research leader in numerous fields, including optics, modeling and simulation, engineering and computer science, business, education, biomedical sciences, healthcare, hospitality management, digital media and more. UCF offers more than 230 degree programs, including more than 100 programs fully online.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE

PROGRAMS: UCF is a top and most preferred supplier of graduates to the aerospace and defense industries in Florida and the nation. UCF also has DirectConnect to UCF, a national model that guarantees admission to students who earn associate degrees from six partnering Florida state colleges.

COST/AID: UCF offers need- and merit-based grants and scholarships and has one of the lowest tuition and fee charges in the country at about \$6,300 a year.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UCF faculty in 2020 received \$204 million in research funding and have accrued more than \$1.7 billion in external grants and contracts in the past decade. The university ranks nationally for its number of U.S. patents and research that leads to new tech spinoffs.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:

UCF's main campus spans 1,415 acres, including 800 acres of natural lands. Beyond state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms, the campus has a full-service health clinic; a student union; multiple

on-campus housing communities; and a Recreation and Wellness Center. In addition to the main campus, UCF has a campus in downtown Orlando's central business district, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management in the city's tourism corridor and 11 regional connect centers. UCF's health sciences campus houses the College of Medicine, the UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center and the UCF Lake Nona Medical Center, established in partnership with HCA Healthcare.

STUDENT LIFE: UCF has more than 650 student clubs and organizations, and more than 7,000 events and activities happening each year. Football games are hosted in the Bounce House, and the Addition Financial Arena is home to UCF basketball, concerts, comedy shows and more. One of the most popular events on campus, Spirit Splash, has been voted one of the best college traditions in the nation.

ATHLETICS: UCF competes in the American Athletic Conference. UCF student-athletes have earned an overall GPA of at least 3.0 for 26 consecutive semesters. Every team competing in head-to-head sports posted a winning record the past three seasons — the only program in the country to accomplish that feat.

VALUE PROPOSITION: UCF is one of the best college values in America, according to *Forbes*, Kiplinger and the Princeton Review. About 50% of first-time-in-college students at UCF graduate with no debt. Nationally, only 32% of students graduate debt-free. Additionally, UCF has consistently been recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" universities in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.





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NO. 2
FOR DEVELOPING CRITICAL SKILLS FOR AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE GRADUATES
Aviation Week Network
RANKED

NO. 16
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RANKED

NO. 1
VIDEO GAME DESIGN GRADUATE PROGRAM
The Princeton Review & PC Gamer
RANKED

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U.S. News & World Report
RANKED

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ShanghaiRanking
RANKED

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ShanghaiRanking
RANKED

NO. 2
FOR BOOSTING SOCIAL MOBILITY
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY GRADUATE PROGRAM
U.S. News & World Report
RANKED

NO. 5
TRANSPORTATION AND SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
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RANKED

NO. 12
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U.S. News & World Report
RANKED

NO. 40
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Washington Monthly
RANKED

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
A top-10 public,
comprehensive, land-
grant, research university.

CAMPUS TYPE:
Large, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 37,880

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 29%

**FRESHMAN RETENTION
RATE:** 96%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1853

PRESIDENT: W. Kent Fuchs



MISSION: The University of Florida aspires to be a premier public research institution that the state, the nation and the world turn to for leadership.

ACADEMICS: The state's oldest and most comprehensive university, the University of Florida is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities in the nation, with an enrollment of some 57,000 students annually. UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 170 research centers and institutes. UF offers nearly 100 undergraduate degree programs and more than 200 graduate degree programs. Only five other universities nationwide have as many programs of study on one campus as the University of Florida.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: UF is a leader in artificial intelligence research, with a leading public-private partnership with NVIDIA that will create unprecedented access to AI training and tools for underrepresented communities, and build momentum for transforming the future of the workforce. The initiative will create an AI-centric data center that houses the world's fastest AI supercomputer in higher education.

COST/AID: In-state tuition and fees for academic year 2020 - 2021: \$6,381 a semester
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,658 a semester.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UF has more than 5,500 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 37 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Awards include a Fields Medal, three Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, and Smithsonian Institution's conservation award.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES:
The university has a 2,000-acre campus and more than 1,000

buildings (including 170 with classrooms and laboratories). The UF residence halls have a total capacity of some 7,500 students and the five family housing villages house more than 1,000 married and graduate students.

