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<td>Private bath or share with 3-4 other rooms</td>
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- Student Learning & Engagement
- Global Understanding & Diversity
- Service Delivery
- Communication & Collaboration
- Assessment
- Resources: People, Finances, Technology & Facilities

# Values

As members of an inclusive community, we value:

- Excellence
- Leadership & Service
- Exploration & Creativity
- Respect for Others
- Diversity
- Communication
- Health
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Lake Wauburg
Sofia Hanabergh, Alejandro Saenz and Frankie Gorora take a break from paddleboarding to pose for the camera.

## Cover Photographer
Alejandro Saenz
Alejandro won Off Campus Life’s cover photo contest. Alejandro is a UF junior studying Business Marketing. He uses a Go-Pro to capture his many adventures.

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Hello Off-Campus Students & Family Members,

I would like to welcome you to the University of Florida and the City of Gainesville. Living off campus is an exciting opportunity. This guide has been created to assist you with the transition to off-campus life and to help you better understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant and member of the greater Gainesville community.

The City of Gainesville is a great place to live. Take some time to get to know the city and get involved. Getting involved is easy. Sign up through UF to do service in the community, work for a local business, join a city board, or shop at local Gainesville businesses. Also, get to know your neighbors who might be UF staff, local business owners, mothers, fathers, retired UF professors, police officers or students like you. Gainesville is your new community. Take advantage of its wonderful resources.

If I could give you one piece of advice, it is to stay connected to UF by getting involved on campus. There are many ways to get involved on campus including joining a student organization, doing research, finding an on-campus job, joining a fraternity or sorority, or getting involved with an organization related to your major. This connection to UF will help you to feel more engaged with the UF community and help you to be successful both in and out of the classroom.

The University of Florida’s Office of Off Campus Life and the Division of Student Affairs are here to help you have the best college experience possible. In addition to this publication, Off Campus Life provides several services and resources to help you succeed as an off-campus student. Please see the next page in this publication for more information about Off Campus Life’s staff and services or visit our website at www.offcampus.ufl.edu. Off Campus Life is here to help answer your questions either by phone (352) 392-1207, email norak@offcampus.ufl.edu, or in person at our office in 311 Peabody Hall.

Welcome to Gainesville and Go Gators!

Sincerely,

Nora L. Kilroy
Director of Off Campus Life
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OFF CAMPUS LIFE

Mission
Off Campus Life is committed to educating and assisting UF students to achieve a positive off-campus living experience. Through OCL’s resources, services and support we foster leadership and civic engagement to develop great gator neighbors in Gainesville and throughout the Gator Nation.

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Alyssa is a second-year graduate student pursuing her Master’s in Advertising. Her role at the Off Campus Life office includes graphic design, strategic planning and outreach. She moved to Gainesville from Houston, Texas where she was working full time. Alyssa received her undergraduate degree in English from Texas A&M University.

Hollie Daniels
Graduate Assistant, Off Campus Life
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OCL Programs and Services
- **Off Campus Housing Locator Service:** Free online search engine to help you find and post apartment and condo listings, subleases, furniture or search for roommates in Gainesville. Go to [housing.offcampus.ufl.edu](http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu) to utilize this free service.
- **Individual meetings:** Off Campus Life provides individuals meetings to assist students in finding off-campus housing and to assist students that have off-campus concerns.
- **Discover Gainesville:** Explore local Gainesville hotspots on and off campus each month for free with Off Campus Life’s newest event series, Discover Gainesville. OCL organizes and pays for each event to help students experience new venues, food and culture around town.
- **Off Campus Ambassadors:** is a student organization sponsored by OCL. The purpose of the Off Campus Ambassadors is to create a connection between UF students and the Gainesville community, while educating them on issues that impact off-campus students.
- **Monthly Newsletter:** Through the OCL Listserv, OCL sends a monthly newsletter with tips, topics and news that impacts students living off campus.

For more information visit our website: [www.offcampus.ufl.edu](http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu)
How would you like to explore local Gainesville hotspots on and off campus each month for free? OCL 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. OCL will pay for all tickets and admission costs, and provide transportation to most events. Some past events include attending Corks and Colors, Gainesville Rock Gym, Florida Gymnastics meet, Gainesville Roller Rebels Derby Bout, performance at the Hippodrome State Theatre, Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo and Planetarium and Paynes Prairie. For more information, visit www.offcampus.ufl.edu/events.
Looking to discover Gainesville on your own, below are the top 20 Gainesville things OCL recommends you do before you graduate.

1. See a football game at the Swamp
2. Bike the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail
3. Eat at Satchel’s Pizza
4. Volunteer – visit the UF Center for Leadership and Service for service projects
5. Go sailing at Lake Wauburg
6. See a show at the Hippodrome Theatre
7. Shop at the downtown Farmers Market
8. Register to vote locally and vote for local and national elections
9. Climb the wall at the Gainesville Rock Gym
10. Visit the Butterfly Rainforest
11. Try a group fitness class at Southwest Rec Center
12. Attend the Downtown Arts Festival
13. Check out the Santa Fe College Zoo & Planetarium
14. Sit on a City of Gainesville board – many city boards have student seats
15. Walk the stairs and trails at Devil’s Millhopper State Park
16. Take a class through the Reitz Union’s Leisure Courses
17. Check out a visiting exhibit at the Harn Museum or check out the Florida Museum of Natural History
18. Hike at Paynes Prairie
19. See the bats fly out at sundown at the UF Bat House
20. Buy a book at the Friends of the Library Book Sale
Why is Budgeting Important?

You can’t find the right place to live until you know how much you are able to spend. The budget spreadsheet (next page) is a good reference to use. Keep in mind all of the extra expenses that go along with paying rent like utilities, transportation and insurance. Do not spend more money than you have and try to save a little each month.

When you tour an apartment/house, consider these budget questions:

1. What is the monthly rent?
2. What’s included in the rent … utilities, cable, Internet?
3. What fees are charged (including application fees, redecoration fees, processing fees and deposits)? Consider these costs and how they impact your budget.
4. What’s not included and what is the average monthly cost for utilities, cable, Internet?
5. Want to have a pet? Factor in a deposit and monthly cost for rent, food, medical and grooming care.
6. Don’t forget renters insurance. Before you sign your lease, help protect your belongings.
7. Are you going to use the bus? It’s free if you have a Gator 1 ID. Otherwise, don’t forget you need fuel and possibly a parking decal for a car or scooter to get to and from class.
8. Don’t forget your body (and brain) need fuel, too. How much do you spend monthly on food or a meal plan?
9. Have some fun! Don’t spend so much on rent that you can’t go to dinner or the movies with your friends.
10. How much do you spend monthly or yearly on clothing, shoes and accessories?
11. It’s really good to save some money every month to cover those unexpected emergencies. How much money should you save every month? Even $20 a month is a great amount to save…every little bit counts.

Money Management Tip:
If you receive a reimbursement from financial aid, plan out your monthly expenses to pay as much rent as possible for the semester.

Credit 101

Having a credit card does not mean you can buy whatever you want whenever you want. Even though you have the ability to purchase now and pay later, don’t go overboard on the spending and end up in debt. Credit cards have fees and an annual percentage rate (APR) associated with them. While some credit cards may also offer grace periods for payment, the grace period will eventually end, and you’ll have to pay for your purchases.

Beware of how credit cards work. By using your credit card, the bank pays the store for the item, but then charges you in fees and APR for essentially fronting you the money for the purchase. The amount you pay back the bank via your monthly credit card bill is the amount of the purchased item plus fees and APR. The longer you let your credit card balance remain unpaid, the more interest builds for the bank and debt for you.

When choosing to get a credit card (including store and gas credit cards), pay attention to the fees and APR that accompany the card. Also, be wary of free giveaways or discounts you may get as a result of signing up for a card. Even though you may save 10% for signing up for a card, you may have annual fees associated with the card you may have to pay even if you only use the card that one time for the 10% discount.

Your credit is something that will stay with you throughout your life so be sure to use it wisely. Build it, maintain it and safeguard it through smart, sound financial choices. Spend only the money you earn each month on the expenses you need. Use the budget spreadsheet before moving in, while you live there and after you find the right place to live. Also, visit UF’s Financial Affairs Financial Literacy page on their website, www.sfa.ufl.edu/literacy, for more resources.

Did you know? Average credit card debt for a college student in 2013 was $3,000. It was only $946 in 2004!
### MONTHLY BUDGET SPREADSHEET

**Monthly Budget**

- Monthly Income ......................................... $______
- Scholarships/Loans .................................... $______

**Monthly Expenses**

- Tuition ............................................................. $______
- Books/Supplies ............................................ $______
- Rent ................................................................. $______

**Utilities**

- Electric ............................................................ $______
- Gas ................................................................... $______
- Water ............................................................... $______

- Waste Management/Recycling .................. $______
- Cell Phone ..................................................... $______
- Cable/Internet ............................................. $______
- Food ................................................................. $______

**Transportation**

- Car Payment ................................................. $______
- Gas ................................................................... $______
- Car Maintenance ......................................... $______

**Insurance**

- Car ................................................................. $______
- Renters ........................................................... $______
- Health/Life ........................................................ $______

**Personal Maintenance**

- Clothing .......................................................... $______
- Laundry/Dry cleaning ................................. $______
- Haircut/Manicure, etc. .............................. $______
- Gym Membership ........................................ $______

**Debt/Savings**

- Credit card payments ................................ $______
- Loans ............................................................... $______
- Savings ........................................................... $______

**Entertainment**

- Events/Travel ................................................ $______
- Pets/Pet Care ................................................ $______
- Books, Magazine, CDs, DVDs, Games ........ $______

**Additional Expenses**

- Other: ________________________ ... $______
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**Total Monthly Expenses ..... $______**

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**OCL Advice:**

There are some great things you can do to be green and reduce spending your green. Walk, ride your bike or take the bus instead of driving your car or scooter to help reduce your gas costs and emissions. Reduce your electric bill by turning up the AC and turning down the heat to help reduce your carbon footprint and save on your electric bill. You can even ask your apartment manager or landlord if they have taken steps toward better efficiency or make suggestions.
Living off campus can be a satisfying and rewarding experience that can add to a student’s educational experience. 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.

OCL recommends that 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 so take your time, shop around and sign a lease when you are ready.

OCL is here to help you with your search and we recommend following the steps below to assist you with your housing search.

**Step 1: Don’t Rush**
Gainesville is a renter’s market so take your time and enjoy the search. It can be an exciting experience to choose your future home! Also, tour 5-6 properties before you sign a lease and never sign a lease for a property that you’ve not toured in person.

**Step 2: Budget**
Most students typically live in 3 or 4 bedroom apartments with each student 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 in the cost of off-campus housing. The average cost for a room in a 3 or 4 bedroom complex is $460/month. This cost is all inclusive and covers rent, utilities, cable and Internet.

Most complexes do have a cap on utilities so when touring complexes, ask for the cap amount. If you go over the utility cap, the complex will split the difference among roommates. Some fees associated with signing a lease off campus include application fees, redecoration fees, processing fee, first and final month’s rent, security deposit, pet fees (if applicable), and cost for furniture per month. Factor these extra costs into your budget as well.

