

## Admissions

The success of the University of Florida depends on the success of its students. In an effort to ensure equity in admissions, the University of Florida has designed a process that seeks to outreach, recruit, and evaluate students from a holistic perspective. This holistic approach enables UF to evaluate students in the context of what opportunities are available, what barriers may exist, and how well students have taken advantage of opportunities and/or overcome barriers. Within the context of outreach and recruitment, UF is committed to providing services to a variety of groups including low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented populations. The Office of Admissions casts a wide net in order to engage a diverse group of students, families, and community groups in understanding the opportunities available at the University. The Office of Admissions hosts many campus visitors throughout the year--such as Upward Bound and TRIO participants, parents, community college, high school and middle school students and counselors, and groups from civic and community organizations.

The admissions review and evaluation process is based on a comprehensive review of both academic and non-academic holistic information. The Office of Admissions takes this approach so no applicant is disadvantaged based on where he or she went to school. UF evaluates the student's academics beyond the single number found in the grade point average. UF pays close attention to *how* a student got to that grade point average as it relates to their course selection, grades in academic courses, and trends and progress overtime. It is also important that attention is paid to what resources, opportunities, and support his or her high school has to offer.

The combined consideration of both academic and holistic information allows the review process to be thoughtful and comprehensive in considering the whole student. Additionally, Admissions' diversity outreach and recruitment programs ensure students from diverse backgrounds are aware of all the campus has to offer and helps UF meet a goal of enrolling a diverse community of learners, leaders, and thinkers.

Participation in Admissions' diversity outreach programs was strong for the 2010-2011 year and included more than 4,000 participants. Additionally, the size and diversity of this year's applicant and admit pool remained strong. Of all applicants, 40% were from underrepresented groups, 22% were low-income and 27% were first-generation college students.

Of those admitted, 38% were from underrepresented groups, 20% were low-income, and 25% were first generation students.