STUDENT LIFE: UF is dedicated to creating a broadly diverse environment necessary to foster cultural competencies and perspectives that support every Gator so they can thrive on campus and beyond. More than 1,000 student organizations offer a wide variety of activities and engagement. UF ranks fourth and ninth respectively in Latino and African American graduates who go on to receive doctorates in STEM fields. It is also ranked first in the nation in terms of the number of African American female faculty in Engineering.

ATHLETICS: The Florida Gators sports teams compete in the NCAA Division I Southeastern Conference, and are supported by mascots Albert and Alberta the Alligators. UF student athletes have earned a total of 150 academic All-America Honors since 1992. Since the 1972 Olympiad held in Munich, 180 different Gators have participated in the Olympic Games. Gators have won 126 Olympic medals with 60 gold medals, 33 silver and 33 bronze.

VALUE PROPOSITION: UF has a long history of established programs in international education, research and service. It is one of only 17 public, land-grant universities that belong to the Association of American Universities, the higher-education organization comprising the top 63 public and private institutions in North America. UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities: No. 6 in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Top Public Schools" (2021); No. 2 in *Kiplinger's* "Best Values in Public Colleges" (2017); and No. 3 on the *Forbes* list of best value public universities (2019). Additionally, UF ranked No. 6 in the *New York Times* list of universities that do the most to help low-income students (2015) and No. 3 in the Milken Institute's ranking of Best Universities for Technology Transfer.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year

CAMPUS TYPE:
Online

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:**
4,000

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 48%

RETENTION RATE: 87%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 2014

PRESIDENT:
Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

MISSION: The mission of UF Online is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural, and societal benefit by delivering a comprehensive offering of high-quality, fully online bachelor's degree programs at an affordable cost.

ACADEMICS: UF Online is the No. 3 ranked online bachelor's program from the No. 6 ranked public University. And those who have what it takes to complete one of our fully online bachelor's programs earn the same University of Florida degree as their counterparts on campus. Students choose from majors across renowned colleges, including the Warrington College of Business and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students receive personalized guidance from dedicated advisors throughout their program.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Students can choose from majors such as Advertising: Persuasive Messaging, one of the few online advertising majors in the country, to Microbiology & Cell Science with an online lab option. The online Bachelor of Arts or Science in Business Administration is Ranked No.1 in the country and the online Bachelor of Science in Psychology is ranked No. 2 by U.S. News & World Report. All courses are taught by the same preeminent faculty who teach on campus.

COST/AID:

In-state: \$129.18
Total per credit hour
(tuition + fees)

Tuition: \$111.92
Required Fees: \$17.26
Optional Fee Package:
\$46.21

Out-of-state: \$552.62
Total per credit hour
(tuition + fees)

Tuition: \$500.00

Required Fees: \$52.62

Optional Fee Package: \$46.21

FACULTY/RESEARCH: Students learn from 230 full-time faculty with doctorates, and 131 tenured or tenure-track faculty. The University of Florida attracts over \$700 million in research each year.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students can study from anywhere they have a connection. Online students also have access to campus facilities like libraries and the student union. With the optional fee package, students can also use recreation centers, busses, student athletic tickets, and more.

STUDENT LIFE: Students connect through UF Online's Plaza. Within the Plaza, students are able to receive the latest news about UF, join groups of students based on their location, major or specific classes, and even interest area. Students have the ability to start their own group based on potential connection points to other students. Students can even customize their news feed to receive the information that is most important to them.

ATHLETICS: University of Florida is a D1 school with a long and proud history of championship-winning programs.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Investments by the State of Florida have created the most affordable pathway for qualified students to enter the No. 6 public university via the No. 3 online bachelor's program. Nearly two-thirds of UF graduates leave with no student loan debt. For the remaining third, average indebtedness is roughly \$18,000 compared with the national average of more than \$29,000.





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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public; 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Urban, Residential

ENROLLMENT:
Undergraduate - 14,662
Total - 17,043

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 80%

RETENTION RATE: 84%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1969

PRESIDENT:
David M. Szymanski, Ph.D.

MISSION: Our student-centered mission is to create the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and problem solvers with the knowledge and experience to uniquely change the world.