Gainesville also has 2 bedroom, 1 bedroom, studio apartments, condos and houses for rent. Below are some average prices. Keep in mind some of these average costs cover utilities, cable, Internet and furniture, while some do not. When taking a tour ask what’s included in the rent and keep track.

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**Step 3: Free OCL Online Housing Locator Service**
Visit OCL’s off-campus housing locator at housing.offcampus.ufl.edu to search our database for off-campus housing. 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 and to find roommates.

**Step 4: Tour Properties**
Off Campus Life recommends you tour at least 5-6 different apartment complexes before you sign a lease off campus. We also advise that you NEVER sign a lease in a complex you have not toured in person. When taking a tour check for safety features such as lighting, property upkeep, property amenities, distance to campus, bus stop location, neighborhood features and if the management/landlord is friendly and helpful. Keep track of your likes and dislikes for each property and refer back when making your final decision.
Step 5: Leases

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 so if a roommate does not pay his or her rent, the other roommates will not be held responsible for the rent. The individual lease is the most common lease for 3 or 4 bedroom apartments and is recommended by Off Campus Life.

The other type of lease is the joint lease, which is more common in houses and condos 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 or utilities.

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 move-in dates are before classes begin and move-out dates are after finals are over. Visit the UF Registrar website for academic dates at www.registrar.ufl.edu.

Off Campus Life suggests you only sign a lease for the length that you need. If you know that you only need or want a 10-month lease, ask the complex to accommodate this need. Most complexes will charge you a monthly fee for a lease shorter than 12 months, but that cost will likely be less than having to pay for months of rent that you do not need.

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 the SLS website www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu and complete the Client Intake Form. 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. For a sample lease or sublease, visit www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gator_guide/housing.

Step 6: Safety

Off Campus Life advises going back to tour a prospective complex or house at night to check for various night safeguards: Is there adequate lighting? Is the security gate working? Are the security guards that were promised there? How’s the complex noise level? For more safety tips, see page 16.

Step 7: Transportation

The #1 mode of transportation for students is the RTS (Regional Transit System) bus system. All students pay a transportation fee as part of their tuition and this allows students to take the bus anywhere both on and off campus. Students simply show their Gator 1 ID and they can take the bus anywhere. More than 90% of students utilize the bus on a daily basis and 90% of apartment complexes are located on the RTS system. To learn more about bus routes and the resources RTS provides please visit their website www.go-rts.com.

If you are interested in driving to campus, you have to purchase a decal to be able 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 decal. Be sure to read the signage for appropriate parking locations and hours. For more information on purchasing a parking decal, go to www.parking.ufl.edu.

Step 8: Roommates

Most complexes provide roommate matching but every complex differs in how they pair roommates. Some complexes will place students where there are vacancies. Other complexes will have students fill out forms to understand their living habits and preferences. Apartment complex management utilizes these lifestyle questionnaires to match roommates with similar preferences. Be sure to ask questions about how each complex matches their roommates when taking a tour. Also, don’t forget to utilize the FREE roommate finder services on the OCL housing locator housing.offcampus.ufl.edu.

Step 9: Get Involved

Take advantage of all the great opportunities and resources that UF has to offer. Get involved by getting a job on campus, joining a student organization, doing research, joining a fraternity or sorority, signing up for intramurals or simply taking advantage of the many activities that are happening on campus every day. Getting involved in academic and leadership opportunities will help you to be a successful student, make friends and also, prepare you for graduation.

OCL Advice:

A great resource to check before signing a lease is Crime Reports. Provided by the Gainesville Police Department, Crime Reports allows you to see all the crime that has occurred in certain areas in the past week or months. Go to the Gainesville Police Department website at www.gainesvillepd.org. Click on the Crime Reports link on the bottom right-hand side of the main GPD page.
**Step 10: Ask Questions!**

Off Campus Life loves questions. Contact OCL at OCL@offcampus.ufl.edu, by phone at (352) 392-1207, or at OCL’s office in 311 Peabody Hall with any questions you may have. Living off campus can be a wonderful and memorable experience. OCL is here to help you make the most out of your UF experience. Here are some questions you should always ask:

**OFF-CAMPUS TOUR QUESTIONS**

1. What is the rent cost per month?
2. What is included in the rent? Utilities, cable or Internet? Is there a cap on utilities – how much is the cap?
3. Will I need to set up my own electric or other services?
4. When is the rent due? Is there a grace period? What are the late fees? When do they take effect?
5. How can I pay rent? With a credit card, check, or other options?
6. What other costs are necessary to move in? Application fee, deposit?
7. What are the requirements for a full refund of my deposit?
8. Will I need a guarantor? If I have a guarantor will you waive the deposit?
9. Are there any move-in specials?
10. Are the apartments furnished? Is there an additional cost for furniture?
11. What type of lease do you provide? Joint or Individual?
12. How long is the lease?
13. Can I sublease or break my lease? Do I need to pay a sublease fee?
14. Can I get a copy of the lease to review prior to signing? (UF Student Legal Services can review your lease, before you sign it, for free! www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu)
15. Do you provide roommate matching? How do you match roommates? What happens if I don’t like my roommate, will you move me? Is it possible that my roommates will be non-students?
16. How can I report problems with roommates or other tenants? How do you handle roommate and neighbor issues?
17. Where is the bus stop? What routes serve this complex?
18. Are pets allowed? Is there an additional deposit or monthly charge?
19. How do I fill out a maintenance request?
20. What types of maintenance issues do you have?
21. How old is the apartment complex or house?
22. When was the last time the complex and the unit I’m interested in were remodeled?
23. How do you handle pest control? What are your most common pests? Have you had any issues with bed bugs?
24. Do your maintenance or pest control providers enter apartments without giving notice?
25. What types of people live in the complex? Undergraduate students, graduate students, non-students or families?
26. Does management organize any community events? If so, what types of events?
27. What facilities are offered (pool, gym, study rooms)? What are the hours?
28. Is parking provided? Do I have an assigned spot or do I need to purchase a parking decal?
29. What type of security features do you provide? Do you have a security officer? If so, what type of support do they provide?
30. Is the community gated? Do you need a code or card to access the gate?
31. What is the most common safety complaint of residents?
32. Do the windows lock? Does the door have a deadbolt? Does the door have a peep hole? Do individual resident rooms have a lock? Can I install locks?
33. 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?

*Thanks to Student Legal Services for their assistance with these questions!*
Renters Insurance

If you live in an apartment or a rented house, renters insurance provides important coverage for both you and your possessions. A standard renters policy protects your personal property in case of theft or damage and may pay for temporary living expenses if your rental is damaged. It can also shield you from personal liability. Your personal property is not the responsibility of your apartment management or landlord unless you can prove negligence. Proving negligence in court may be extremely difficult. That is why it is very important to have renters insurance.

There are several types of residential insurance policies. Read your policy information carefully and ensure you have adequate coverage.

Policies should include the following items:

- Fire or lightning
- Windstorm or hail
- Explosion
- Riot or civil commotion
- Aircraft
- Vehicles
- Smoke
- Vandalism or malicious mischief
- Theft
- Falling objects
- Sinkhole
- Water-related damage from plumbing, heating or A/C units
- Electrical surge damage

Flood damage is not covered and requires a separate policy.

A renters policy commonly contains four separate sections:

- **Personal Property**: Provides protection for your personal property, such as furniture, clothing and electronics. This coverage limit is chosen by you when you purchase the policy.
- **Loss of Use**: The additional expenses you incur when your apartment cannot be used because of an insured loss. This part of the policy will usually only cover around 10 to 20% of your personal property value.
- **Personal Liability**: Covers damages to others for which you are held liable except as limited or excluded by the policy.
- **Medical Payments to Others**: Pays for medical expenses for minor injuries to others even if you are not at fault. The policy normally includes limits of $1,000-$5,000 per person.

**Other Policy Considerations**

Replacement cost or actual cash value options:

Always choose replacement cost as it pays to replace or repair personal property without depreciation being taken from the value of the property. Actual cash value would only pay what your property was worth at the time of loss.

Make sure you read all the literature provided by an insurance agency and ask lots of questions before agreeing to any policy. Shop around! Premiums are different from company to company, but make sure your policy covers your needs.

Thank you to McGriff-Williams Insurance for providing the information on renters policies. For more information offered by McGriff-Williams Insurance, please visit their website, www.mcgriffwilliams.com.

**OCL Advice:**

Some students can be covered under their family members’ homeowners’ insurance policy for a small additional fee. Before purchasing renters insurance, talk with your family to see if this is an option for you.
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
Free & confidential attorney consultation for full-time UF students

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Student Legal Services

Student Legal Services (SLS) is a free service for full-time UF students. Its purpose is two-fold:

• To help students deal with their legal problems by giving advice and providing representation in certain cases;
• To educate students about their rights and responsibilities in an increasingly complex world.

Student Legal Services is staffed by four experienced attorneys who are particularly sensitive to the needs of student clients. All consultations are strictly confidential. In addition to the legal counsel provided to individual students, Student Legal Services offers internships and volunteer experience for students interested in careers in the legal profession. Student Legal Services also educates students about their legal rights and responsibilities through lectures, workshops, presentations and the distribution of information and materials on a variety of legal issues.

Student Legal Services provides in-court representation in:

• Adoption (uncontested, step-parent adoptions)
• Dissolution of Marriage (uncontested cases, without children or real property)
• Landlord-Tenant Cases
• Sealing or Expunction of Criminal Records

Student Legal Services provides advice and assistance in:

• Consumer matters such as defective products and services, warranties, contracts, credit and identity theft
• Property Damage
• Insurance
• Traffic Citations
• Criminal Charges
• Preparation of Affidavits
• Powers of Attorney and Living Wills
• Notary Services
• Obtaining Gator 1 Spouse /Domestic Partner Cards

Go to www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu and fill out the online Client Intake Form in order to schedule an appointment or call (352) 392-LAWS (5297) for more information.

SLS also offers walk-in traffic and criminal clinic every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

“Student Legal Services is one of the most vital free resources one can get on UF campus and I feel every student should stay informed of and avail their services whenever required. I went to them in my first year to receive some consultation regarding an issue I had with my apartment management. The professionals at the legal services are quite experienced but also very friendly.”

Pratik Brahmav
ROOMMATES

As in any relationship, communication is key. If you are considering having a roommate(s), do not assume another person knows what you’re thinking. Share your expectations about all lifestyle topics including household chores, a rent/bill payment schedule, groceries, having company over, etc. Make sure each party understands the expectations. Compromise each of your needs and wants 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. If you feel that having a roommate is right for you, consider the following before choosing the person you will be sharing a living space with:

• How well do you know your potential roommate?
• How dependable is your future roommate?
• How well do your living habits fit with their customs?

Roommate Matching vs. Roommate 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, interests, etc. Apartment management attempts to match you with compatible roommates using this form.

Roommate placement is when apartment management will place you in any open space with no consideration of your living habits. In either situation, make sure you can switch rooms if the apartment management places you with roommates with whom you are not compatible.

How To Pick a Roommate
Think of your daily living habits. Are you messy or a neat-freak? Do you like having people over or do you prefer your home to be your personal place of solitude? Think of someone who gels with your lifestyle and whose habits you can live with. Communicate your needs and expectations to ensure a healthy living situation.

