

AIM Program

It is part of the university's established goals to implement policies and programs that improve student access, retention and success. The AIM Program serves as an admissions access point for its participants, who are carefully selected by UF's Office of Admissions based on specific criteria, including first-generation college student, low-income background, and special talents, among others. Although race is not a factor used to determine participation in AIM, diversity is effectively accomplished through the admissions process. For instance, underrepresented student populations comprised roughly 80% of the students admitted to the AIM Program for 2011.

The AIM Program interfaces with various campus units (e.g., admissions, financial aid, and housing) to serve and support students. Student participating in AIM receive the full-cost of summer B attendance. Traditionally, the AIM Program has offered its students a year-long, state-mandated Educational Learning Plan (ELP), as required by the Florida legislature. This ELP provides smaller class sizes and more individualized attention to student needs, as well as pro-active academic advising and mentoring, plus assistance with college transitional issues. For the year 2011, the student advising and mentoring components of the ELP will be offered to AIM students as long as they are enrolled at UF. It is our expectation that extending this preemptive support program will further improve retention and graduate rates for these students from diverse backgrounds.