ACADEMICS: UNF offers more than 100 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in: the Brooks College of Health, Coggin College of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and College of Education and Human Services. Small class sizes and individualized attention allow professors to work closely with students to ensure success.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

UNF's location in Jacksonville provides students with unique opportunities to engage with key industries while going to school. Approximately 90% of seniors have participated in real-world experiences before they graduate. Students intern with top businesses in UNF's areas of distinction — healthcare, logistics, water and technology. The focus matches student competencies to existing needs and UNF students to jobs.

COST/AID: Annual undergraduate tuition and fees for Florida residents are \$6,389, based on 15-credit hours each semester; nonresident tuition and fees are \$20,793. UNF offers generous financial aid and scholarships as well as numerous on-campus employment opportunities for students.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UNF is an emerging force in research in health, coastal sciences, logistics and more. Since 2015, R&D spending has increased 335%, and patented inventions, spinoff companies and licenses on UNF intellectual property have quadrupled in recent years. Grants from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department

of Education and others offer innovative research opportunities for undergraduates.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Located in Jacksonville between downtown and the beach, UNF's beautiful 1,381-acre campus includes a nature preserve and award-winning buildings. Another 1,050 acres of intracoastal wetlands are used by students and faculty for research and exploration. UNF's downtown Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville offer additional opportunities for experiential learning.

STUDENT LIFE: Students from diverse backgrounds bring a richness to campus life at UNF. With over 200 student clubs, fraternities, sororities, and intramural sports, there are countless opportunities for Ospreys to engage together. Students enjoy spending time in the award-winning Student Wellness Complex and at bustling Market Days in Osprey Plaza. Community involvement is key at UNF, which received the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation.

ATHLETICS: UNF's 19 athletic teams compete in Division I of the NCAA. A member of the ASUN conference, the Ospreys have captured 45 NCAA Division I conference championships and participated in 39 NCAA postseason competitions. In 2015, the Ospreys made their first appearance in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Student success is at the heart of everything at UNF. Students receive personalized attention from faculty in small classes and are engaged with community and corporate partners tackling real-world challenges every day. That's why UNF tops all state universities in the percentage of graduates employed in Florida. Located in the heart of Jacksonville, UNF ranks nationally as a top public university, preparing students to make a difference in Florida and around the globe.



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INSTITUTION TYPE:

Public, offering undergraduate, graduate, specialist, doctoral and professional degrees

CAMPUS TYPE:

Urban, residential

UNDERGRADUATE

ENROLLMENT: 37,200

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 43%

RETENTION RATE: 92.6%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1956

PRESIDENT:

Steven C. Currall

MISSION: The University of South Florida conducts innovative scholarship, creative activity, and basic and translational research, and delivers a world-class educational experience promoting the success of our talented and diverse undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

ACADEMICS: Across campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, students choose from more than 200 majors and concentrations, from biomedical engineering to global business, from health professions to marine biology, from architecture to dance, and much more.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

USF offers a cybersecurity major, where students learn how to ensure online security and protect digital assets, and they also take courses in business, ethics and policy. In the hospitality management major, a Culinary Innovation Lab and a teaching hotel partnership help students prepare for careers in the global hospitality and tourism industry. **COST/AID:** Undergraduate tuition for Florida residents is \$6,410; non-resident tuition is \$17,324. Along with generous financial aid and scholarships, many student employment opportunities are available.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: USF is a Preeminent State Research University, placing it in the most elite category of Florida institutions, and one of only 56 public research universities nationwide classified as both a Doctoral University with "Highest Research Activity" and as a "Community Engaged" institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF ranks eighth in the nation among public universities and 16th worldwide in generating new United States utility patents.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students can attend concerts and basketball games in the 10,000-seat Yuengling Center on the Tampa campus. The 81,000-square-foot University Student Center on the St. Petersburg campus features a dining facility, café, meeting rooms, outdoor verandas and a 1,000-gallon aquarium that is home to 12 varieties of marine life. Students on the Sarasota-Manatee campus can work out in the fitness center, play volleyball or basketball, or take advantage of yoga classes.

STUDENT LIFE: USF offers more than 700 official student organizations across its three campuses. The arts thrive, with more than 300 yearly concerts, performances, exhibitions, lectures, symposiums and festivals, many free of charge. The Contemporary Art Museum on the Tampa campus presents significant exhibitions of contemporary art from around the world. Students on the St. Petersburg campus can check out paddleboards, kayaks and canoes for free at the boathouse, while students on the Sarasota-Manatee campus enjoy vibrant local communities with thriving arts and cultural scenes, and benefit from student-run clubs and organizations.

