

# *Gator* GUIDE

TO OFF CAMPUS LIFE

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The Gator Guide to Off Campus Life is published by the office of Off Campus Life, which is part of the University of Florida Division of Student Life.

The mission, vision and values of the Division of Student Life are an extension of the University of Florida's. We view ourselves as partners in pursuit of institutional goals and objectives.

**DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE'S MISSION**

The University of Florida Division of Student Life champions meaningful experiences that foster community connection, career design and lifelong wellbeing.

**DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE'S VISION**

Every Gator is prepared for lifelong success through an individualized, excellent student experience.

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**MISSION**

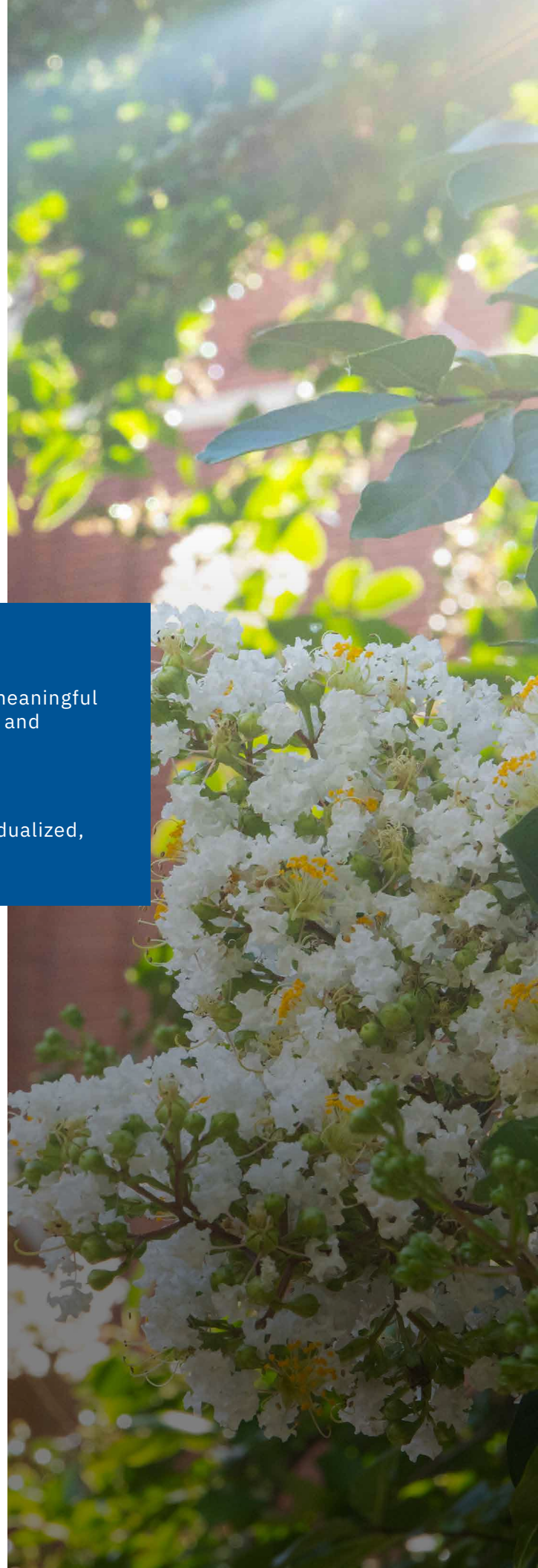
Off Campus Life fosters connections between the UF and Gainesville communities by assisting students with their transition to Gainesville, advocating for a positive living experience and helping students engage in local opportunities.

**VISION**

For every student to have the knowledge and experiences to be a great Gator neighbor wherever they live.

**VALUES**

Advocacy, Education, Discovery, Community



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*Welcome!*

Welcome to the University of Florida and the city of Gainesville. Living off campus is an exciting opportunity. The Gator Guide has been created to help you have a smooth transition to living in Gainesville and to help you better understand your rights and responsibilities as a member of the greater Gainesville community.

Off Campus Life is here to help answer your questions. Please see below for ways to connect with Off Campus Life.

**Welcome to Gainesville and Go Gators!**



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# CONNECT WITH OFF CAMPUS LIFE

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LOCATOR

This free online resource can help you find apartments, subleases or search for roommates in Gainesville. Utilize this resource at [housing.offcampus.ufl.edu](https://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu).

### INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

Off Campus Life provides individual meetings to help students find off-campus housing and to assist students with off-campus concerns. To schedule an appointment, visit [offcampus.ufl.edu/appointment](https://offcampus.ufl.edu/appointment).

### DISCOVER GAINESVILLE

Explore local Gainesville hotspots on and off campus each month for free with Discover Gainesville, Off Campus Life's event series. OCL organizes and pays for each event to help students experience new venues, food and culture.

### OFF CAMPUS AMBASSADORS

Sponsored by Off Campus Life, the Off Campus Ambassadors are a student organization that creates a connection between UF students and the Gainesville community, while educating on issues that impact off-campus students.



# Rental INFORMATION

Before choosing a residence, you must consider what needs and preferences you have for not only the cost of living and rent, but also the distance from campus, length of lease, roommates and safety, to name a few.

Off Campus Life recommends you take your time when looking for off-campus housing. There are more apartments, condos and houses for rent in Gainesville than students to fill them. Off Campus Life is here to help you with finding off-campus housing, and we recommend following these steps to assist you with your housing search.

## 2026-27 AVERAGE RENTAL APARTMENT COSTS

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 2 MILES OR LESS		SIZE	COST	DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: 3 MILES OR MORE		SIZE	COST
		4 Bed / 4 Bath	\$1,100			4 Bed / 4 Bath	\$690
		3 Bed / 3 Bath	\$1,212			3 Bed / 3 Bath	\$747
		2 Bed / 2 Bath	\$1,307			2 Bed / 2 Bath	\$996
		1 Bed / 1 Bath	\$1,873			1 Bed / 1 Bath	\$1,702
		Application & Admin Fees	\$273			Application & Admin Fees	\$312
		Deposit With Guarantor	\$52			Deposit With Guarantor	\$97
		Deposit Without Guarantor	\$1,282			Deposit Without Guarantor	\$777
		Short-Term Lease Fee	\$120			Short-Term Lease Fee	\$101
		Parking Fee - Cars	\$161			Parking Fee - Cars	\$17
		Parking Fee - Scooters	\$33			Parking Fee - Scooters	\$1
		Monthly Pet Fee	\$32			Monthly Pet Fee	\$33
		Pet Deposit	\$293			Pet Deposit	\$308
		Sublet/Relet Fee	\$505			Sublet/Relet Fee	\$344
		Renters/Liability Insurance	\$15			Renters/Liability Insurance	\$16



“Take your time with your search. We have plenty of off-campus housing in Gainesville. Off Campus Life staff are here to help you.” - **Nora Kilroy**

### STEP 1: BUDGET

Most students typically live in 4-bedroom apartments with each person having their own bedroom and bathroom. Roommates share the kitchen and living room. These types of complexes allow students to meet other students and share the cost of off-campus housing.

Please see the average rental cost chart for monthly rent averages and additional costs associated with renting. It is important to factor the rent and additional costs into your monthly and yearly budget.

Keep in mind some properties include the costs of utilities, internet and furniture in the monthly rent and some do not. When touring ask what's included in rent.

### STEP 2: FREE ONLINE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LOCATOR SERVICE

To search our database, visit OCL's Off-Campus **Housing Locator** at [housing.offcampus.ufl.edu](https://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu).

You can customize your search based on various criteria such as price, location, amenities, number of bedrooms, pet-friendly properties, etc. You can also use the locator to search for subleases, post subleases and find roommates.

### STEP 3: TOUR PROPERTIES

Off Campus Life recommends you **tour at least five to six** different apartment complexes before you sign a lease off campus. See page 6 for apartment tour questions.

### STEP 4: LEASES

Once you sign a lease, it is a legally-binding agreement and often impossible to break or change. Gainesville has two types of leases: individual and joint.

An **individual lease** allows all roommates to sign their own lease. Under an individual lease, each roommate is responsible for their own rent. If a roommate does not pay their rent, the other roommates will not be held responsible for the rent.

The other type of lease is the **joint lease**, which is more common in houses and condominiums for rent. This lease also requires all residents to sign the lease, but under a joint lease, the landlord can hold the other roommates responsible for the cost if a roommate does not pay the rent.

