

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Boca Raton, FL
www.fau.edu
15,500 undergraduates

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) opened in 1964, and has grown to include five satellite campuses located in Dania Beach, Davie, Fort Lauderdale, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College in Jupiter and the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce. The university offers more than 180 undergraduate and graduate degree programs within its 10 colleges in addition to a professional degree from the College of Medicine.

FAU has achieved special distinction in the areas of ocean engineering, biomedical research, nursing, accounting, entrepreneurship, arts and humanities, complex systems and brain sciences, honors education, Judaic and Holocaust studies, stochastics, and computer science and engineering. Students enjoy the beach nearby, as well as active sports on campus, and the bustling towns of South Florida.

Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football and Soccer, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, FL
www.famu.edu
6,900 undergraduates

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded on the highest of seven hills in Tallahassee in 1887 and is the only public Historically Black College in Florida. The university offers 56 bachelor's degrees, 29 master's degrees within 11 of the university's 13 schools and colleges.

Two professional degrees and 12 doctoral degree programs are offered. The Florida A&M University – Florida State University College of Engineering is the joint engineering school of the two universities.

As of 2014, the school enrolls about 2,584 undergraduates and graduate students. Students enjoy an exciting environment in Tallahassee in the shadows of the state capitol, FSU and Tallahassee Community College nearby, and FAMU football with the world renowned Marching Rattler band.

Division I Baseball, Basketball and Division IAA Football, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

Ft. Myers, FL
www.fgcu.edu
10,700 undergraduates

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is one of the newest state universities, opening in 1997. FGCU originally opened with all professors holding graduate degrees. The allure of living in southwest Florida brought professors from all over the country. Dorms circling a lake on campus, and the campus supports environmental sustainability.

Academic Building 7, the new facility housing science laboratories and classrooms for the College of Arts and Sciences, achieved platinum certification, the highest level awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

One of the smallest state universities, students from southeast Florida see this campus as a very viable option. Florida Gulf Coast University academics are divided into six colleges, including the College of Engineering.

In 2013 the little-known university advanced to the sweet 16 in the NCAA basketball tournament, which propelled the university to national prominence. Again, in 2017, they are in the tournament. Division II Baseball & Basketball as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.





FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Miami, FL

www.fiu.edu

25,600 undergraduates

Florida International University (FIU) opened in Miami in 1972, and has become one of the largest state universities with two main campuses, the 344-acre Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) in western Miami-Dade County, and the waterfront 200-acre Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County.

The university offers 191 programs of study with more than 280 majors in 23 colleges and schools. Serving students from Miami, as well as throughout the state of Florida and beyond, FIU has the one of the largest percentage of Hispanic students of any university in the US.

Through an annual TEDxFIU event, FIU shares student, faculty and alumni ideas with the world. It's location in Miami allows students studying international business access to the Caribbean, as well as Latin and South America.

Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football & Soccer, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Lakeland, FL

www.floridapolytechnic.org

864 undergraduates (80% men, 20% women)

Florida Polytechnic University opened in 2014, as the state's 12th university and the only one dedicated to core subjects in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The non-traditional academic environment focuses on applied learning, specifically in technology and engineering.

Small class sizes give faculty the opportunity to work closely with high-caliber students, and the most advanced technology - including a supercomputer, 3D printing lab, media lab and nanotechnology lab - sets Florida Poly apart from other state universities. The University partners closely with industry leading firms to provide students with opportunities for internships, networking and fun corporate-sponsored challenges that teach app-building, prototyping and engineering skills beyond the classroom.

Lakeland is just a 45-minute drive from Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, professional sports teams, and thriving performing art centers.

Currently Florida Polytechnic has no athletic teams; however, students enjoy activities and the wellness center on campus.



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, FL

www.fsu.edu

29,000 undergraduates

Florida State University (FSU) is one of the oldest universities in Florida, opening in 1851. Designated as a Carnegie Research University (very high research activity), Florida State offers more than 320 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs, including medicine and law.

Florida State is home to Florida's only National Laboratory - the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and is the birthplace of the commercially viable anti-cancer drug Taxol. FSU also has some of the best performing arts programs in the country, The Flying High Circus, one of only two on university campuses in the country.

Numerous international programs throughout the world include year-round programs in Florence, Italy; London, England; Panama City, Panama; and Valencia, Spain. FSU has one of the largest student bodies in the state system, however, has the smallest campus size, only 450 acres, creating an intimate feel. Students can walk from one side of campus to the other in 10 minutes. FSU is located in the "Other Florida": the one with rolling hills, flowering azaleas and dogwoods, and a canopy of moss-draped oaks. Glistening Gulf of Mexico waters are only half an hour away. Students enjoy an exciting environment in Tallahassee in the shadows of the state capitol, and a very large number of college students in town, with both FAMU and Tallahassee Community College nearby.

Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



New College

THE HONORS COLLEGE of Florida

Sarasota, FL

www.ncf.edu

861 undergraduates (no graduate degrees)

Founded in 1960, New College is a small liberal arts honors college. There are no grades and GPAs, so students compete with themselves rather than their classmates. The shape of any student's program depends heavily on the outlook of his or her faculty sponsor, and students say advising—both academic and career—is readily available.

College alumni include a Rhodes scholar, a Fields Medal winner, two Carnegie and Mellon Fellows, and a Gates Cambridge Fellow. What's more, NCF has produced 61 Fulbright scholars since 2005. Strong programs in psychology, biology, and anthropology complement the liberal arts offerings and boost the reputation of this fast-rising star.