What To Do When you Can’t Solve Roommate Issues
All relationships, including the one with your roommates, require communication and effort. No matter how close you are to your roommate(s), you will need to work together to establish and maintain a positive living environment. The most common problems arise when little issues become big ones because they are not addressed early on. Remember, ignoring a problem doesn’t make it go away. Identify problems, their causes, and what each roommate can do to solve them.

Before you move in, discuss with your roommates what everyone is bringing. Once everyone arrives, organize a group meeting to discuss how things will work. Make sure you have a good idea of everyone’s habits before agreeing to live together. Remember that everyone is going to be different.

Split responsibility for paying the utility bills between the members, this way, no one person is responsible for all of the bills. Communicate with your roommates regularly about what you owe.

You also should talk to your roommates about buying food. Make sure your roommates agree that everyone chips in to buy and share all the food, or you each buy your own food and agree not to eat from each other’s supply.

Talk about how you will divide the housecleaning and set standards. It is important that everyone know exactly what is expected in keeping the living space clean.

Speaking openly about what you expect from each other and about your personal lifestyle habits are important steps that many people skip, especially when friends are living together. Some resources and options available to help you resolve roommate conflict are:

• OCL’s Roommate Agreement Form, available at www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gator_guide/roommates/
• Mediation: Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (SCCR) offers free mediation services. Visit the SCCR website www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr to find out more about Mediation Services. To set up an appointment...

OCL Advice:
Off Campus Life offers a free roommate-finder service on our Housing Locator at housing.offcampus.ufl.edu. Create a roommate profile with information about yourself and check the “Find Roommates” discussion board to read other students’ profiles and find a match!
call (352) 392-1261 or visit the SCCR office in 202 Peabody Hall.

- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Free counseling services are provided to UF students. Also, there is free self-help literature on their website, www.counseling.ufl.edu.

- **Transfer:** Talk with apartment management to see if a transfer is possible. Depending on your lease, this may or may not be an option.

- **Sublease:** Make sure that you are able to sublease your apartment according to your lease terms. Bring a copy of your lease to Student Legal Services in 215 Walker Hall to see if this is an option.

- **Tough it Out:** If you cannot move, make the most of the situation and act maturely. There is no sense in making the situation worse than it already is so try to continue to communicate positively and respectfully.

**Does Your Roommate Need Help?**

If you are concerned about your roommate and want to help but don’t know how, consult with the UF Counseling and Wellness Center at www.counseling.ufl.edu. Another great UF resource is U Matter We Care through the Dean of Students Office, visit www.umatter.ufl.edu for more information. If you have suspicions that your roommate is in trouble, whether it involves drug use, eating disorders, or an abusive relationship, let your roommate know you’re there to help. Letting them know you care and informing them of services available to help is a first step toward positive change.

**Landlord and Tenant Communication**

Make sure to talk to your apartment management team or landlord about any concerns you have with your property, from repairs to roommate issues. Keep them involved in your experience because they can be valuable assets. Make sure you get any agreements between you and your landlord or management team in writing. If your landlord refuses to make repairs or hold up their end of the lease, you may be able to withhold your rent or terminate your lease if you follow the exact requirements of the law.

**NOTE:** This is a complicated process and the legal ramifications are serious. Obtain legal advice before attempting to terminate your lease or withhold rent. See Student Legal Services (352) 392-LAWS (5297) before withholding rent!

**OCL Advice:**

Be sure to get all agreements with your landlord in writing. Repairs, refunds, etc. should all be documented in writing and not simply a verbal agreement. If your landlord is not performing his or her responsibilities, consult Student Legal Services for your options to remedy this. Go to www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu for more information.
SAFETY

Lots of crime is preventable, but only if you take basic steps to protect yourself and your belongings. Here are some easy ways you can protect yourself and your residence from crime.

**Personal**

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Be mindful of what's going on while you're on the phone or while wearing headphones.
- Do not walk or exercise alone at night outdoors. If you're on campus, you can call UFPD's SNAP service (352) 392-SNAP (7627) or download their app, SNAP UF (for a free ride to and from anywhere on campus).
- Do not get in a vehicle with a stranger for any reason.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers.
- Walk in groups and stay in parts of town that are well lit and you are familiar with.
- If you get a phone solicitor or someone soliciting at your home, do not give them any personal information including address, phone number, social security number or credit card information and do not let them in.
- If you ever feel uncomfortable, go to another area where you feel safe or just leave the situation entirely.
- Consider downloading the TapShield app. This app pairs mobile GPS technology with existing campus safety infrastructure, and allows students to summon help anywhere on campus.

**Party Safety**

If you choose to drink alcohol, be sure to do so responsibly. UF and the City of Gainesville take alcohol-related rules and regulations seriously, so be aware that inappropriate and potentially harmful behavior will not be tolerated and may be punishable.

If you are the host of a party, you can be held liable for the actions of your guests. If there are minors consuming alcohol at your party, even if you personally did not hand them something to drink, you are still deemed responsible for their actions. Be sure to offer non-alcoholic beverage options and have snacks available to curb alcohol’s absorption into the bloodstream.

Below are some tips from GatorWell, UF’s Health Promotion Service, to be aware of when drinking:

- Avoid playing drinking games. They can cause you to drink too much too fast.
- Pace yourself to one or fewer drinks per hour. Alternate drinks with non-alcoholic drinks, such as soda or water.
- Keep track of how many drinks you consume and choose a pre-set limit or limit the number of hours you drink and do not exceed that number.
- Eat a meal before and/or during drinking, preferably with protein.
- Plan how you will get home before going out. Use a designated, sober driver. Know the Later Gator routes and times, cab numbers and have enough fare money.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Use the buddy system and never leave your drink unattended.
- Choose not to drink or go to a place where the main activity is not drinking.
- If you choose to drink, remember that an individual cannot legally consent to sexual activity if he or she is drunk (Blood Alcohol Concentration is .08 or higher).
- Know the signs of alcohol poisoning (unconsciousness, cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin, slow or irregular breathing, vomiting while passed out, etc.) and call 911 if needed.

Emily Schroeder

“When walking on campus or to your front door at night, always make sure your hands are free in case you are confronted with an unsafe situation. It’s actually less safe to be on your phone while walking on campus because you’re less aware of your surroundings.”

Watch OCL’s Party Safety Video and Signs of Alcohol Poisoning video on YouTube, UF’s Off Campus Life.
Apartment/House/Car

- Keep your doors/windows to your apartment/home locked at all times.
- Keep bicycles and scooters locked at all times.
- Keep car doors locked at all times.
- Do not leave valuables in your car. iPads, textbooks or clothing are items easily sold and often entice thieves.
- Ensure you have and use a peep hole on your front door before opening the door.
- Don’t open your door to strangers and do not let delivery people into your home.
- Only let in maintenance workers if complex management or your landlord has contacted you to inform you of the date, time and reason for their visit.
- As you are moving in and out, protect your belongings by locking your apartment, house and car doors during trips to and from your car.
- Ensure that the trees and shrubs around your apartment/house doors and windows are cut back enough so they don’t obscure your view out of your apartment and so a person cannot hide in them.
- Make sure apartment complex lights are working.
- Contact apartment complex management or landlord for yard work and exterior lighting maintenance immediately.
- If you see someone suspicious, call the police immediately and notify your apartment complex management or landlord. The non-emergency line is (352) 955-1818. In an emergency, dial 911.
- There are several alarm companies in Gainesville. Some apartment complexes offer wired systems in their apartments. If you want to add an alarm system, ask your landlord or apartment management before you contract for installation. All alarm systems must be registered with the city/county through the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office.
- If you see a streetlight out record the pole number from top to bottom (attached to the pole) and submit a service request at www.gru.com/Home/CustomerService/ReportStreetLightOutage.aspx.

Law Enforcement Agencies

We have three law enforcement agencies in Gainesville. All three agencies have several programs that meet the needs of students and non-student community members. Visit their websites to find out more.

- University of Florida Police Department (UFPD)
  www.police.ufl.edu
- Gainesville Police Department (GPD)
  www.gainesvillepd.org
- Alachua County Sheriff’s Office (ASO)
  www.alachuashерiff.org

OCL Advice:

Be safe when using Facebook and other social media sites. Make sure to set your privacy settings to ‘friends only’ for any personal information and photos. Don’t post your address or phone number and don’t leave messages that let people know you are not going to be home.
UFPD Resources

SNAP (Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol)
SNAP is a free, safe campus escort service available from 6:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. nightly during the fall and spring semesters and from 8:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. during the summer semester. All SNAP employees are University of Florida students who are trained, equipped and supervised by the University of Florida Police Department. There are two ways to request a SNAP escort; you may use the SNAP UF app, available at either the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, or request an escort by calling (352) 392-7627(SNAP). Through the SNAP UF app, you will need to enter your GatorLink UserID and password. Regardless of how you request a SNAP escort, you are encouraged to plan ahead and request your escort as quickly as possible. The SNAP escort program is very well-used, providing thousands of safe escorts each year. Remember, SNAP is only available ON CAMPUS.

Victims Services
The Office of Victim Services provides a civilian support person for anyone who may become a victim of crime while on the University of Florida campus. A Victim Advocate is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to provide support for victims of actual or threatened violence. All services are free and confidential. As such, victims may use the services of an advocate even if they decide to not officially report the crime to a law enforcement agency. When victims do report the crimes, the Victim Advocate will accompany and support victims through all stages of the criminal justice process. The Victim Advocate also provides emotional support and can assist with referrals for counseling and other services that may be required. A Victim Advocate can be reached 24-hours daily through the University of Florida Police Department’s Dispatch Center at (352) 392-1111. Victims may also contact an advocate directly on weekdays (Monday-Friday) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling (352) 392-5648.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense)
Rape Aggression Defense, known as R.A.D., is a self-defense program designed specifically for women. The R.A.D. approach to personal safety begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and progresses to hands-on physical defense techniques. Participants in the program will learn a wide range of tactics, including verbal techniques, ground defense options, escaping from bear hugs and choke holds, and many more. The practical techniques are designed to maximize the strengths of a woman’s body and build upon existing instinctive responses to provide women with effective self-defense options. In R.A.D., women will have the opportunity for hands-on dynamic impact practice and realistic simulation exercises. The R.A.D. program is taught by nationally certified instructors who are dedicated to the growth and well-being of the women in our campus community. The course is free and suitable for women of all ages and abilities. For more information about R.A.D. visit www.police.ufl.edu/community-services. Register for R.A.D. by emailing the program coordinator, Tina Lamb, at cjlamb@ufl.edu or by calling the University of Florida Police Department’s Community Services Division at (352) 392-1409.

Operation Identification and Front Door Software
Operation Identification is a free property registration program provided by the University of Florida Police Department. Operation Identification can be used to register any item with a serial number, including your cellphone, laptop, tablet or MP3 player. You can also have your property engraved for free. A decal must be affixed to bicycles, so bicycle registration is required in-person at the Community Services Division or by any University of Florida Police Officer. Front Door Software is a laptop theft prevention, information protection, and property recovery software program available free to all University of Florida students, faculty and staff. For more information on either program, visit www.police.ufl.edu/community-services or call the Community Services Division at (352) 392-1409.

Information provided by the University of Florida Police Department staff.