**Some complexes require students to have a guarantor or co-signer for their lease.** The guarantor is typically a family member or friend who is willing to assume the monthly cost for the rent if for any reason you are not able to pay the rent.

Before signing the lease, make sure the move-in date is before classes begin and the move-out date is after finals are over. Visit the UF Registrar website for academic dates at [registrar.ufl.edu](https://registrar.ufl.edu).

**What is a sublease?** It is finding someone to take over your lease or taking over another student's lease for either a month, a semester, or a full 12-month lease. They are necessary in Gainesville and allow you the flexibility to find a short lease or to allow someone to take over your lease.

OCL's Housing Locator allows you to post your subleases for free by using your ufl.edu email. To learn more about subleasing please visit [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/off-campus-housing](https://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/off-campus-housing).

Another resource for students at UF is **Student Legal Services**. You can set up an appointment with Student Legal Services to review the leases you are considering before you sign a lease. Visit their website at [studentlegalservices.ufl.edu](https://studentlegalservices.ufl.edu) to apply for services. Even if you are not currently taking classes, you can still take advantage of this resource. Just note on your intake form that you are a new student.

### STEP 5: SAFETY

Off Campus Life advises touring a prospective property at night to check for various night safeguards: Is there adequate lighting? Do you need to walk through an unlit area to get to the bus or parking lot? How's the complex noise level? For more safety tips **visit the Off Campus Life website** at [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/safety](https://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/safety).

A great resource to check before signing a lease is City Protect. This website allows you to see crime that has occurred in certain areas in the past week or month. Visit the **City Protect website** at [cityprotect.com](https://cityprotect.com) to search for crime statistics based on address.

### STEP 6: TRANSPORTATION

Students pay a transportation fee as part of tuition for the **Regional Transit System (RTS) bus system**. Simply show your Mobile GatorONE and you can take the bus anywhere, both on and off campus. To learn more about bus routes and RTS resources, please visit their website at [go-rt.com](https://go-rt.com).

If you are interested in driving to campus, you must purchase a permit to park on campus between 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, you are able to park on campus in most areas without a permit. Be sure to read the signage for appropriate parking locations and hours.

To purchase a parking permit visit the **Transportation and Parking Services** website at [taps.ufl.edu](https://taps.ufl.edu) to complete the online permit form. Permits are connected to your license plate, therefore your permit request is connected digitally to your vehicle.

Also provided by Transportation & Parking Services is UF SNAP, a nighttime pick-up and drop-off service available only on the UF campus. To order a SNAP ride, download the UF SNAP by Spare app.

Overnight parking on campus is not available for students living off campus. For long-term storage parking off campus talk with your property management or landlord or visit the City of Gainesville website at [gainesvillefl.gov](https://gainesvillefl.gov) to learn more about garage parking locations and costs.

# Questions TO ASK WHEN TOURING APARTMENTS

It never hurts to ask questions. Below are the top questions you should ask when touring a prospective apartment or rental home before you sign a lease. Visit the OCL website to print additional copies of this page.

## COST

1. What is the rent cost per month?
2. What is included in the rent? Utilities, water, electric, cable, internet? Is there a cap on utilities, if so how much is the cap?
3. Are the apartments furnished? Is there an additional cost for furniture?
4. Are there any move-in specials? Do I need to sign the lease within a specific amount of time to take advantage of specials?
5. What other costs are necessary to move in? Application fee, administrative fee, deposit?
6. What options do I have to pay my rent? Can I pay with a credit card, check or other options?
7. Will I need a guarantor? If I have a guarantor, will you waive the deposit? What is the cost if I don't have a guarantor?
8. Will I need to set up my own electric or other services?
9. When is the rent due? Is there a grace period? What are the late fees? When do they take effect?
10. Are pets allowed? Is there an additional deposit or monthly charge?
11. What are the requirements for a full refund of my deposit?

## LEASE

12. What type of lease do you offer? Joint or individual?
13. How long is the lease? Can I get a shorter lease? Is there an additional monthly fee?
14. If I need to, can I sublease, relet or break my lease? Will I need to pay a sublease or relet fee?
15. Can I get a copy of the lease to review prior to signing? (Student Legal Services can review your lease before you sign it at [studentlegalservices.ufl.edu](http://studentlegalservices.ufl.edu))

## ROOMMATES & NEIGHBORS

16. Do you provide roommate matching? How do you match roommates?
17. What happens if I don't like my roommate; will you move me? Is there a fee to move?
18. Who lives in the complex? Is it undergraduate students, graduate students, non-students or families? Is it possible that my roommates will be non-students?