ATHLETICS: USF participates in NCAA Division I athletics with nine women's and eight men's varsity sports. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference.

VALUE PROPOSITION: Over the past 10 years, no other public university in the country has risen faster in *U.S. News and World Report's* national university rankings than the University of South Florida. And in its 2021 rankings, *U.S. News and World Report* recognized USF as the No. 1 university in Florida and No. 12 in the nation among public institutions for the social mobility of our students. USF has earned widespread national recognition for its success graduating under-represented minority and limited-income students.





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students served on
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each year

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Large, Urban, Residential

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:** 2,616

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 82%

RETENTION RATE: 76%

GRADUATION RATE: 76%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1960

President Steven C. Currall
Dean Donna Petersen



MISSION: Our collective mission is to provide excellence in public health education, leadership, advocacy, research and service; to nurture and motivate our students; and to deliver enhanced health and well-being to all humankind through collaborative partnerships with researchers, educators, health professionals and administrators.

ACADEMICS: The USF College of Public Health is the highest ranked public health degree program in Florida (*U.S. News and World Report, 2019-2022*). Plus, the college is the No. 2 public institution in the Southeast and No. 16 nationally among the Council on Education for Public Health accredited schools and colleges.

Students choose from seven degree programs in on campus, online or blended formats—Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS) or Public Health (BSPH); Master of Public Health (MPH) or Health Administration (MHA), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Public Health (DrPH). With 20-plus concentrations, day and evening courses and almost 100 online courses, student success is priority No. 1!

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: USF is home to the first accredited undergraduate public health degree in Florida. With established study abroad programs (currently paused) to London, Japan, Panama and Cuba, formal research opportunities with faculty and an average GPA of 3.28 (spring 2021), it's no wonder why students say the #USFCOPHRocks!

COST/AID: The college makes a variety of funding vehicles available to degree-seeking students, including a reduced-rate program for out-of-state online students and the Academic Common Market tuition-savings program. More at <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/academicaffairs/finaid>. Returned Peace Corps volunteers can consider becoming a Paul D. Coverdell Fellow.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: As of January, the college has 215 faculty members with regular, adjunct and affiliate appointments, including six who earned the designation of Distinguished University Professor or Distinguished University Health Professor. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the college's faculty generated \$17.2 million in external grants and contracts.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: Students who make public health their academic home thrive in our two renovated computer labs, high-tech active learning classrooms and refurbished common areas. Within the primary building there are 24 labs that support research and training. Located across campus, our Center for Global Health Infectious Disease has approximately 26,000 square feet of BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories. The college is home to 12 internationally recognized centers and institutes addressing areas of public health importance. Plus, we join the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy to form USF Health.

STUDENT LIFE: Whether on campus or online, students continually present their award-winning research and practice at local, state, national and international professional meetings and are published in numerous peer-reviewed journals.

Even during a pandemic, public health students annually dedicate 2,400-plus volunteer and 38k internship hours to making life better at home and around the world.

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INSTITUTION TYPE:
Private, 4-Year

CAMPUS TYPE:
Traditional, self-contained campus in an urban setting

ENROLLMENT:
Undergraduate - 8,600
Graduate - 1,000

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 51%

RETENTION RATE: 78%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1931

PRESIDENT:
Ronald Vaughn, Ph.D.



MISSION: The University of Tampa is a comprehensive, independent university that delivers high-quality educational experiences to a diverse group of learners.

ACADEMICS: UT is consistently ranked as a top-tier regional university by *U.S. News & World Report* and as a best institution for undergraduate education and graduate business programs by The Princeton Review. UT offers more than 200 areas of study, including two dozen graduate programs and several accelerated 4+1 options. UT also offers a rigorous and rewarding Honors Program as well as many opportunities for students to conduct research, complete internships and study abroad.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: UT offers bachelor's degrees in accounting, actuarial science, advertising and public relations, allied health, animation, art, art therapy athletic training, biochemistry, biology, business information technology, chemistry, communication, computer science, criminology and criminal justice, cybersecurity, dance, design, economics, education, English, entrepreneurship, environmental science, film and media arts, finance, financial enterprise systems, forensic science, graphic design, history, human performance, international business, international studies, journalism, management, management information systems, marine science, marketing, mathematical programming, mathematics, museum studies, music, music education, music performance, musical theatre, new media, nursing, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, psychology, public health, sociology, Spanish, sport management, theatre and writing. Graduate programs are offered in the fields of business, communication, criminology, cybersecurity,

education and instructional design, and health and exercise sciences.

