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PATHe can talk to you about...

- Post-secondary school options

- Admissions requirements

- Scholarships and financial aid

- Career and major options

- SPC to USF St. Petersburg campus

- Why it's important to have a "PATHe"

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Cruising to College

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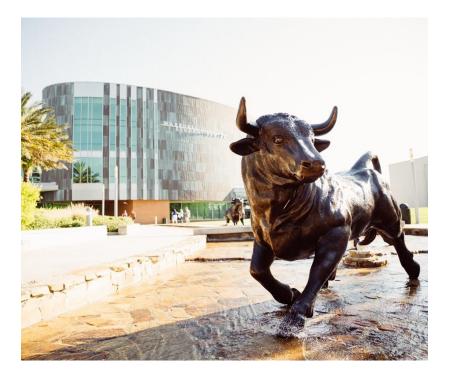
Agenda/Topics to Be Covered

- General Admissions
  - Timeline
  - How to send Test Scores
  - When to Apply and How to Check your Application
- Application Process
  - Common Application
  - University Specific Application
  - Letters of Recommendation
- Importance of rigor in schedule
  - First Time in College Scholarships
  - GPA
  - College Credit
- Residency

General Admissions

- <u>Where am I going to apply?</u>
  - **Academic Fit** (Does it offer a variety of what I am interested in studying)
  - **Social Fit** (Large, Medium, Small)
  - **Financial Fit** (Do we know our budget)
  - **Visit, Visit, Visit**
- <u>Check what applications the colleges/ universities use</u>
  - Can multiple universities be found in one application (Example: Common Application)
- <u>Create a checklist for what each institution requires</u>
  - SSAR or official high school transcript
  - Holistic Review or Merit Based
- <u>Research</u>

USF Admissions Timeline

August 1st: Summer/Fall application opens.

November 1st: * Priority Application Deadline

December 10th: Frist release of admissions decisions

January15th: Merit Scholarship Deadline

March 1st Final Application Deadline

March 15st Final Supporting documents Deadline

May 1st National Decision Deadline (YAY!)

*Priority Application Deadline:

Students **must submit an application** to USF by the priority deadline to qualify for benefits like:

- Priority Decision Notification on December 10

- Priority Consideration for Term of Choice

- Priority Consideration for Campus of Choice

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*Priority Application Deadline:

ALL Required documents including test scores, the SSAR/transcript(s), most be **received** before January 15th to be automatically considered for merit-based admissions scholarships

FSU

Application Plans	Application Deadlines	Materials Deadlines	Additional Test Score Deadlines	Decision Release Dates
Early Action *Florida Students Only*	October 15, 2025	October 22, 2025	December 1, 2025	December 11, 2025
Regular Decision *All Students*	December 1, 2025	December 8, 2025	January 1, 2026	February 12, 2026
Rolling Decision *All Students*	March 1, 2026	March 8, 2026	March 8, 2026	Rolling Basis in April

For information about potential decisions for each release, please visit **https://admissions.fsu.edu/first-year/decisions**.
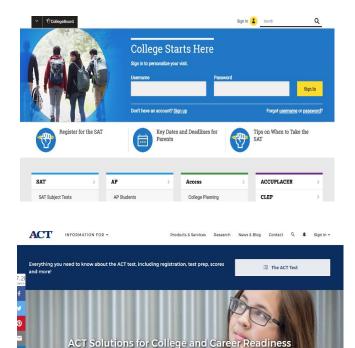
UF

Application Deadlines	Early Action	Regular Decision
Application Deadline	November 1	January 15
Materials Deadline*	November 15	January 31
Decision Notification	January 24	March 14
Decision Outcomes	Admit, Deny, or Defer	Admit, Waitlist, Pathways, or Deny

How to Send
Test Scores

- Test scores must be sent **officially** through College Board or the ACT website
  - FSU allows a student to Self-Report test scores for the admissions decision process but will ask for official scores if a student enrolls
- Several schools will super score
- Take the SAT or ACT at least twice

- School Codes:

  - UF
- SAT: 5812
- ACT: 0758

  - UCF
- SAT: 5233
- ACT: 0735

  - USF
- SAT: 5828
- ACT: 0761

When to Apply and How to Check your Application

- Apply **EARLY**
- Most (if not all) colleges and universities within the Florida College System have an application portal for students to check what items are missing and for their application status
- Students: **check your email!**
  - Colleges and universities will send out items listing your missing items. You do NOT want to miss these emails
- When in doubt, check your application portal or give your admissions recruiter a call

Application Process

- Check what applications the colleges/ universities use
  - Can multiple universities be found in one application (Example: Common Application)
- Check for application fees and if an institution accepts a fee waiver
  - NACAC fee waiver is based on economic need or special circumstance
- Check what is required for each college or university
  - Do they need a letter of recommendation, resume, or essay

Applications

- Common Application
  - Features over 900 including USF, FSU, and UF
- University Specific Application
  - UCF, USF

Students emails for applications

UF

1. Gather your materials.
You will need:
- A copy of your transcript for any school you have attended with the grades you have earned
- A list of your high school activities including jobs, clubs, sports, community service, etc.
- Information about your parent(s) or guardian(s), such as educational background, occupation and employer information.