## AMENITIES

19. Where is the nearest bus stop? What routes serve this complex? Do I have to walk through an unlit area to get to the bus? How often do they run?
20. What facilities are offered (pool, gym, study rooms)? What are the hours?
21. Is parking provided? Do I have an assigned spot or do I need to purchase a parking permit? Is there a monthly or yearly cost? Is there guest parking? Do I need a city parking pass?
22. Does the complex organize any community events? If so, what types of events?

## MANAGEMENT

23. How can I report problems with roommates or other tenants? How do you handle roommate and neighbor issues?
24. What types of maintenance issues do you have?
25. How old is the apartment complex or rental house?
26. When was the last time the complex and the unit I'm interested in were remodeled?
27. How do you handle pest control? What are your most common pests? Have you had any issues with bed bugs?
28. Do your maintenance or pest control providers enter apartments without giving notice?
29. How do I fill out a maintenance request?

## SAFETY

30. What type of security features do you provide? Do you have a security officer? If so, what type of support do they provide?
31. Is the community gated? Do you need a code or card to access the gate?
32. What is the most common safety complaint of residents?
33. Do the windows lock? Does the door have a deadbolt? Does the door have a peephole? Do individual resident rooms have a lock? Can I install locks? How can I verify that you've changed the locks between residents?
34. Have you had any crime on the property? If yes, how have you addressed crime that has occurred?

# PACKING LIST

Don't forget these items when moving to your new off-campus home.

## BEDDING

- Blanket/Comforter
- Mattress Pad
- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Sheets
- Throw Blanket

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpack
- Stapler & Staples
- Pencil Sharpener
- Hole Punch
- Notebook(s) & Folder(s)
- Printer Paper
- Pens, Pencils, Highlighters
- Markers
- Post-It Notes
- Scissors
- Tape

## ORGANIZATION & DECORATIONS

- Closet Organizer
- Shelves/Storage Containers
- Adhesives (Sticky Tack, 3M Hooks)
- Mirror
- Clothes Hangers
- Shower Caddy
- Dry Erase Board
- Planner
- Shower Curtain & Rings
- Bathmat
- Small Room Waste Can

## APPLIANCES

- Computer/Laptop
- Mouse
- Ethernet Cable
- HDMI & Other Cables
- Flash Drive
- Chargers
- Portable USB Charger
- Printer
- Extension Cord
- Surge Protectors
- Television
- Speaker
- Gaming Console
- Microwave
- Desk Lamp
- Flashlight
- Batteries

## TOILETRIES & UTILITIES

- Towels & Washcloths
- Hand Towels
- Loofah/Back Brush
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouth Wash & Dental Floss
- Soap/Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Haircare Products
- First Aid Supplies
- Thermometer
- Advil/Tylenol

- Over-the-Counter Medication
- Tweezers
- Nail Clippers & Nail Files
- Sewing Kit
- Hair Brush/Comb
- Shaving Supplies
- Makeup
- Cotton Swabs
- Hairdryer
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Air Freshener
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray

## KITCHEN

- Pots & Pans
- Strainer/Colander
- Potholder(s)
- Measuring Cup & Spoons
- Cooking Utensils
- Small Containers & Lids
- Can Opener
- Dishes
- Cups & Mugs
- Silverware
- Dishtowels
- Dish Soap
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Dish Sponge/Scrubber
- Waste Can & Garbage Bags
- Yellow Overflow Garbage Bags
- Reusable Straws
- Reusable Grocery Bag

## CLEANING

- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Rags
- Broom & Dustpan
- Vacuum
- Mop & Bucket
- Floor Cleaner
- Counter Cleaner
- Mirror/Window Cleaner
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets
- Lint Brush
- Stain Remover Stick/Spray
- Laundry Basket/Bag
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Kitchen Soap

## PERSONAL ITEMS

- Clothes
- Umbrella/Rain Jacket
- Bike Lock(s), Reflectors, Lights
- Bike/Scooter Helmet
- Insurance Info & Driver License
- GatorONE ID
- Debit/Credit Cards
- Glasses/Contacts/Sunglasses
- Toolkit
- Prescription Medication

## MISCELLANEOUS

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# TRANSITIONING TO OFF-CAMPUS LIFE

## ROOMMATES

As in any relationship, communication is key. Share your expectations about household chores, a rent/bill payment schedule, groceries, air conditioning temperature, having company over, etc. Make sure each party understands the expectations. Compromise to make sure that all parties are being fairly heard and respected.