COST/AID: The average cost for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$31,194 for tuition and fees and \$11,750 for room and board. 96% of UT students receive financial assistance. Academic scholarships are awarded to most entering first-year students with a 3.0 unweighted GPA or above. Transfer, leadership, departmental, Phi Theta Kappa, International Baccalaureate and ROTC scholarships are also available.

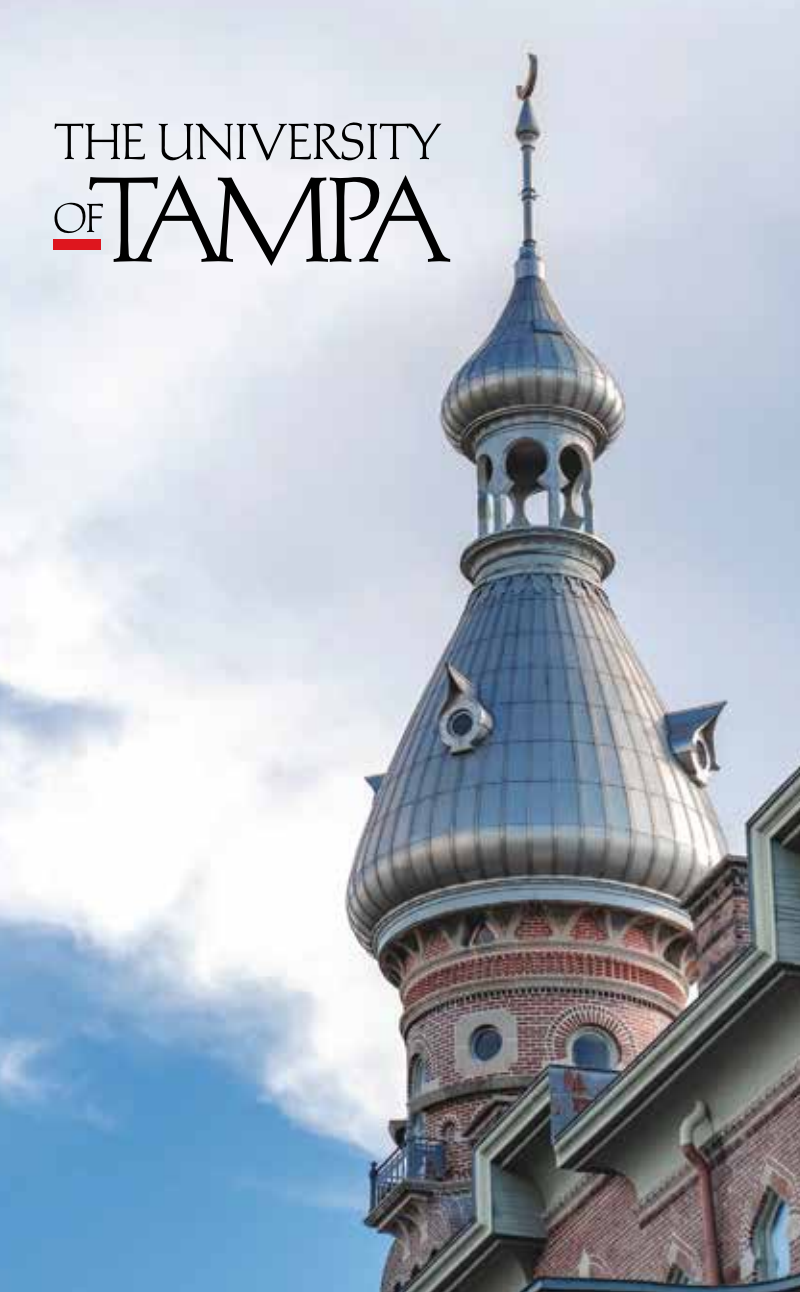
FACULTY/RESEARCH: With a 1:17 faculty-to-student ratio and average class size of 21, UT promotes close interactions between students and faculty, 90 percent of whom have a Ph.D. or other terminal degree. UT's Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Program provides stipends for student research.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: UT's 110-acre residential campus on the riverfront in downtown Tampa provides a historical and cultural setting for learning both on and off campus. UT has invested approximately \$700 million in new academic facilities, technology and residence halls since 1998.