2. Complete All sections of The Application.

Fill in your profile information. Your profile is where you'll enter information that will be sent to all schools to which you apply. The University of Floridarequires the following sections:

Information about who you are and how to contact you, your address, citizenship, high school and family information
- Current-year coursework
- Honors and distinctions
- Activities and experiences

Complete the UF Supplement. This includes a few additional short-answer questions so that we can learn more about you when reviewing your application.

Complete the essay questions. The essay helps our admissions staff get to know you better. Use this space to tell us something about yourself that we wouldn't learn elsewhere in your application. And remember, the best essay topic for you is going to be the one that you are most excited to write about.

3. Courses and Grades: The SSAR
Once you have submitted your application, a link will appear on your status page to create your **Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR)**. List your high school courses and grades exactly as they appear on your transcript. You must complete the SSAR by November 15 for your application to be complete. If you begin the SSAR separately before submitting your UF application, be sure to link it to your application once your application has been submitted.
If you have attended a high school outside the United States, you will not submit the SSAR. Refer to our international admissions information.
If you have questions about how to complete the SSAR, refer to the SSAR Support Center for instructions, FAQs, and to submit a question.

4. Submit your test scores.
Submit your test scores to UF no later than December 1. You may either self-report your SAT and/or ACT scores through your application status page or send official scores from the testing agency. Since accuracy is critical, students who choose to self-report should have a copy of their SAT/ACT score report(s) available to reference when submitting their scores. Because UF superscores both the SAT and ACT, we encourage you to submit scores for all SAT or ACT tests you have taken. If admitted, students who have self-reported their scores in the admissions process will be required to submit official scores from the testing agency to UF by May 1
UF has no preference for either test. We superscore both the SAT and ACT, meaning that if you take either test multiple times, we will combine your highest subsection scores across test dates for the same exam. If you choose to send us scores from both the SAT and the ACT, we will consider whichever composite score is most competitive for admission.
Miss the test score deadline?
UF's deadline for receipt of test scores is December 1. If your test scores are received after December 1, your application will be considered on a space-available basis.

USF

Freshman Applicants
APPLY TO USF IN 4 EASY STEPS

1 Submit Application

Complete the USF **institution application** or complete the one you started in or **Common App.**

2 Pay Application Fee

Pay the non-refundable $30 application fee (if you have not done so already) or submit an ACT/SAT application fee waiver to **admissions@usf.edu.** If the application fee was not paid at the time of application submission, you may pay it online via **OASIS.**

3 Complete the Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR)

After applying to USF, you will receive an email to fill out the **SSAR** with your University ID (UID) number embedded within it. You will self-report your relevant coursework and grades to USF for admission consideration. Please fill out all information requested within the SSAR portal to be considered for admission.

Once you fill out all information, please "submit" the information on the SSAR website.

If you need to edit any information after submission on your SSAR, please reach out to the Office of Admissions at **admissions@usf.edu.**

NOTE: If you choose to enroll at USF, you are required to submit your official final High School transcript no later than one week prior to the start of your term. Failure to submit transcripts in a timely manner may cause a delay in processing financial aid and registering for classes.

4 Send Official SAT or ACT Scores

Students are required to send SAT or ACT scores directly from the testing service to USF Admissions.

Request official SAT scores directly from The College Board. **USF code is 5828.**

Request official ACT scores directly from ACT, Inc. **USF code is 0761.**

Students are only **required** to submit either SAT or ACT scores, but they are **encouraged** to submit both. USF superscores, meaning we consider your highest submitted section scores across all SAT and ACT test dates. Final admission decisions are made using only your highest cumulative scores.

USF will not accept scores from the Common App portal, your guidance counselor or PDF screenshot. Scores must come directly from SAT or ACT testing services.

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Ready to Apply?

STEP 1 Apply online using our **institutional application** or the **Common App. Students should only submit one application.**

STEP 2 Create your **Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)**, using your official high school transcript as a guide. To learn more about the SSAR, **view our FAQ** and **watch our how-to videos**.