Having roommates can be a good way to meet new people, learn and practice effective communication skills and save on living expenses.

## ROOMMATE MATCHING AND PLACEMENT

Many apartment complexes offer roommate matching or roommate placement to help you find a roommate.

**Roommate matching** occurs when you fill out a form of preferences including living habits, cleanliness expectations, interests, etc.

**Roommate placement** is when apartment management will place you in any open space with no consideration of your living habits.

## SOME RESOURCES AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU RESOLVE ROOMMATE CONFLICT ARE:

- › **OCL's Roommate Agreement and Chore Chart** can help you establish guidelines and open lines of communication with your roommates. Visit the OCL website at [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/roommates](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/roommates).
- › **Transfer:** Talk with apartment management to see if a transfer is possible. Transferring might require you to pay a fee.
- › **Sublease:** Make sure that you can sublease or relet your apartment according to your lease terms.
- › **Tough It Out:** If you cannot move, make the most of the situation and act maturely. Try to continue to communicate positively and respectfully.

## DOES YOUR ROOMMATE NEED HELP?

If you are concerned about your roommate and want to help, consult with the CARE office through the Dean of Students Office. For more information please visit [care.dso.ufl.edu](http://care.dso.ufl.edu).

## LANDLORD AND TENANT COMMUNICATION

Make sure to talk to your apartment management team or landlord about any concerns you have with their property, from repairs to roommate issues. Make sure you get any agreements between you and your landlord or apartment complex management in writing. If your landlord refuses to make repairs or hold up their end of the lease, get legal assistance from UF's Student Legal Services office [studentlegalservices.ufl.edu](http://studentlegalservices.ufl.edu).

## MOVING OUT

Don't leave the move-out process for the last minute. OCL recommends connecting with your apartment management or landlord for their expectations at least one month before vacating your apartment. Don't forget about boxes, cleaning supplies, cleaning costs, moving expenses, storage and the help needed to make the move happen. For move-out tips, please visit the OCL website at [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/moveout](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/moveout).

## SAFETY

As you transition to living on your own, you must ensure your personal safety. Below is a short list of tips; for more safety information please visit [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/safety](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/safety).

- › Be aware of your surroundings and do not walk alone at night.
- › Do not get into vehicles with strangers.
- › Remember to lock your apartment windows and doors.
- › Remember to secure your belongings.

- › If you see something suspicious, report it.
- › Take advantage of safety resources through the University of Florida Police Department at [police.ufl.edu](http://police.ufl.edu).

## TRANSPORTATION

You can utilize many forms of transportation at UF, including walking, biking, driving or taking the local bus. Below are general transportation tips and resources; please visit the Off Campus Life website for more transportation information at [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/transportation](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/transportation).

- › When walking to and from campus, stay hydrated and carry an umbrella or rain jacket.
- › Remember to secure your bike, wear your helmet, and use front lights and taillights for safe biking.

You can utilize the RTS bus system both on and off campus by showing your Mobile GatorONE. Routes are available through the RTS website at [go-rt.com](http://go-rt.com) or through the GNV RideRTS app.

To park a car or scooter on campus, parking permits are available for online purchase through the Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) website at [taps.ufl.edu](http://taps.ufl.edu).

## FOOD

At UF, there's an abundance of on-campus food resources, including meal plans and food assistance. For more information about off-campus options, including farmers markets, shopping locations and local restaurants, visit the OCL website at [offcampus.ufl.edu/gainesville/eat-local](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/gainesville/eat-local).

## ON-CAMPUS DINING

Florida Fresh Dining offers a variety of meal plans to choose from and several food options and locations throughout campus. To learn more about locations, menus, and hours, visit [dineoncampus.com/uf](http://dineoncampus.com/uf).