New College's campus is adjacent to Sarasota Bay and consists of historic mansions from the former estate of circus magnate Charles Ringling, abutting modern dorms designed by I. M. Pei. The central quad is filled with palm trees, and sunsets over the bay are spectacular. Students are active and highly aware of social and political issues.

New College has no varsity teams, although the school is a member of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association. Many students take advantage of intramural sports, which range from basketball, soccer, and softball to swimming and sailing.



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Orlando, FL

www.ucf.edu

37,600 undergraduates

University of Central Florida, opening in 1963, is the second-largest university in the nation. UCF and its 13 colleges provide offer 212 degree programs from UCF's main campus, hospitality campus, health sciences campus and its 10 regional locations. UCF promotes a diverse and inclusive environment - forty-three percent of UCF students are minorities and 22.5 percent are Hispanic.

Located northeast of Orlando, students enjoying the large city of Orlando, as well as modern shops, restaurants and bars in close proximity to campus. Internships abound both in Orlando and in the nearby space coast. The university's Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy is ranked the number one video game program in North America. UCF produces more engineering graduates who get jobs in aerospace and defense companies than any other U.S. university, according to a 2015 Aviation Week magazine workforce study, and the Collegiate Cyber Defense Club has won two consecutive national championships. The Burnett Honors College combines the intimacy of a small liberal arts college with the advantages of a large metropolitan research university.

Only a few hours away, UCF has become a very popular option for students in South Florida. Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football and Soccer, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

Gainesville, FL

www.ufl.edu

30,900 undergraduates

Set on 2,000 acres of rolling, heavily forested terrain in north-central Florida, the University of Florida opened in 1953 as the flagship university in the state of Florida. UF's campus has more than 20 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Most are collegiate Gothic in style—redbrick with white trim. They're augmented by more modern facilities, including a 173,000-square-foot complex for nursing, pharmacy, and the health professions, and an honors dorm complex, which offers suite-style living, a computer lab, classrooms, and a full-time hono is a federal-state-county partnership dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and has a location in every community around the state of Florida.

UF Health Shands Hospital on campus is a nationally recognized teaching and research hospital. University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) 95 percent of students here hail from the Sunshine State. Despite the geographical homogeneity, they're an ethnically diverse bunch, with African Americans adding 7 percent of the student body, Asian Americans 8 percent, and Hispanics 20 percent. Gainesville, a small town surrounded by farms and lakes, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, is a true college town. Gainesville revolves around UF.

There are plenty of stores, restaurants, and bars, as well as a sports arena and the Center for Performing Arts, which brings in world-class symphony orchestras, Broadway plays, opera, and large-scale ballet productions.

Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football and Soccer (women's), as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



UNF UNIVERSITY of NORTH FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, FL

www.unf.edu

9,500 undergraduates

The University of North Florida (UNF), established in 1965, is guided by its commitments to excellence, focus, relevance, and accountability. Nestled just off the lowlands of the intercostal, just west of the beautiful Atlantic beaches, and just east of the bustling Jacksonville, UNF is a well-kept secret of the state university system.

The philosophy of UNF has been to have a quality undergraduate education, rather than striving for graduate research programs. The classes are smaller, and students enjoy the natural feel of the campus in the middle of a wildlife preserve. Local bars with live music thrive, and though there is no football on campus, students enjoy the local NFL team, the Jacksonville Jaguars. UNF is known for its excellent jazz and music programs.

Division I Baseball, Basketball and Soccer, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.



USF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Tampa, FL

www.usf.edu

24,000 undergraduates

The University of South Florida (USF) System is a young and agile system that includes three institutions - USF; USF St. Petersburg; and USF Sarasota-Manatee. USF, the main doctoral research institution in Tampa, is home to USF Health, which includes the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, and Pharmacy; and to the College of Marine Science that is physically located in St. Petersburg.

With more than 180 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialty and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine, USF offers a dynamic learning environment that inspires innovation and creativity and is focused on student success. USF St. Petersburg prides itself on offering an intimate, waterfront campus environment with all the resources and reputation shared as part of the USF System. With smaller classes and an emphasis on community engagement, it offers nearly 40 degree programs at the bachelor's and master's levels.

USF Sarasota-Manatee similarly offers a smaller, personalized learning setting with highly qualified faculty and a diverse student body from all ages and walks of life. Its scenic campus is an important piece of Sarasota's Cultural Corridor; its close proximity and relationships with nearby arts and educational institutions, including the Ringling Museum, Ringling College of Art and Design, historic Crosley Mansion, New College of Florida, and State College of Florida open opportunities and partnerships for students and faculty researchers.

Division I Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Soccer on the Tampa campus, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports on each of the three campuses.



UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA

Pensacola, FL

www.uwf.edu

10,100 Undergraduates

Founded in 1963, the University of West Florida is in Pensacola, with multiple locations throughout Northwest Florida. UWF is so far from South Florida, it is actually in another time zone. If students would like to go to college as far away as possible from their parents, and still pay in-state tuition, this is the place for them!

UWF offers more than 45 undergraduate degree programs, 25 master's degree programs, two specialist degrees and a doctorate in education. Pensacola is rich with historical sites and Pensacola Beach has the most beautiful white sand. The University of West Florida is one of only a few institutions in the United States which offers a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. Wetlands and estuarine marshes of the main campus, as well as the nearby Santa Rosa Island campus and the Gulf of Mexico, provide living specimens for study and serve as laboratories supporting elective courses.

Division II Baseball, Basketball and Soccer, as well as many other teams, club sports and intramural sports.