“Instead of walking alone at night when on campus, consider using SNAP instead. It will get you safely to your destination without worrying. Use your smartphone and download the SNAP UF app to request a ride from your phone.”
Fire Safety and Protection

If faced with a fire emergency, remain calm. Do not panic. Read on for fire safety tips from the Alachua County Fire and Rescue. Go to www.firerescue.alachua.fl.us for more information.

• Do not tamper with fire alarms.
• Know how many doors there are from your bedroom to an exit.
• Know alternate exits and keep exit routes clear.
• Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This helps to hold back heat and smoke.
• Do not smoke in bed and be careful using portable heaters.
• Take out the garbage and recycle newspapers—these are very combustible objects.
• Faulty electric fuse? Call an electrician immediately and remove items from that outlet until it is safe to use.
• Do not store flammable liquids in the home (propane gas, lighter fluid, etc.).
• Check with apartment management or landlord before using a gas or charcoal grill on your patio.
• Respond to all alarms.
• Designate a meeting place outside so you will know if anyone is still in the house or apartment. If you are missing a roommate, tell police or fire rescue. Do NOT go back into a burning building.
• Plan a drill and see how long it takes you to evacuate.

Hurricane Safety
10 steps to prepare for a hurricane or severe weather:

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1. Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit and a Personal Evacuation Plan. Identify where you could go ahead of time. If you are told to evacuate choose several locations and keep directions and contact information ready.

Watch OCL’s YouTube video, OCL Hurricane and Emergency Prep, on how to make a disaster supply kit and what you should do in case of an emergency.

2. Create a communication plan with family & friends. Talk with family about your plans for evacuation during a storm.

3. Keep informed. Check websites, listen to the radio or watch TV for the latest weather updates. If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately.

4. Take these items when evacuating. Prescription medications, cash, sleeping bag, pillow, water, non-perishable foods, first-aid kit, battery operated radio, flashlight, batteries, car keys, cell phone, maps, directions, shelter locations, shelter contact information, driver’s license, social security card and insurance papers.

5. Do these steps before evacuating: Unplug all electrical appliances, move all valuables off the floor to avoid damage in case of flooding, close blinds and curtains, close and lock apartment and home windows and doors.

6. Fill your car’s gas tank and make sure you have cash. ATM’s and gas pumps don’t work if electricity goes out.

7. Don’t forget your pet and remember to bring: Food, water, medication, toys, crate, leash and any other pet essentials. Shelters require a crate for your dog or cat so be prepared.

8. What to do when the hurricane arrives: Listen to the radio or TV, stay indoors and don’t party. This is a time for you to be aware and ready to evacuate if necessary.

9. What to do after the hurricane: Continue to monitor websites, listen to the radio or local TV station for instructions and inspect your home for damage. If the power is out, use flashlights in the dark, not candles. Avoid power lines or plugging in electrical appliances in standing water.

10. More resources: For shelter information, check the UF website www.ufl.edu, local newspapers, radio stations, or TV news.

For more information, visit the following websites or call the following hotlines:

• Red Cross: www.redcross.org
• UF Natural Disaster Preparation Plan: www.emergency.ufl.edu
• Alachua County Rumor Control Hotline: (352) 264-6557

OCL Advice:

Here are some things that should go in a Disaster Supply Kit: Water, non-perishable foods, flashlight, batteries, radio, first-aid kit, blankets, pillows, extra clothes, essential documents and cash. You will need three to seven days worth of water and non-perishable foods.
No car? No worries! Gainesville offers various ways to get around town without a car.

**Walking**
There are plenty of apartment complexes and houses within walking distance of UF. Be sure to keep an umbrella with you. This unpredictable Florida weather has plenty of rain with little warning. Also, bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during your walk. Lastly, be safe. Don’t cross the street against the lights, follow all crosswalk signals, stay on the sidewalk and don’t walk home alone in the dark. Always be aware of your surroundings.

**Bikes**
Gainesville is the 16th most bike-friendly city in the U.S. and UF has been named one of the EPA’s Best Workplaces for Commuters. Register your bicycle with UFPD in person at their office located on the southeast corner of Museum Road and Newell Drive. Be sure to wear a helmet and observe traffic laws.

**Bike Safety Laws and Tips**
Bicycles are vehicles. Traffic violators on bicycles are subject to the same fines as violators in automobiles, $154.00 for a moving violation, $252.00 for running a red light, $104.00 for a non-moving violation and $52.50 for a violation specific to a bicycle operation. Go to www.police.ufl.edu/community-services/bicycle-laws/ for more information.

*Thanks to UFPD for pricing information.*

- Wear a helmet while riding a bike.
- Cyclists must obey all traffic signs, lights and signals.
- You must ride on the right side of the road with the flow of car traffic.
- When riding on a sidewalk or crosswalk, bike riders must obey pedestrian laws and yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- When riding at night, bikes are required to have a headlight and reflective taillights. Also, wear bright colored and reflective clothing to make sure you’re seen.
- The 20 mph campus speed limit pertains to bicyclists, too. If you exceed 20 mph, you can get a speeding ticket.

**One Less Car**
The One Less Car Campaign educates and motivates UF students, faculty, and staff to utilize alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle transportation including walking, biking, taking the bus, and carpooling. Since 2008, over 6,000 people have participated, avoiding more than 100,000 trips and keeping 800 tons of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere. To learn more about One Less Car, visit the website www.sustainability.ufl.edu/onelesscar.
Zimride carpool matching service at UF
Employees and students can use UF Zimride to find carpooling partners by searching for others who live close and have similar schedules and lifestyle preferences. Zimride is a fun and easy way to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. You can find UF friends, classmates and coworkers going the same way as you! Log in with a UFID and search for rides or passengers. You’ll even get to see a map of the general area showing potential ride matches near you and along your route. To learn more visit the Zimride website www.zimride.com/uf.

Regional Transit System (RTS)
Gainesville’s local bus system has lots of routes that will take you on and off campus. Students pay a transportation fee as part of tuition that allows you to simply show your Gator 1 ID to take the bus anywhere on or off campus. Grab a ride to class, the football game on weekends using the Gator Aider, and all over town using the Later Gator. Go to www.go-rts.com and page 29 in this guide for more information on RTS.

Scooters and Motorcycles
In order to park on campus, scooters and motorcycles must have a parking decal. Go to Transportation and Parking Services’ website at www.parking.ufl.edu for prices and details. Park only in designated parking locations. If you are younger than 21 years old, you are required to wear a helmet while on scooters and motorcycles.

Decals
There are different decals available to students depending on the amount of credit hours earned and whether you live on or off campus. You may purchase a decal online at www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/studentdecals.asp. You will need your Gator 1 ID, valid license plate number (complete details at www.regulations.ufl.edu/chapter3/3007.pdf), and all outstanding citations and late fees must be paid.

Parking
On-campus parking requires a decal. The hours of decal restriction for most areas of campus are between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Most areas are open to park in without a decal after these times on weekdays and any time on weekends. However, be sure to read the signage before parking anywhere as some areas have different hours of restriction or are restricted 24/7.

Parking Map
Go to www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/maps.asp and see where certain decal parking lots are located.

Fines
Go to www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/citations.asp for information about on-campus fines. There are several parking restrictions that are not decal related. It is your responsibility to know and follow all parking regulations.

Appeals
Parking citations may be appealed online at www.parking.ufl.edu/subpages/citationappeals.html or in person using the self-service computers at the Transportation and Parking Services Customer Relations Office, Bldg. 254, Gale Lemerand Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appeals must be filed within 15 calendar days of issuance of the citation to be accepted and usually take between four to six weeks for a judgment to be issued. The online application may be used to submit initial citation appeals and to request an appointment for citation re-appeals, suspension appeals or impound fees. For more information call (352) 392-PARK (7275).

Impound (Boot/Tow)
Accumulation of three or more delinquent parking citations that have a remaining balance due will be grounds for impoundment. Additionally, if you currently have five guilty citations during the academic year and receive a sixth citation during the same academic year, your vehicle may be impounded for excessive citations after receipt of the sixth citation and for each citation thereafter.

“Aqsa Bashir
“If you are a student on a budget who can’t afford a car, that’s fine RTS has you covered. This amazing bus service not only runs everywhere in Gainesville but also is free. So whether you want to go shopping to Oaks Mall or the airport or need to get home at 2:00 AM, you can hop on this chariot!”
On Campus - Retrieval

Vehicles may be released from impound, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you wish to release your vehicle from impound on a weekday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., you should first contact TAPS at (352) 392-PARK (7275) or visit the TAPS Customer Relations Office, located at Bldg. 254, Gale Lemerand Drive. All delinquent citations must be paid before a vehicle will be released. If booted, TAPS will process the release; if towed, the tow fee must be paid at UFPD and they will process the vehicle release. If you wish to release your vehicle from impound at any other time, you must do so at the University of Florida Police Department Office (352) 392-1111, www.police.ufl.edu.

Regardless of which location you release your vehicle from, all delinquent citations must be paid in full, along with an impound fee of $50 in order for the impounded vehicle to be released. Vehicle impoundment may also result if you:

- Parked in a no parking zone, service area, fire lane or disabled persons parking space.
- Parked in a reserved or restricted parking area.
- Parked obstructing traffic or creating a hazard.
- Parked at a bus stop.
- Parked permanently or abandoned.
- One or more parking citations have not been paid or appealed within 30 calendar days after issuance of the parking citation.
- Parking privileges have been suspended.

Payment

Citations may be paid online at www.parking.ufl.edu or in person at the Transportation and Parking Services Customer Relations Office, Bldg. 254, Gale Lemerand Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments made at the TAPS Customer Relations Office may be made by cash, check, money order, credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or debit card.

Payments may also be made through U.S. Mail or using the after-hours drop box located outside the TAPS Customer Relations Office. Payments made via the mail or in the drop box must be check or money order (no cash, please). Please remember to include your citation number with your check or money order to ensure full credit for your payment. Checks must be made payable to the University of Florida, and payments should be mailed to P.O. Box 112400, Gainesville, FL 32611. Postmarks are not sufficient to meet payment or appeal deadlines.

Students with delinquent citations may also make payment at Student Accounts in Criser Hall.

Parking in the Community

Avoid being towed and/or fined by heeding the following precautions. Check for and read all signs that note parking. Some apartment complexes require a parking sticker or decal for parking, while others do not. Check with management to see what parking requirements your complex has. Do not park in tow-away zones, fire lanes or handicapped spots if you do not have a permit.

“Living off campus and commuting can be challenging at times. One thing that has helped me navigate the RTS (Regional Transit System) is the TransLoc Transit Visualization application. This free application is accessible from a computer or smartphone at www.ufl.transloc.com. The app provides maps for each route and uses GPS tracking for each of the buses. This allows me to see how far the next bus is from the bus stop so I can estimate when to head out the door, and it’s pretty reliable.”

Shaunté Duggins
If you are a guest, make sure you park in the proper designated area. Some complexes require a visitor’s parking pass or have designated spots. Guests can be towed, booted and/or fined for not parking in the proper area.

If you live in a house, there are city codes regarding parking. Parking is not allowed on the grass or yard on non-game days. Check with the city or your landlord to see where your designated driveway is.