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

UF wants you to be food secure. The Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry supports a food-secure campus community by providing free, safe and wholesome food to UF students and staff. Stop by in person or visit their website [pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu](http://pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu) to learn more about this essential service. In addition to the pantry, some students may qualify for assistance through the State of Florida. To learn more and to apply visit [myflfamilies.com](http://myflfamilies.com).

## POWER

Gainesville has its own utility company, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU). To set up an account or to learn more about services, visit the GRU website at [gru.com/welcome](http://gru.com/welcome).

## WASTE AND RECYCLING

There are several waste and recycling resources provided by the City of Gainesville. To learn more about expectations and resources, visit [gainesvillefl.gov](http://gainesvillefl.gov). Please visit the OCL website for additional garbage and recycling information at [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/pets-power-policies](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources/pets-power-policies).



# GET INVOLVED

Make the most of your UF experience. Get involved, whether it's getting a job on campus or joining a student organization. Below is a list of on-campus services and resources:

## › CAREER CONNECTIONS CENTER

[career.ufl.edu](http://career.ufl.edu)

C3 provides services to help you figure out your career aspirations and prepare you for the job hunt. Services include resume critiques, mock interviews, internship fairs, Fall and Spring Career Weeks and much more.

## › CENTER FOR NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

[welcome.ufl.edu](http://welcome.ufl.edu)

The Center for New Student & Family Programs is dedicated to ensuring new students, current students and family members are supported through major milestones. They facilitate positive transitions for students and family members through meaningful connections, impactful teaching and comprehensive support. They also support Family Weekend, First Year Florida, Preview and much more.

## › COUNSELING & WELLNESS CENTER

[counseling.ufl.edu](http://counseling.ufl.edu)

The Counseling & Wellness Center strives to help students learn the skills to cope with the stresses of change and growth, so they are better able to learn and thrive during their time in college and beyond.

## › DAVID AND WANDA BROWN CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

[leadershipandservice.ufl.edu](http://leadershipandservice.ufl.edu)

The David and Wanda Brown Center for Leadership & Service provides the structure and resources to help prepare students to become productive citizens and assume roles of leadership and service in an increasingly complex society. BCLS fosters lifelong service and civic participation by engaging the University of Florida and the greater community in action, change and learning.

## › DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

[dso.ufl.edu](http://dso.ufl.edu)

The Dean of Students Office creates a culture of care for students, their families, faculty and staff by providing exemplary programs and services designed to enhance students' academic and personal success. The Dean of Students Office includes Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution and the Campus Assistance & Resources for

Empowerment (CARE) area that manages the Collegiate Veterans Success Center, the Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry, medical petitions, case management services and instructor notifications.

## › DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

[disability.ufl.edu](http://disability.ufl.edu)

The Disability Resource Center works with over 7,000 Gators with disabilities. They go beyond access, removing barriers and engaging with faculty and staff to promote an accessible campus community for all.

## › FLORIDA GATORS

[floridagators.com](http://floridagators.com)

The Florida Gators Athletics website has everything you want to know about your favorite Gators sports teams, schedules and ticket information.

## › GATORWELL HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

[gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu](http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu)

GatorWell's mission is to empower UF students to build their own path toward lifelong wellbeing through prevention, advocacy and sustainable behavior change. They provide services for flourishing, healthy relationships, harm reduction and lifelong wellbeing.

## › HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

[housing.ufl.edu](http://housing.ufl.edu)

Housing & Residence Life provides students with a home in the heart of the Gator Nation through well-maintained and community-oriented facilities where residents and staff are empowered to learn, innovate and succeed.

## › MACHEN FLORIDA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

[opportunity.ufl.edu](http://opportunity.ufl.edu)

The Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program boldly reimagines the first-generation student experience by providing transformative access, comprehensive scholarships and elite support programs. Together, they are changing the trajectories of students and their families, ensuring that all of Florida's brightest and most talented students can succeed in their lives and careers by earning degrees from the state's premier university.

## › ON OR OFF-CAMPUS JOBS

[jobs.ufl.edu](http://jobs.ufl.edu)

Students can search online for part-time positions at UF. Federal Work-Study positions are offered as well as non-needs-based jobs and Veteran's Affairs Work-Study. For more information, students should visit the Student Employment Office in S-107 Criser Hall. For off-campus jobs, students can visit the Career Connections Center for tips and resume review.