STEP 3 Complete the following items on the **Application Status Check** by the application deadline:

a. Self-report all **ACT** and/or **SAT** scores.

b. Link your **SSAR** through your **Application Status Check**. Please allow one to two business days after linking for the checklist item to be satisfied.

c. Choose one **essay question** and upload your essay.

d. Upload one **resume/list of activities**.

STEP 4 Complete the **Residency Declaration** form.

UCF

What You Need to Apply:

- ☑ Completed Self-Provided Academic Record for Knights "SPARK" Form; Students who have already completed high school must submit a current official high school or home-school transcript

- ☑ Official SAT [code: 5233] or ACT [code: 0735] score

- ☑ Official GED or TOEFL/IELTS score, if applicable

- ☑ Application essay (strongly encouraged but not required)

- ☑ $30 nonrefundable application fee

- ☑ Completed online application:

UCF   **Apply using the UCF Undergraduate Application**

common app   **Apply with Common App**

Why is rigor important in your schedule

FSU

Admitted Student Profile
4.2 - 4.6
Academic Core GPA *
1340 - 1450
SAT *
30 - 33
ACT *

UF

GPA
4.5-4.7
SAT
1360-1500
ACT
30-34

UCF

Average High School GPA
4.01 - 4.55
Average SAT Score
1332 - 1420
Average ACT Score
29 - 31

USF

ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE
Fall
GPA: 4.07-4.55
SAT: 1250-1400
ACT: 27-31

Summer
GPA: 3.61-4.15
SAT: 1100-1190
ACT: 22-25

Florida Residency

- Some applications will have a Florida Residency Declaration section within the application; otherwise, there is a Florida Residency Declaration form
- It is imperative that this is completed as soon as possible
- Students that are **under the age of 24 will be using their parent or guardian's information**

To Be Completed by the Claimant/Person Claiming FL Residency:

Note: If the student is a **dependent**, the parent is the claimant and will complete this section and provide supporting documentation. If the student is **independent**, the student is the claimant and will complete this section and provide supporting documentation. **No single document shall be conclusive in establishing residency. Additional documentation, other than what is prescribed, may be requested in some cases. All documentation provided is subject to verification. Evidence of ties to another state may result in denial of Florida residency for tuition purposes.**

Claimant/Name of Person Claiming FL Residency: _____

Claimant's Relationship to Student: _____

Claimant's Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date Claimant began establishing legal FL residence: _____

Florida Residency Declaration Documents

Provision of Documents to Support Claim of Florida Residency

Per s. 1009.21(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the residency determination must be documented by the submission of written or electronic verification that includes two or more of the documents identified below. No single piece of evidence shall be conclusive.

A. **Claimant must provide at least one of the following of his/her personal documentation:**

- ☐ Florida voter's registration card. Number:_____ Issue Date:_____/_____/ _____

- ☐ Florida driver's license. Number:_____ Original Issue Date:_____/_____/_____ Current Issue Date:_____/_____/ _____

- ☐ State of Florida identification card. Number:_____ Original Issue Date:_____/_____/_____ Current Issue Date:_____/_____/ _____

- ☐ Florida vehicle registration. Number (VIN):_____ Original Issue Date:_____/_____/_____ Current Issue Date:_____/_____/ _____

- ☐ Proof of permanent home in Florida occupied as primary residence for 12 consecutive months prior to the student's enrollment. (Required: document such as a deed or other evidence of title to property used as primary residence, a homeowner's policy, a title insurance policy, evidence of a property tax payment on the primary residence, or a lease of multiple years' duration)

- ☐ Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida. (**Required:** document from the county tax collector demonstrating the application of a homestead exemption to the claimant's primary residence.)

- ☐ Official transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years (2 or more years), if the Florida high school diploma or GED® was earned within the last 12 months.

  (Dates of Attendance:_____ Graduation Date:_____/_____/_____). (**Required:** transcript)

- ☐ Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for at least 30 hours per week for a 12 month period. (**Required:** pay stubs or W-2 form for past 12 consecutive months)

B. **Claimant may provide one or more documents from the following categories to demonstrate residency in Florida (to be used in conjunction with one document from above):**

- ☐ Declaration of domicile in Florida.
- ☐ Florida professional or occupational license.
- ☐ Florida incorporation.
- ☐ Document evidencing family ties in Florida.
- ☐ Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or professional organization. Any other documentation that supports your request for resident status, including, but not limited to, utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing legal ties to Florida.

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