In some areas of Gainesville, there are parking permit requirements. To get a permit, you will need a letter from management or a supervisor. See the City’s website at www.cityofgainesville.org for more information.

City of Gainesville - Towing
The Gainesville Police Department is responsible for regulating trespass towing within the City limits of Gainesville. Businesses within our city contract with towing companies as a way to ensure that their paying customers and tenants have access to parking.

While it is never a pleasant experience to have your vehicle towed if you park illegally, you do have legal rights that the tow companies must comply with or face civil and possible criminal penalties.

Some useful facts to remember if your vehicle is towed
1. The fee to recover your vehicle is $76.00 if you recover your vehicle within the first 24 hours. If you fail to recover your vehicle after that time, the tow company can charge additional fees. Those additional fees are not regulated by the City, but the tow company must have all their fees posted in their office for all to see, and they must also have the fees on file with GPD. One note: the City Commission is considering raising the towing fee to $100.00.

2. Prior to towing a vehicle, the towing company is required to take the photographs of the violation. The photographs must be made available for viewing between the hours of 9 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

3. The towing company is required to be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on all days they do trespass towing. The City Commission is considering changing the hours to 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. If a tow company is closed, they must respond within an hour to the tow yard to allow a person to recover their vehicle.

4. If you approach a tow operator at your vehicle, and they have not started to connect your vehicle, they must stop and allow you to recover your vehicle at no charge. If the tow company has started connecting your vehicle, they must release your vehicle upon demand, but they can only charge half the cost of a normal trespass tow. If the tow operator has begun driving off with your vehicle, they can proceed to the tow yard and you may be charged the full tow fee.

5. All trespass towing companies must display the “Trespass Tow Bill of Rights” at the business location. If your vehicle is towed, the Trespass Tow Bill of Rights provides you with some of the rights available to you.

These are just a few useful tips the City of Gainesville hopes will help you in case your vehicle is towed. For more information about trespass towing or to file a complaint, please visit the Gainesville Police Department’s website at www.gainesvillepd.org. You can also contact Officer McAdams at (352) 393-7588.
Commuter Students
The road warriors of UF. Take time to make UF your home away from home. Below is some information to help you with your commuter student lifestyle.

• Traffic Reports: See up-to-date traffic crash reports from the Florida Highway Patrol at www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic. Typically, Newberry and Archer Roads and 34th and 13th Streets have some congestion (especially in the evening commute hours from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Plan around these high-volume times or take a different route to get to and from campus.

• Parking Info: You must purchase a parking decal from Transportation and Parking Services to be able to park on campus weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. and all day on weekends, most, but not all, parking restrictions are lifted. For more information on parking decals including purchasing info, go to www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/studentdecals.asp. For information on commuting options, see www.parking.ufl.edu/pages/transcommopt.asp.

• In addition to parking on campus, you could park at the Oaks Mall for free and then take a RTS bus to campus. Also, some businesses in the College Park area (area north of University Avenue and close to campus) sell parking spots for either an entire semester or per day.

• RTS Bus System: RTS, Gainesville’s local bus system, is available to UF students. Routes run all over campus and Gainesville. To ride, students must present their Gator 1 ID to the driver. For bus routes and maps, go to www.go RTS.com.

• Scheduling: Try to arrange your class and work schedule so you don’t have long gaps of waiting time between classes and shifts. If you can’t arrange your schedule this way, use the time efficiently by studying or doing homework. Avoid having to drive back and forth from home by making your schedule more compact. Many on-campus jobs will work around your class schedule so look into this option if you want to gain work experience, make some cash, meet new people and get involved on campus.

• Places to Chill On Campus: The UF Libraries and Reitz Union are good spots to rest or do work in between classes. Bring your laptop and use the free WiFi connections on campus. Also, the Institute of Black Culture (IBC), the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures (La Casita), and the Reitz Union have lounge space for students to utilize.

Getting Connected
Get involved on campus by joining a student organization, getting a campus job, doing research, etc. Check out campus-sponsored speakers, performances, museum exhibits, sporting events and the gym. Investing time into UF will enrich your college experience, but remember not to spread yourself too thin. The weekly Gator Times email is a good source of campus events and opportunities. To search more than 900 student organizations, go to www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu. For more information about on-campus jobs, see www.jobs.ufl.edu.
Getting Around On RTS

Cyclists and Their Bikes Both Ride RTS
All RTS buses are bike rack-equipped, and each rack holds up to two bicycles. The racks are on the front of the bus. If you wish to use the bike rack, signal the driver that you are going to the front of the bus when getting on and off the bus. You will be responsible for loading and unloading your bicycle, and use is first-come, first-served. You can view a video on how to use the bike rack at: www.go-rts.com/riderinfo.php#bike.

How to Find Your Bus
Want to find your bus? Take advantage of RTS’ online GPS bus tracking system called the Gator Locator. The service features an automatic vehicle locating system powered by TransLoc that allows bus riders to go online and get the real-time locations of all RTS buses. A new feature of Gator Locator allows you to click on an individual stop and see when the next bus will be arriving. Here is the webpage for Gator Locator: http://ufl.transloc.com.

You may also search for the TransLoc app and download to your smart phone or device. Please remember that the entire RTS fleet is not outfitted with this system and some buses may not be shown. If a bus is not being shown, then refer to the announcement area for more information. If no information is available, then the buses are running their normal schedule.

Rules for the Road
• Carts, strollers, luggage and oversize backpacks are allowed as long as they are able to be folded, stowed or personally held without blocking aisles.
• Please remember to take all your belongings. Report any suspicious packages or activity to the driver immediately.
• Be at your bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. When you see your bus approaching, stand by the bus stop sign, then the drivers will know to stop and pick you up.
• Help RTS stay on schedule by having the exact fare, your pass, ADA card or Gator 1 ID ready when the bus stops and the doors open. As you board, just show your Gator 1 ID or pass to the driver, or drop the correct fare into the farebox. Remember, bus drivers don’t carry change, so you’ll need the exact fare.
• Check the electronic destination signs on the front and sides of each bus to make sure you’re boarding the right one. (RTS would hate to take you somewhere you do not want to go.)
• Feel free to bring your radio, CD, tape player, MP3 player or iPod. Use of headphones is required, and the music must not interfere with the bus operator and/or other passengers. (Everyone loves music, just not as loud as you do.)
• Please do not leave newspapers or beverage containers on the bus.
• Eating and smoking are not permitted on RTS buses. Beverages are allowed as long as they’re in a securely covered drink container, as approved by RTS officials. Sorry, no styrofoam cups. Per City of Gainesville ordinance, no smoking is allowed within 20 feet of a bus stop or shelter.
• Be considerate of others and keep your feet off the seats.
• Buses move, sometimes unexpectedly. Please remain seated, or if you have to stand, hold on to a support at all times.
• No pets are allowed on RTS buses unless they are in a carrier. Service animals are allowed.
• Children under 40 inches tall are welcome to ride as long as they’re accompanied by an older passenger or an adult.
• As the bus approaches your destination, pull the buzzer cord or press the bar located above the windows. This lets the driver know that your stop is approaching. Try to do this about one block before your destination so the driver can make a smooth stop.
• For your safety, please exit through the rear doors and step clear of the bus. After exiting, cross behind the bus; do not cross in front of the bus. Wait for traffic to clear before attempting to cross the road.
• Passengers should dress properly to ride the bus. This means shirts, shoes and pants are required! Brighter colored clothing at night will allow you to be more visible to the drivers.
• Don’t forget to take your things with you when you leave the bus. RTS attempts to return as many items as they can, but RTS is not responsible for items left on the bus. If you lose an item, call (352) 393-7850 to reach Lost and Found. Everything turned in from an RTS bus is available to be
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Rider Alerts
Stay informed of detours, delays and impacts to the RTS system by visiting their website www.go-rts.com and viewing the Rider Alert section to the far right of the home page. You can be notified directly by ‘Liking’ the City of Gainesville Regional Transit System page on Facebook. Alerts are also posted on the Gator Locator page below all the Routes on the left-hand side.

Schedules around Town
Schedules for campus and city routes are available at numerous campus locations including the Reitz Union, the UF Bookstore and Welcome Center and Shands. You can also pick up your schedule at the Rosa Parks RTS Downtown Station, on any RTS bus or download it from the RTS website, www.go-rts.com.

Gator 1 ID
Start your day off right and leave the driving to us. UF students, students’ spouses, faculty, staff, their spouses and UF retirees enjoy unlimited access to all RTS services. No fee required. Just show the driver your valid Gator 1 ID. Other UF departmental IDs are not accepted, only Gator 1 ID.

See You Later Gator
Need a ride home from downtown Gainesville on Wednesday through Saturday nights? Check out Later Gator, the late-night RTS campus shuttle. Jump on-board to ride to and from the UF campus, downtown Gainesville, the Oaks Mall and Southwest Gainesville.

Apartment Complexes with Nearby Routes
Addison Lane ........................................... 20*, 21*, 28*, 62*
Arbor ......................................................... 9, 35, 36
Arbor East ..................................................... 15*
Archer Lane .................................................. 1, 12, 38
Arbor Park .................................................... 16, 17
Archer Woods ............................................. 1, 12, 38
Archer Court ................................................. 1, 12, 38
Arlington Square ........................................ 1, 2*, 5*, 6*, 7*, 10, 11, 15, 17*, 24*, 25*, 43*, 46
Asbury Park Subdivision ................................... 75
Ashton Lane ................................................ 1*, 25*, 46*, 121*, 126*, 127*
Aspen Ridge .............................................. 12, 35, 36, 62
Bartram ....................................................... 1, 12, 35, 38
Bentwood .................................................... 75
Bellamay Grand ........................................... 75
Beval .......................................................... 9, 35, 36
Boardwalk ................................................... 13
Bivens Cove ................................................ 13
Brandywine ................................................. 1, 12, 38
Bridgeight .................................................. 9, 35, 36
Brookwood Terrace ..................................... 8, 41
Cabana Beach ............................................ 20, 21, 62, 76*, 77
Camelot ..................................................... 5*, 34*, 43*
Campus Edge ........................................... 1*, 9, 12*, 35*, 36, 38*
Campus Lodge .......................................... 9, 34, 35, 62
Campus Walk ........................................... 1*, 46, 121*, 126, 127
Canopy Apartments .................................... 20, 21, 62
Carver Gardens ........................................... 2*
Cazabella ................................................. 5*, 34
Casablanca ............................................... 9, 34, 35, 36, 62
Cedar Ridge Villas ...................................... 75
Chase Hallow ............................................. 34, 35, 36, 62
Chelsea Lane ............................................. 20, 21, 28
Cobblestone ............................................. 8, 41
College Manor Apts .................................. 1*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 25*, 43*, 46
Colonial Oaks .......................................... 28, 62
The Continuum ........................................ 1, 5, 25, 46

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Granada......................................................................6*
Gator village ............................................................6 *
Gator Place ....................................................9, 35, 36
Gainesville Place ..............9*, 34, 35*, 36*, 62*
Frederick Gardens.................................13*, 16, 17
Courtney Green............................................................7, 11
Cypress Pointe ................................................................76*, 77
Eden Park at Ironwood.........................24*, 15, 39
Gator Place ....................................................9, 35, 36
The Cliffs.................................................................34, 35, 36, 62*
Gator Village ....................................................6*
Forty Thousand Ridges.................................1, 9, 34, 38*
Gables.................................................................9, 35, 36
Hampton Place ....................................................20, 21, 22
Halifax Gardens ....................................................20, 21
Hickory Hills ............................................................20, 21
Hidden Lake ............................................................6*, 8*, 15*, 41*
Hidden Village..............................................1*, 12*, 34, 38
Holly Heights..............................................................75
Huntington Lakes ....................................................39, 43
In The Pines ..............................................................16
Isabella Park ............................................................9, 34, 35, 36, 62
Kensington .........................................................20, 21, 28
Lake Crossing .......................................................43*, 39*
Lake Terrace .........................................................46
Lakeshore Towers ..................................................13
Lakewood Villas..................................................20, 62, 76, 77

*Complex is located within a quarter of a mile of a RTS bus stop.
MOVING OUT

Just as with moving in, moving out requires planning and work. Plan ahead, get boxes and pack your belongings little-by-little. Get your friends and family to help you make the moving process a little easier. Below is a moving-out checklist.