## › OFF CAMPUS AMBASSADORS

[offcampus.ufl.edu/connect/off-campus-ambassadors](http://offcampus.ufl.edu/connect/off-campus-ambassadors)

The Off Campus Ambassadors (OCAs) are a student organization sponsored by Off Campus Life. Their purpose is to provide support to the Off Campus Life office and help engage students with OCL resources and the greater Gainesville community. All students, whether they live on or off campus are eligible to be members. To learn more and to apply for membership, visit the ambassador page through the Off Campus Life website.

## › RECREATIONAL SPORTS

[recsports.ufl.edu](http://recsports.ufl.edu)

RecSports at UF has two workout facilities, an indoor track, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, sand volleyball, basketball and racquetball/handball courts. RecSports provides personal training, intramural and club sports, e-sports leagues, nutrition counseling, daily group fitness classes and outdoor programming through the Center for Outdoor Recreation and Education (CORE) and Lake Wauburg.

## › STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

[studentengagement.ufl.edu](http://studentengagement.ufl.edu)

Student Engagement is dedicated to creating opportunities for all students to find and build community. Within Student Engagement are the offices of Campus Engagement, Community & Belonging, Sorority & Fraternity Life and Student Legal Services.

## › WHAT TO DO FOR FUN IN GAINESVILLE

[gainesvillefl.gov](http://gainesvillefl.gov)

Gainesville is known for being a tree city with wonderful state and city parks. Gainesville also has a vibrant arts community with local artists and annual art festivals. To learn more about local state parks and the arts, visit [gainesvillefl.gov/government-pages/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-affairs](http://gainesvillefl.gov/government-pages/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-affairs).

To stay updated on upcoming events in Gainesville, sign up for the "What's Good" weekly events guide at [visitgainesville.com](http://visitgainesville.com).

**See pages 14-15** for a City of Gainesville map with a list of local attractions. Many of the local businesses, including restaurants, auto mechanics and movie theaters offer student discounts.



# Resources

## THERE'S MORE TO EXPLORE

Off Campus Life and the University of Florida offer a wealth of resources for you. Scan the QR code or visit [offcampus.ufl.edu/resources](https://offcampus.ufl.edu/resources) to learn about what's available.



# Discover GAINESVILLE

Would you like to explore local Gainesville hotspots on and off campus each month for free? Off Campus Life sponsors several events throughout the year to help UF students to be successful living off campus. The Discover Gainesville event series gives students a chance to experience new venues, food and culture around town guided by local experts at no cost. Examples include pottery painting, goat yoga, kayaking, blueberry picking and much more. To learn more about the Discover Gainesville event series visit us on OCL's social media @UFOffCampusLife.

## LOOKING TO DISCOVER GAINESVILLE ON YOUR OWN?

Here are the top 20 Gainesville things Off Campus Life recommends you do before graduating.

- Watch a football game in **The Swamp**
- Bike the **Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail**
- Eat at **Satchel's Pizza**
- Volunteer – visit the **UF David and Wanda Brown Center for Leadership & Service** for service projects
- Go sailing at **Lake Wauburg**
- See a show at the **Hippodrome State Theatre**
- Shop at the **Haile Farmers Market**
- Register to vote** locally and vote in local and national elections
- Take an adventure trip with **UF's Center for Outdoor Recreation and Education (CORE)**
- Volunteer for Gainesville's DIY music festival, **The Fest** - volunteers receive a free wristband to attend
- Try a group fitness class at **Southwest Recreation Center** or **Student Recreation & Fitness Center**
- Attend the **Downtown Arts Festival**
- Check out the **Santa Fe College Zoo & Planetarium**
- Apply to be on a **City of Gainesville board** – many city boards have student seats
- Walk the stairs and trail at **Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park**
- Visit the **Harn Museum** or the **Florida Museum of Natural History**
- Hike at **Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park**
- See the bats fly out at sundown at the **UF Bat Houses**
- Buy a book at the **Friends of the Library Book Sale**
- Picnic at **Depot Park**

# CITY OF GAINESVILLE MAP

\*This map is intended to provide approximate building locations and is not to scale.



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