STUDENT LIFE: UT offers 300 clubs, organizations and teams, making it easy for students to get involved in campus life. The famous Tampa Riverwalk, Tampa Museum of Art, Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Florida Aquarium, Amalie Arena and dynamic Sparkman Wharf are within close walking distance from campus.

ATHLETICS: UT's 20 Division II sports teams include men's baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and track, and women's basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. UT has won 18 NCAA II national championships.

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**UNIVERSITY of
WEST FLORIDA**

INSTITUTION TYPE:
Public, 4-year and above

CAMPUS TYPE:
Mid-sized, suburban

**UNDERGRADUATE
ENROLLMENT:**
13,043

ACCEPTANCE RATE: 53%

RETENTION RATE: 84.3%

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1963

PRESIDENT:
Martha D. Saunders

MISSION: UWF's mission is to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education; conduct teaching and research that services the body of knowledge; and contribute to the needs of professions and society.

ACADEMICS: Home to five renowned academic colleges, UWF offers more than 70 undergraduate degree programs, 32 master's degree programs and three doctoral degrees. With more than 13,000 students and an average class size of less than 40, UWF is committed to providing a close-knit academic experience.

UNIQUE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Cybersecurity, Supply Chain Logistics, Marine Biology, Maritime Studies and Anthropology.

COST/AID: Estimated costs for students annually is \$16,100 (FL resident) and \$29,000 (non-FL resident) which includes tuition, housing and meal plans. Last year, UWF awarded more than \$101 million in financial aid to UWF students.

FACULTY/RESEARCH: UWF students are taught by ranked faculty, who are among the most talented in the nation and are consistently awarded funding for doctoral level research. UWF's robust, institutional research agenda focuses on identifying, supporting and promoting scholarly activities—and bringing an excitement about research into the classroom. As authors, speakers, practitioners, creators and thought leaders, UWF faculty members make up a community of scholars, committed to a transformative education for our students and to the next big idea for the greater good.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES: The UWF Pensacola campus spans 1,600 acres and is located minutes away from historic Pensacola and some of the world's most beautiful beaches. UWF features state-of-the-art facilities, comfortable residence halls and a beautiful landscape that offers more than 20 miles of outdoor trails. UWF also hosts its Emerald Coast location in Fort Walton Beach. Managed by UWF Historic Trust, the University owns and operates 32 historic properties in Northwest Florida.

STUDENT LIFE: At UWF, there are no limits for how our students can make an impact. With more than 165 registered student organizations, 15 athletic teams and a wide variety of recreational activities, UWF's campus is filled with ways to create an unforgettable college experience.

ATHLETICS: UWF Athletics holds more than 100 athletic conference championships, including ten national championships and features 15 sports. The Argonauts compete in NCAA Division II.

VALUE PROPOSITION: UWF offers the resources of a big campus, but our small class sizes ensure personalized, focused attention from some of the nation's most engaging professors. Undergraduate students at UWF conduct research reserved only for graduate students at other universities and are taught by ranked faculty. The institution is also consistently named a top military-friendly institution and ranked as a top 15 in U.S. News & World Report's Top Public Schools – Regional South Rankings.





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Florida Gulf Coast University

Fort Myers
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Florida International University

Miami
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fiu.edu

Florida Polytechnic University

Lakeland
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Florida State University

Tallahassee
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broward.edu

Chipola College

Marianna
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College of Central Florida

Ocala, Chiefland, Lecanto
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cf.edu

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irsc.edu

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Miami Shores
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Beacon College
Leesburg
(855) 220-5374
beaconcollege.edu

Bethune-Cookman University
Daytona Beach
(800) 448-0228
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ewc.edu

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Daytona Beach
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(813) 988-5131
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Melbourne
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floridatech.edu

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Miami Gardens
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Florida Southern College
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Hodges University
Naples
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Jacksonville University
Jacksonville
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ju.edu

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Fort Lauderdale
(888) 534-7379
keiseruniversity.edu

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(800) 994-5966
lynn.edu

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Fort Lauderdale
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Palm Beach Atlantic University
West Palm Beach
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Rollins College
Winter Park
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