- **Check the lease end date.** By what date do you need to move out or renew your lease in order to stay? If you haven’t renewed your lease by the landlord’s deadline (which may or may not be the last day of your lease), the landlord may rent the apartment or house to someone else.
- **Don’t wait until the last minute.** Do not underestimate the time it takes to pack up all your belongings and move them. Start packing about 30 days before you need to vacate.
- **Donate.** Pack up in stages to allow yourself time to sell, donate, or find homes for things you no longer need or should not be disposed of with standard curbside or dumpster garbage. Donate clothes, couches and canned foods that you don’t need.
- **Moving out policy.** Do you need to return keys or have the carpet steamed before leaving? Find out from property management any specifics you may need to do before moving out.
- **Renting a truck, movers or a storage unit?** Call ahead to reserve since lots of other people are moving out at the same time.
- **Camera time.** Take pictures or video of your empty apartment so you have documentation of the condition of the property when you left.
- **Scrub the tub.** Make sure you thoroughly clean the apartment. Save all receipts regarding cleaning (products, professional service, etc.) as proof. Think about using green cleaning supplies. They can be found at Publix, Wal-Mart or Target. Just look for the Green Seal logo.
- **Make sure you make a move-out checklist and have the landlord sign and date it.** Use an impartial witness if the landlord is not available.
- **Find out the date when you will get your security deposit back.** You are not necessarily guaranteed your security deposit. However, if there are damages or cleaning needed, the landlord may use money from the security deposit to repair the property. A landlord has 15 days after termination of the lease to return the security deposit or send a notice by certified mail stating how much is going to be deducted from the deposit and why. If you have concerns, you must object to the deduction in writing within 15 days of your receipt of the notice or the deductions are authorized. If the notice is not postmarked within 15 days, the landlord forfeits the security deposit. If the property was damaged, the landlord can sue you even when the 15-day notice is not given. Consult an attorney or Student Legal Services before filing any lawsuits.
- **Keep in touch and give your landlord your new mailing address and phone number in case they have follow-up questions.**

### Donations

- **Goodwill**
  - [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)
  - 3520 SW 34th Street
  - Gainesville, FL 32608
  - (352) 376-9041

- **The Salvation Army**
  - [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)
  - 55 NW 23rd Avenue
  - Gainesville, FL 32609
  - (352) 373-7597

- **Haven Hospice Attic Resale**
  - [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org)
  - 300 NW 8th Avenue
  - Gainesville, FL 32601
  - (352) 378-7484

- **Habitat for Humanity**
  - [www.alachuahabitat.org](http://www.alachuahabitat.org)
  - 2317 SW 13th Street
  - Gainesville, FL 32608
  - (352) 378-4663
  - store@alachuahabitat.org

### Consignment

- **Sandy’s Resale**
  - [www.sandysresale.com](http://www.sandysresale.com)
  - 4148 NW 13th Street
  - Gainesville, FL 32609
  - (352) 372-1226

- **Cecile’s Consignment**
  - [www.cecilesconsignment.com](http://www.cecilesconsignment.com)
  - 2131 NW 6th Street
  - Gainesville, FL 32609
  - (352) 367-2666

- **Plato’s Closet**
  - [www.platosclosetgainesville.com](http://www.platosclosetgainesville.com)
  - 3441B West University Ave.
  - Gainesville, FL 32607
  - (352) 374-4402
SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability:
Sustainability is often defined as “meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.” Sustainability is a framework which ensures that social justice, equity and diversity; environmental protection, conservation and resource efficiency; and economic viability and vitality are factors in thinking critically about our decisions and lifestyles. The UF Office of Sustainability works with campus stakeholders to generate knowledge, acquire skills, develop values, and initiate practices that contribute to a sustainable, high quality of life on campus and across the Gator Nation. Visit their website for more information: www.sustainable.ufl.edu.

Here are some things you can do in your daily life to be sustainable:
• Buy local
• Recycle
• Reduce waste
• Reduce your electric use
• Take shorter showers
• Use compact fluorescent lightbulbs
• Use non-toxic cleaners
• Bike, walk, use the bus or carpool
• Sign up for Office of Sustainability communications to learn about events and happenings at www.sustainable.ufl.edu.

Garbage Disposal and Recycling

Top 10 Best Curbside Manners for Rental Houses
City of Gainesville, Solid Waste Division www.gainesvillerecycles.com
1. Put your garbage, recycling and yard trash out no earlier than the night before garbage day and take your containers in at the end of your garbage day.
2. You must place yard debris in reusable cans or brown paper lawn and leaf bags. Yard debris (leaves and small clippings) in bags can be purchased at Publix, Home Depot and Lowes. Limbs can be no longer than 5’ long and 8” in diameter.
3. Put loose garbage in bags before placing in the cart. This prevents loose garbage from flying out of the cart on windy days and littering the surrounding environment.
4. Never overflow your cart or use your neighbor’s cart. If your cart is full, use the official yellow bags that you can purchase at Publix. Place the yellow bags beside your cart (never on top).
5. Place recycling bins at least four feet away from the garbage cart. This prevents the bins from being tipped over by the garbage truck’s automatic arms.

Look for this logo to learn about how to be a green gator.

Here is an example of the correct way to prepare your garbage and recycling for disposal in Gainesville.
6. Rinse all bottles and cans. Caps are now accepted!
7. Never put recycling in the bin with food still in the containers. This is considered contamination and not usable recycling material. It is not necessary to remove the labels.
8. Remember, food contaminated corrugated cardboard is not accepted. Only clean, dry corrugated cardboard (including pizza boxes) can be accepted in the City of Gainesville’s recycling system. All boxes must be broken down in 4’ x 4’ pieces or less.
9. Always take the newspaper out of the plastic bag before recycling. Plastic contaminates the paper and must be removed by hand.
10. If you have broken glass, always wrap it up before placing it in the garbage and never put broken glass in the recycling. Safety comes first. Call (352) 334-2330 by the next day if your garbage, yard trash or recycling has not been picked up. This ensures it will be picked up within a short period of time (within 24 hours) so you can put your cart or bins away.

Thank you to the City of Gainesville and Solid Waste Division for providing this information.

Garbage Disposal and Recycling for Apartment Communities
Most apartment complexes provide garbage disposal and recycling in set locations. Contact your management office to determine the nearest location to dispose of garbage and recycling properly. If your complex does not offer recycling, contact the City of Gainesville’s Solid Waste Division Office of Recycling (352) 334-2330.

What Can I Recycle in Gainesville?

Paper:
Paper recycling is offered across our city and all houses should have an orange bin to collect paper and apartment complexes should have a paper collection area. Newspaper, office paper, mixed and colored paper, corrugated cardboard (including clean pizza boxes), pasteboard (ex. cereal or shoe boxes), paperback books and manuals, gift wrap, packing paper and junk mail are accepted. Please note that food contaminated paper, including used napkins, paper towels, tissues, paper cups or food wrappers, will ruin paper recycling and cause it to be sent to the landfill.

Glass, Aluminum and Plastics:
All colors of glass, aluminum cans, gable-top and aseptic cartons (juice & milk cartons), and plastics in the category of bottles, jugs, jars and tubs are accepted in the blue bin at your house or at the recycling center at your apartment complex. Items not accepted in the recycling containers are fast food drink cups, lids, straws or clamshells, plastic used as take-out boxes, Styrofoam, plastic wrapping, molded plastics (CD cases, toys, pipes) and plastic bags.

Electronics Waste:
If you live inside the city limits of Gainesville, electronics can be scheduled for pickup at curbside by calling (352) 334-2330. Alachua County’s Transfer Station Hazardous Waste Facility will dispose and recycle electronics free of charge. Visit their website for location, hours and a detailed list of accepted items www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/hwc/Pages/HazardousWasteCollection.aspx.

Miscellaneous Items:
If you aren’t sure what to do with it, go to the City of Gainesville website www.cityofgainesville.org/publicworks/programsandservices/recycling.aspx and download the City of Gainesville’s A-Z Recycling Source. This guide includes where to donate or recycle almost any unwanted item.

“TailGator” Gameday Recycling:
With the support of Pepsi, the UF Office of Sustainability, Solid Waste Management, PPD Grounds staff, and student groups work together to collect home-game recyclables (aluminum, glass, and plastic containers) from football fans. Since 2006, this volunteer-driven effort has diverted over 350,000 pounds from the landfill. If you are interested in getting involved, check out the Green Team Facebook group, or email info@sustainability.ufl.edu.

Thank you to the Office of Sustainability for providing this information and information denoted by.

Interested in composting? To turn leaves and branches into compost, free backyard composting wire and information booklets are available to city residents by contacting the Solid Waste Division’s Office of Recycling, (352) 334-2330. Always call first for availability.

OCL Advice: 🌿
Pets

Are You Ready For a Pet?

How do you know you are ready for a pet? Answer the following questions to find out.

Are you willing to spend at least $1,000 a year on veterinarian bills?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you willing and able to spend at least $30 a month on food bills?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you able to spend at least eight hours a day with your pet?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Is your pet able to travel with you?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Can you afford daycare or boarding if you travel?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you willing and able to spend time training your pet?
Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered no to any of these questions, you are probably not ready for a pet.

Having a pet is a lot of responsibility. Pets need constant and consistent care. Some people don’t have the time, money or ability to take care of a pet. Here are some extra tips:

• When signing a lease, get clear written permission for having pets.
• Having a pet can be a wonderful and fulfilling experience. In order to ensure the health and safety of your pet, it’s important to register your pet with the Alachua County Animal Services.

When caring for your pet, consider using UF’s Veterinary College Small Animal Hospital. Call (352) 392-2235 to set up an appointment during regular hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or in case of an emergency. For more information visit their website, smallanimal.vethospital.ufl.edu.

If it seems like not quite the right time to own a pet but you still love dogs or cats, check out one of the local animal shelters or rescues and become a volunteer. Volunteers foster, walk dogs, play with cats, give baths and help others find the perfect pet.

How to Register/License Your Pet

All pets within Alachua County must be registered. A current rabies vaccination is required to register your pet. You must show proof of pet vaccination to the Alachua County Animal Services office. There is a fee to license your pet. To check for costs, please visit the Alachua County Animal Services website www.alachuacounty.us. The Alachua County Animal Services office will issue your pet a set of tags that it must wear at all times. You can be fined if your pet is not wearing its tags!

