Directly guided by its core activities, UCF Connect provides targeted and intentional programs and services to its constituents. Simply put, we want to connect students with new learning opportunities which allow them to collaborate with peers, faculty, and communities.

This resource guide provides an overview of educational resources available to all UCF students, while highlighting additional programs and services that intentionally support UCF’s goal to be a model Hispanic Serving Institution.
Educational and Student Support Services

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

UCF Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)
Provides academic support services for all UCF students, both face-to-face and online.

UCF Multicultural Academic Support Services (MASS)
Assists multicultural and first-generation college students in their transition to UCF and by connecting with the University community and our partners to promote and facilitate academic support services and programs.

Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center (KMETC)
Empowers and supports all UCF undergraduate students in an undeclared designation or in the major exploration process.

High Impact Practices (HIPs)
Provides students with an opportunity to expand their learning inside and outside the classroom. These opportunities integrate their academic experience to prepare students for what’s next.

Transfer Knights
The one-stop-shop for integrating into campus either as a first-time transfer student or any semester afterward. Hosts general meetings that consist of fun activities that allow you to get to know other students in addition to offering workshops and resources both on and off-campus.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UCF Financial Aid Main Site

Applying for Financial Aid Checklist

Helpful Scholarship Tips

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Offers many scholarships for community college students who are transferring or have transferred to a four-year university.

Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando

Scholarships for Latinos

Financial Aid for International Students

Scholarships and Financial Aid Resources for Minority Students

Resources and Scholarships for DACA or TPS Students
Educational and Student Support Services

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

CREAR Futuros
A peer-mentor based initiative designed to improve Latino student success at UCF.

Tau Sigma
Transfer student honor society
Members are encouraged to promote student involvement at UCF, especially in activities and programs that assist other transfer students in making a successful transition.

UCF Clubs and Organizations

HISPANIC/LATINO HIGHLIGHTS

UCF as a Hispanic Serving Institution

UCF HSI Facts 19-20

UCF Named a Top School for Hispanic Students

Latinx Leadership Course (LDR 3215)

UCF Hispanic Students to Get New Support in STEM Fields

Knightly Latino: Bi-lingual News

Puerto Rican Research Hub
The mission of the UCF Puerto Rico Research Hub is to investigate the Puerto Rican population and demographic trends to better inform public policy decisions including housing demands, job creation, health issues, social integration and education.
Career Resources

There are several resources, professional organizations and search engines dedicated to increasing representation of Hispanic/Latinx professionals in the workforce. UCF Career Services offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for all students.

These resources and organizations provide additional opportunities for career enhancement through a Latino/a/x lens.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**SHPE - Leading Hispanics in Stem**
SHPE is the nation’s largest association dedicated to fostering Hispanic leadership in the STEM field.

**HPRA – Hispanic Public Relations Association**
HPRA is a national membership organization representing forward-thinking PR practitioners with interest and/or expertise in the Hispanic market.

**TechLatino – Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association**
TechLatino is a national community for Latino technology professionals, businesses and students.

**ALPFA UCF**
The ALPFA UCF student chapter was established provides leadership and professional development to Latin American students majoring in business and STEM.

**JOB SEARCH ENGINES**

**All Hispanic Jobs**

**IHispanso**
Career site for Hispanic and bilingual professionals.

**Saludos**
Job listing from employers who are actively recruiting qualified Hispanics for positions in their companies.

**ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES**

**UCF Career Services**

**UCF Virtual Career Resources**

**HACE – Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement**
Provides links, services, programs and access to professional organizations for the Hispanic community.

**IMDiversity**
Careers, opportunities, and diversity-focused news and resources.
Community Resources

There are several community resources available to UCF Students; some listed below provide intentional support to the Hispanic/Latinx community.

Services and resources include: housing and Immigration services, mental health services, English classes and victim advocacy services.

HOUSING

Orlando Housing
Program to assist families who are low income with Section 8 public housing.
390 North Bumby Ave.
Orlando, FL 32803
407-894-1500

Orange County Housing and Community Development Division
Section 8 public assistance services.
525 E. South St. #2801
Orlando, FL 32801
407-836-5150

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando
Assists families with resources for better housing environments.
4116 Silver Star Rd.
Orlando, FL 32808
407-648-4567

Asesoría de Modificación de Services (HANDS)
Assists families to find housing to buy or rent and assist with mortgage modifications.
1707 Orlando Central Pkwy. #350
Orlando, FL 32809
407-447-5686 ext. 202

IMMIGRATION

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Provides immigration services and information.
6680 Corporate Ctr. Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32822
1-800-375-5283

Hope Community Center
Provides free immigration information and services to the community
1016 North Park Ave.
Apopka, FL 32712
407-880-4673

Mi Familia Vota
Provides citizenship workshops for permanent residents who would like to become U.S. Citizens. Free consultations with an immigration officer.
5449 S. Semoran Blvd. Ste 19A
Orlando, FL 32803
321-400-5775
Community Resources

UCF AND COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

UCF Cares
Helps the UCF community get connected to needed resources.

Counseling and Psychological Services
A free-of-charge campus agency designated to provide psychological services to university-enrolled students.

Student Care Services
Offers guidance, resources, and referrals for UCF students who are experiencing a distressing situation which impedes academic or personal success.

Disaster Distress Helpline
Hotline that assists people with mental and emotional crisis after going through natural or human disasters. They speak Spanish and are available 24/7.
800-985-5990
or text TalkWithUs to 66746

UCF Community Counseling and Research Center
407-823-2052

Aspire Health Partners
Mental health counseling and support group services.
407-875-3500

Community Counseling Center
Central Florida
407-291-8009

BayCare Student Assistance Program
Trained staff are available to help college students with any stress or anxiety they may be experiencing and refer them to a therapist in their area, 24/7. Service is confidential and free to students.
800-878-5470
BayCareSAP@baycare.org

VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES

UCF Police Department
407-823-3088

UCF Victim Services
Provides confidential advocacy and support to the UCF Community, 24/7.
12201 Research Pkwy., Suite 450
Orlando, FL 32826
407-823-1200
Text 407-823-6868

Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.
Certified Rape Crisis Center in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. Serving victims of sexual assault, violent crime and traumatic circumstance through free and confidential crisis intervention, therapy, advocacy and outreach.

Safe House of Seminole County
Support for victims of domestic violence, abuse, dating violence, stalking in Seminole county.
407-330-3933

HELP Now
Support for victims of domestic violence in Osceola county.
1000 W Emmett St.
Kissimmee, FL 34741
407-847-3286

Harbor House of Central Florida
Advocacy support for victims of domestic violence, abuse, dating violence, stalking.
407-886-2856

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Call or text 800-273-8255
Community Resources

**ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS START UPS**

**La Florida Services**  
Help with new corporations, accounting, payroll, pay as you go workers compensation, business licenses, business and personal taxes.  
11356 S. Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, FL 32837  
407-723-1333

**Orlando Business Development Center**  
Assistance to start a business.  
3201 East Colonial Dr, Suite A20  
Orlando, FL 32803  
407-420-4850

**UCF Small Business Development Center**

**UCF Incubators**

**LEGAL AID**

**Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida**  
Civil legal aid is free legal assistance to low-income people who have civil legal problems.  
800-405-1417

**OTHER SERVICES**

**Shepherd’s Hope**  
Free or reduced health and medical services.  
407-876-6699

**Heart of Florida United Way**  
Free service that connects residents to critical health and social service resources when they need help, available 24/7.  
407-835-0900