



# FACT SHEET 2020 - 2021



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## Deadlines

	Nomination	Application
Fall Semester	April 1	May 1
Spring Semester	September 1	October 1
Summer Semester	February 1	March 1

## Important Dates

[www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/new-international-students/i-20ds-2019-process-non-degree-students-0](http://www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/new-international-students/i-20ds-2019-process-non-degree-students-0)

### 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

- Fall 2020 Semester: August 24 – December 18
- Spring 2021 Semester: January 5 – April 30

### 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

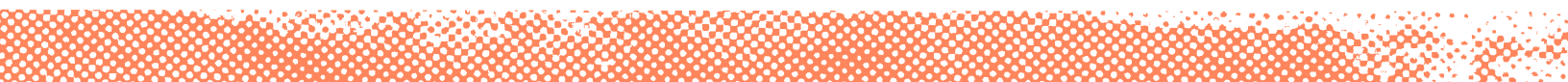
- Fall 2021: August 23 - December 17
- Spring 2022: January 5 - April 29

*Please note that these dates are general semester dates. Graduate Business school dates and Law school dates may be different than those listed above.*

## Application Instructions

[www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/new-international-students/i-20ds-2019-process-non-degree-students-0](http://www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/new-international-students/i-20ds-2019-process-non-degree-students-0)

- Stage 1: Partner School Nomination; Partner school submits online nomination.
- Stage 2: UF International Center Online Application
- Stage 3: Post Acceptance Consecutive Processes
  - A. Student Visa application – apply at nearest US Embassy/Consulate
  - B. UF student account set-up and pre-registration requirements – process internal to UF





## English Proficiency Requirement

Per federal regulations, J1 Visa holders must verify they have proficient English level to participate in their program. Partner schools should include appropriate documentation at the time of the online nomination. Options for verification are:

1. Student is a passport holder of a country where English is an official language. [Listed here](#).
2. Student has attended a university in a country where English is an official language. [Listed here](#). *Transcript required at the time of application submission.*
3. Student has achieved sufficient scores on English language competency exam:
  - IELTS: 6.0 overall
  - MELAB: 77
  - TOEFL iBT: 80
  - TOEFL PBT: 550
  - Verbal GRE: 140
4. Home University can verify proficiency. *Select this option at the time of nomination. May submit additional documentation in support (for example, letter of verification).*

## Visa Information

[www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/visa-process-us-port-entry](http://www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/visa-process-us-port-entry)

- The UF International Center online application covers meeting criteria for the J1 Visa status.
- Upon submission of a complete application and acceptance, Exchange Student Services will issue a form of eligibility for J1 status sponsorship, DS-2019 Form.
- Students then receive instructions to apply for their J1 visa.

## Accommodation

[www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/arriving-gainesville](http://www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/arriving-gainesville)

- On-Campus Housing is limited and therefore not guaranteed to students.
- Students can indicate interest in living on-campus via their online application. Upon submission of the complete application, students will be considered on a first come, first serve basis until slots are filled.
- The on-campus dorm for exchange students is **Weaver Hall**. Weaver Hall is part of the **International Living Learning Community**.
- UF offers support for off-campus housing through the **Off Campus Life** office. Ultimately, students are responsible for their own off campus housing.



## Health Insurance

[www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/health-insurance](http://www.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/international-students-scholars/additional-information/health-insurance)

All UF students are required to have health insurance that meets Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage standards. This coverage standard also fulfills international student insurance requirements. The UF Health Insurance policy is an “opt-out” system. All UF students, including exchange students, will be automatically enrolled in UF’s Health Insurance Plan. Students can either

1. Stay enrolled in the UF Health Plan or
2. Submit a waiver to request approval for an outside policy by deadline (outside policy must be comparable to ACA coverage).

For questions, contact: [insurance@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:insurance@ufic.ufl.edu)

## Academics

### Minimum credits required per semester

- Undergraduate Students: 12 (typically 4 courses worth 3 credits each)
- Graduate Students: 9 (typically 3 courses worth 3 credits each)

### Important Considerations

- Students are allowed to enroll in 1 online course per semester
- Students may not be eligible to participate in restricted enrollment programs

## Budgeting & Costs

### Estimated cost of living :

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**Application Funding Requirement:** The U.S. government requires J-1 students to prove sufficient funds for the duration of their program. To meet this requirement, students must show they have a minimum USD \$1500 per month of the program.

## Student Life & Resources

- **UF Virtual Tour:** [www.virtualtour.ufl.edu](http://www.virtualtour.ufl.edu)
- **Student Activities and Involvement** – Check out student organizations and daily campus events at this website: [www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/student-organizations](http://www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/student-organizations)
- **UF NaviGators International** – Connects International Students with American students through a unique mentorship program. [www.ufnavigatorsinternational.com](http://www.ufnavigatorsinternational.com)
- **Counselling & Wellness Center (CWC)** - [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc)
- **Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS)** – Students can ride any Gainesville RTS bus free with their Gator 1 ID card. [www.go-rts.com](http://www.go-rts.com)