Alachua County Animal Services
3400 NE 53rd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32609
Phone: (352) 264-6870
Fax: (352) 955-2542
www.alachuacounty.us

Local Dog Parks
Squirrel Ridge Dog Park
1603 SW Williston Road
Gainesville, Florida 32608

Possum Creek Park
Northwest 53rd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32605
Power Utilities

You might need to set up an account with Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) for electric, gas, water, wastewater and telecommunications services. Apply for services online at www.gru.com by calling (352) 334-3434 or 1-800-818-3436 (toll free) or at 301 SE 4th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601. GRU requires a deposit to start utility services. Have the following ready when you contact GRU:

- Legal name of primary account holder
- Phone number
- Social security number
- Driver's license (optional)
- Date of birth (min. age 18)
- Email address (optional)
- Physical address of location to start services
- Mailing address
- Bank account/routing number (if automatic payment option is desired)

You are required to make a deposit based on the type of services needed. After two years of payments, GRU will apply your deposit to your monthly bill. If you stop service before a two-year period, GRU will apply the deposit to your final bill and refund the remaining balance to you.

Pay bills on time; GRU will cut off services even if you are a student. GRU offers eBill Paperless Billing to your email and AutoPay by Bank Draft so that you will never miss a payment. Note: Certain months can be more expensive than others based on the weather and utility services you use. Summer months with the air conditioner or winter months with the heater can increase your bill. You can follow GRU on Facebook and Twitter for more updates.

Check out GRU’s Resources for Renters page in the My Home section of the website. www.gru.com. Tenants can use it to find tips to manage energy and water use, and information and tools for selecting an apartment or rental home.


Energy-Saving Tips for Renters

By making small changes in your home, you can use less energy and lower your monthly utility bill. Below are tips for using major appliances more efficiently and tackling the highest energy users in your home.

Air Conditioning & Heating

- Set your thermostat to 68°F or lower during winter and 78°F or higher during summer. For every degree you stray from the recommended setting, your bill may increase up to 4 percent.
- Turn your A/C off when leaving home for two hours or more.
- Don’t place lamps, TV sets or other heat producers near your thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, causing the A/C to run longer than necessary.
- Use fans to circulate air and keep the A/C at a recommended setting. Turn off fans when rooms are empty.

Water

- About 80 percent of the energy used for washing clothes is for heating the water, so wash clothes in cold water only. Your clothes will be just as clean as if you used warm or hot water.
- Make sure your dishwasher is completely full before running it.
- Let your dishes air dry. If you don’t have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the control knob after the final rinse and prop the door open a little.
- Install low-flow showerheads to save 25% to 60% in water usage.

Lighting

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) can replace standard lightbulbs in most fixtures. CFLs use 1/3 of the energy, provide the same amount of light and last up to 10 times longer.

Windows

- During summer, close your shades to block sunlight and reduce heat gain without running the A/C.
- During the winter, open your shades during the day to let in heat from sunlight. Close shades at night to keep heat from escaping through windows.

Other Tips

- Clean your clothes dryer’s lint filter after each load.
- When cooking, match the burner size to the size of your pan. Otherwise, you’ll use more heat than necessary to heat the pan.
- Use glass or ceramic pans when cooking in ovens. You can reduce the cooking temperature by 25º and your food will cook just as quickly.

Visit www.gru.com for more energy and money saving tips.
Energy Efficiency

UF’s energy efficiency campaign, Chomp Down on Energy, encourages faculty, staff and students throughout campus to ensure that lights and shared office equipment are turned off when they are not in use. In these budget constrained times, we cannot afford to waste on consumption. The main campus of the University of Florida uses about 470,000 megawatts of power annually, and spent roughly $38 million for electricity in 2008, with lights and equipment, such as computers and copiers, typically accounting for roughly 30 to 40% of a building’s energy use.

Policies

City Codes and State Statutes

There are city codes and state laws all residents must abide by, including regulations on noise, alcohol, parking, etc. For city codes, go to the City of Gainesville website www.cityofgainesville.org and click on Government Information. For state statutes, see www.flsenate.gov/statutes. Below are the most common codes and state statutes pertinent to student life at UF.

Noise

Noise disturbance is any sound which:

• Disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities
• Exceeds the sound level units set forth in the ordinance
• Is plainly audible as any noise or sound that can be clearly heard by a person using his/her faculties at a distance of 200 feet or more from the real property line of the source of the sound or noise.

Basically, if your house is the source of a noise that can be heard from more than 200 feet away, you are in violation of the city noise ordinance.

Open House Party Statute

Parties that are too large, loud, and provide alcohol to people under 21 violate this state statute. If you are the host, you can be arrested.

Alcohol

UF and the City of Gainesville are committed to enforcing the laws and ordinances regarding alcohol use and underage drinking. The legal drinking age is 21. Anyone younger than 21 caught drinking, either on or off campus, can face fines and possible arrest. Consequences may also include possible ramifications from the University.

Disorderly Conduct

This includes promoting or provoking a disturbance, brawl, assault or nuisance. Fighting words, unlawful congregation that hinders pedestrian or vehicular traffic, resisting or hindering the performance of duties by a police officer or city official, or damaging or destroying personal or private property are violations of this ordinance.

Occupancy

No more than three unrelated people can live in a rental house. For example, four people can live in a house together as long as at least two people are related. Four individual friends cannot live in a house together even if there are four or more bedrooms.

Parking

In Gainesville’s residential areas, passenger vehicles are permitted to be parked on approved driveways or designated city street parking with a decal. Parking in the front yard of a residence, other than on an approved surface, is not allowed.

Contact the City of Gainesville Code Enforcement at (352) 334-5030 for more information.

OCL Advice:

If a friend is in need of medical attention due to serious intoxication, bring them to the hospital. You cannot be punished for the simple act of taking a friend to the hospital. Your friend’s safety is the most important thing!
Nutrition
You are what you eat. When you think about it enough, that’s a pretty empowering (or scary) thought. If you aren’t already, try your hand at cooking. Cooking saves you money versus eating out for every meal. Also, when you cook, you’re in total control of the ingredients you put in your body. Check out recipes for beginner to expert student cooks at www.yumyum.com/student, www.cookinglight.com, and the Better Homes and Gardens website has great recipes www.bhg.com/recipes among thousands of others!

UF has great nutrition resources including a nutritionist available through the Student Health Care Center. To set up an appointment visit the SHCC website www.shcc.ufl.edu. Also, GatorWell provides healthy living presentations and resources at www.gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu.

Sustainable shopping
When shopping, bring reusable shopping bags for your groceries, recycle produce trays and egg cartons at Publix and shop for products with less packaging.

Eat Local
Gator Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a new program that provides participants with fresh, local produce directly from local farms. To become part of CSA, those interested pay an upfront fee to the farm. In return, the farm provides the member with a fresh variety of produce every week. There are a limited number of shares so be sure to sign-up sooner rather than later. For more information, go to the Gator CSA website at www.sustainable.ufl.edu/gatorcsa/.

Food Assistance
If you need help paying for your food, food stamps are available for qualified students. Go to www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/foodassistance.shtml. You will need to go to the local Office for Family and Children Services to set up an appointment to complete the application.

Take ownership of your health and empower yourself through the food choices you make.
Gator Dining Meal Plans
www.gatordining.com
To Purchase
www.gator1.ufl.edu.

Commuter Meal Plans
Want to enjoy the convenience and discount of a meal plan? For students living off campus, Gator Dining Services offers Commuter Block Meal Plans. These meals are redeemable at the Fresh Food Company, Gator Corner Dining Center, Moe's Southwest Grill, Subway, Pollo Tropical, Papa John’s, Croutons Hand-Crafted Salads, Chomp It, and the Camellia Court Café at the Harn Museum of Art. You may purchase your Commuter Meal Plan with Gator Dining’s Financial Aid Award Deferred Payment Program.

Commuter Meal Plan options for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015:
• 65 Block (includes $25 in Flex Bucks)
• 25 Block (includes $300 in Flex Bucks)

Residential Meal Plans
Meal Plans are a great idea if you like to eat, but don’t like to cook or you don’t have the facilities to do so. Meal plans grant you access to the two, all-you-care-to-eat residential dining centers on-campus: Gator Corner Dining Center and the Fresh Food Company. In addition to the two dining centers, meals are also redeemable at Moe’s Southwest Grill, Subway, Pollo Tropical, Papa John’s, Croutons Hand-Crafted Salads, Chomp It, and the Camellia Court Café at the Harn Museum of Art. You may purchase your Residential Meal Plan with Gator Dining’s Financial Aid Award Deferred Payment Program.

Residential Meal Plan options for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 are:
• 7 Day Open-Access PLUS (includes $450 in Flex Bucks)
• 7 Day Open-Access (includes $200 in Flex Bucks)
• 5 Day* Open-Access (includes $350 in Flex Bucks)
• 14 Meals Per Week (includes $300 in Flex Bucks)
*5 Day Open-Access is valid for meals Monday-Friday

What are Flex Bucks?
The meal swipes from meal plans can be used at Gator Corner Dining Center, the Fresh Food Company, Moe's Southwest Grill, Subway, Pollo Tropical, Papa John’s, Croutons Hand-Crafted Salads, Chomp It, and the Camellia Court Café at the Harn Museum of Art. The Flex Bucks portion of your meal plan can be used to purchase food at other dining locations on campus including Jamba Juice, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, Panda Express, and Einstein Bros. Bagels to name a few. Flex Bucks are also accepted at on campus convenience stores. Additionally, we have a Flex Bucks Reload Program, which will automatically reload your account with either $50 or $100 in Flex Bucks when your balance drops below $50.

Declining Balance
Declining Balance is money placed on your Gator 1 ID which you can use at any of the dining locations and convenience stores on campus. There is no minimum balance to maintain and the funds roll over every semester until you graduate or if you transfer from UF. Gator Dining also has a Declining Balance Reload Program which will automatically reload your account with either $50 or $100 when your balance drops below $50. You may purchase your Declining Balance account with Gator Dining’s Financial Aid Award Deferred Payment Program.

Gator Dining Services
114 Fletcher Drive
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(352) 392-2491
www.gatordining.com

OCL Advice:
Gator Dining Services is now Styrofoam free and also offers reusable to-go boxes at their dining halls and 25 cents off coffee purchases. Gator Dining also sells a 32 oz. reusable cup for $2.99 that includes your first fountain beverage. You can present this cup at locations where fountain beverages are sold and receive a refill for 99 cents. These cups are sold at most Gator Dining locations.
Call 911 immediately!

I am unresponsive and need help.
This is no laughing matter.

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning

1. Person is passed out or unresponsive and cannot be awakened.
2. Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin.
3. Breathing is slow or irregular, with 10 seconds or more between breaths.
4. Vomiting while "sleeping" or passed out, and not waking after vomiting.
5. Unable to stand or walk without great difficulty.

When someone is experiencing alcohol poisoning or overdose:

DO NOT: Hesitate to call 911. The person’s life is in danger. Better to be safe than sorry.

DO NOT: Leave the person alone. The person may seem to be okay, but the alcohol ingested may take some time to be absorbed before peak levels are reached in the brain.

DO NOT: Try to give the person anything to eat or drink. The stomach is severely irritated and cannot handle anything else.

DO NOT: Put the person in a cold shower. The person could fall or the shock could make him/her pass out.

DO NOT: Just let him/her "sleep it off."

Each year about 1,800 college students die from alcohol overdose. You can help prevent this if you call 911 or take your friend to the emergency room rather than make fun of them.
GET INVOLVED

Make the most of your time at UF. Being a student at the University of Florida provides you access to many opportunities and resources. Take advantage of these free resources. Below is a list of on-campus services and resources:

**Academic Advising Center**
www.ufadvising.ufl.edu
AAC staff can help you with questions about your major and minor, course tracking requirements and much more.

**Broward Hall Serenity Room**
The Broward Serenity Room, UF’s multi-faith, nondenominational prayer room, opened in the fall of 2010. Comfortable chairs, ample floor space, a relaxing water feature and privacy screens are designed to provide a sense of solitude. Additional support for guests includes the renovated restroom next to the Serenity Room which features artwork, custom hand towels, ablution facilities such as a foot bath, additional seating for family and space for personal items. The Serenity Room is available for use from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily. Contact Broward Hall desk staff for directions and the key to the room.

**Career Resource Center**
www.crc.ufl.edu
The CRC 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, a Fall and Spring Career Showcase and much more.

**Center for Leadership and Service**
www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu
CLS provides the structure and resources to help prepare students to become productive citizens and assume roles of leadership and service in a culturally diverse and increasingly complex society. CLS fosters lifelong service and civic participation by engaging the University and the greater community in action, change and learning. Organizations include Florida Alternative Breaks (FAB) and LeaderShape.

**Student Activities and Involvement**
www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu
SAI houses and supervises more than 900 campus student organizations. Go to the 3rd floor of the Reitz Union or check out their website to find an organization that interests you.

**Counseling and Wellness Center**
www.counseling.ufl.edu
The Counseling and Wellness Center provides counseling and support groups to help students feel more content with their lives. Support groups include eating disorders, anger management, relationship counseling, etc.

**Gator Nights**
www.union.ufl.edu/gatornights
Enjoy free movies, activities, giveaways and midnight breakfast on Friday nights from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

**GatorWell Health Promotion Services**
www.gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu
GatorWell’s mission is to help create and promote a healthy campus community by providing individual and group educational sessions, campus outreach activities and to work on changing policies. They provide services for alcohol, tobacco and drug use, eating disorders, nutrition, sexual health, stress reduction, time management and sleep.

**GatorZone**
www.gatorzone.com
GatorZone has everything you want to know about your favorite Gator sports teams, schedules and ticket information.

**On- or Off-Campus Jobs**
www.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

“Getting involved on campus is important because it’s the best way to take ownership and make a tangible difference. Students have a great opportunity to gain leadership positions and discover what they’re capable of.”

Josh Vasquez
Work-Study. For more information, students should visit the Student Employment Office in S-107 in Criser Hall. For off-campus jobs, students can visit the Career Resource Center for tips and resume review.

Sustainable UF
www.sustainable.ufl.edu
Students are the heart of the sustainability movement at UF! There are many ways to get involved, from volunteering on campus and in the community, to pursuing sustainability in your studies or becoming a member of a related student organization. Students can get involved in university-wide efforts by helping collect recyclables with the TailGator Game Day Recycling Green Team, interacting with students at the Sustainability Hut, or they can pursue sustainable change at the department level by joining their college or department’s Green Team.

Student Health Care Center
www.shcc.ufl.edu
SHCC provides general medical care, immunizations, physical therapy and radiology among other services. They also have dermatology, allergy, sports medicine and travel clinics.

Student Legal Services
www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu
UF students are eligible for free legal services, including but not limited to advice and consultation, drafting of letters and legal documents, and review and interpretation of legal documents. Notary services are also available.

Student Recreational Sports
www.recsports.ufl.edu
RecSports at UF has three workout facilities, an indoor track, 32 tennis courts, nine sand volleyball courts, seven basketball courts, six racquetball/handball courts, three volleyball courts, a skate park and a roller-hockey rink. They provide personal training, physical assessments, intramural sports, sports clubs, group fitness classes and much more. Free sports equipment is available for checkout. Opportunities for student employment are available, as well.

What to Do for Fun in Gainesville
Gainesville is a great city. It is known for being a tree city and has some wonderful state and city parks. Gainesville also has a vibrant arts community with local artists and yearly art festivals. To find out more about local state parks visit www.floridastateparks.org. To find out more about the arts in Gainesville visit www.gvlculturalaffairs.org.

There are lots of things to do in Gainesville. See the following page for a list of links for local attractions including movie theaters, bowling alleys, golf courses and much more. Many of the local businesses including restaurants, auto mechanics and theaters provide student discounts … just ask.

Check out the local newspapers, the Gainesville Sun and Independent Florida Alligator, for more information about what’s going on in Gainesville from local music to community service opportunities.

Get Involved - UF & Off-Campus Resources
Learn more about the city by getting involved. The City of Gainesville website has great information about upcoming events and local boards that citizens can serve on. Visit the City of Gainesville website for more details at www.cityofgainesville.org.
Off Campus - FREE or Cheap

City of Gainesville
www.cityofgainesville.org

Alachua County Library District
www.aclib.us

Visit Gainesville
www.visitgainesville.com

Florida State Parks
www.floridastateparks.org

Gainesville Parks and Recreation
www.cityofgainesville.org

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
www.kanapaha.org

Gainesville Area Springs
www.floridasprings.org

The Oaks Mall
www.theoakmall.com

Gainesville Today
www.gainesvilletoday.com

Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
www.gainesvillechamber.com

Kika Silva Pla Planetarium
www.sfcollege.edu/planetarium

Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
www.sfcollege.edu/zoo

The Hippodrome Theater
www.thehipp.org

Gainesville Rock Gym
www.gainesvillerock.com

Gainesville Raceway
www.gainesvilleraceway.com

Independent Florida Alligator
www.alligator.org

The Gainesville Sun
www.gainesville.com

Farmers Markets
www.441market.com
www.hailefarmersmarket.com
www.unionstreetfarmersmktt.com

On Campus - FREE or cheap
There’s a lot to do on campus that is free or at a reduced price for students. You can see a Gator Football game in the Swamp, see a play at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts or attend Gator Nights at the Reitz Union. Below you will find some resources to help you find something fun, free or not too expensive to do any day or night of the week.

University of Florida
www.ufl.edu

Gator Times
gatortimes.ufl.edu

UF Virtual Tour
www.virtualtour.ufl.edu

Reitz Union
www.union.ufl.edu

Stuff to Do Calendar
www.union.ufl.edu/calendar

Gator Nights
www.union.ufl.edu/gatornights

TRiP
www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/TRiP

Leisure Courses
www.union.ufl.edu/leisure

Reitz Union Rec Room
www.union.ufl.edu/games

Harn Museum of Art
www.harn.ufl.edu

Fine Arts
www.arts.ufl.edu

Recreational Sports
www.recsports.ufl.edu

UAA – Gator Zone
www.gatorzone.com

UF Observatory
www.astro.ufl.edu

UF Libraries
web.uflib.ufl.edu

Florida Museum of Natural History
www.flmnh.ufl.edu

Butterfly Rainforest
www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflies

UF Performing Arts
www.performingarts.ufl.edu

University Box Office
www.union.ufl.edu/ubo

Stephen C. O’Connell Center
www.oconnellcenter.ufl.edu

“The Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH) is a great resource for students. Whether you have a project for class or simply a spare hour or two, the FLMNH never fails to entertain the mind for countless hours through its various exhibits and programs.”

Nick Coutu
Resources On Campus:

**Academic/Support Services**
- Division of Student Affairs: (352) 392-1265, www.ufsa.ufl.edu
- Dean of Students Office: (352) 392-1261, www.dso.ufl.edu
- Student Legal Services: (352) 392-LAWS, www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu
- Off Campus Life: (352) 392-1207, www.offcampus.ufl.edu
- Disability Resources: (352) 392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc
- Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution: (352) 392-1261 ext. 207, www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr
- Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs: (352) 392-1671, www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/sorority-fraternity-affairs
- Center for Leadership and Service: (352) 392-1215, www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu
- New Student and Family Programs: (352) 392-1261 ext 236, www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp
- Multicultural and Diversity Affairs: (352) 392-1217, www.multicultural.ufl.edu
- LGBT Affairs: (352) 392-1217, www.multicultural.ufl.edu
- Institute of Hispanic Latino Culture: (352) 392-1217, www.multicultural.ufl.edu
- Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs: (352) 392-1217, www.multicultural.ufl.edu
- Office of the Ombuds: (352) 392-0194, www.ombuds.ufl.edu
- UF Bookstore: (352) 392-0194, www.ufl.bkstr.com
- Career Resource Center: (352) 392-1601, www.crc.ufl.edu
- Student Financial Affairs: (352) 392-1275, www.sfa.ufl.edu
- University Bursar: (352) 392-0181, www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar
- University Registrar: (352) 392-1374, www.registrar.ufl.edu
- Office of Sustainability: (352) 392-7578, www.sustainable.ufl.edu
- UF Computing Help Desk: (352) 392-HELP (4357), www.helpdesk.ufl.edu
- UF Graduate School: (352) 392-3261, www.graduateschool.ufl.edu
- Teaching Center (Tutoring/Testing): (352) 392-2010, www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu

**Health/Counseling**
- Counseling and Wellness Center: (352) 392-1573, www.counseling.ufl.edu
- Student Health Care Center: (352) 392-1161, www.shcc.ufl.edu
- GatorWell Health Promotion Services: (352) 273-4450, www.gatorwell.ufl.edu

**Athletics**
- University Athletic Association: (352) 375-4683, www.uaa.ufl.edu
- GatorZone: www.gatorzone.com

**Involvement**
- Student Activities & Involvement: (352) 392-1671, www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu
Resources - Off Campus

Law Enforcement/Safety

University of Florida Police Department
(352) 392-1111
www.police.ufl.edu

Victim Services
(352) 392-5648
www.police.ufl.edu

SNAP (Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol)
(352) 392-SNAP (7627)
www.police.ufl.edu/community-services/student-nighttime-auxiliary-patrol-snap

Rape Aggression Defense Program
(352) 392-1409.
www.police.ufl.edu/community-service/rape-aggression-defense-program-rad

Transportation/Parking

Transportation and Parking Services
(352) 392-7275
www.parking.ufl.edu

Gator Lift
(352) 494-2305
www.parking.ufl.edu/subpages/gatorlift.html

Regional Transit System (Bus service)
(352) 334-2600
www.go-rts.com

RTS - Later Gator Service
(352) 334-2600
www.go-rts.com

Resources Off Campus:

City of Gainesville
(352) 334-5000
www.cityofgainesville.org

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CARE AREA
Professionals in the Dean of Students Office work with students, their families and campus resources to derive success plans and provide ongoing support for students in distress dealing with a variety of issues. Medical withdrawals are also the responsibility of the Care Area. The staff helps students complete the necessary medical petition paperwork for all courses or medical drops before or after the drop deadline.

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