

# Welcome

Orientation 2024



Collaborating departments:

Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement

Student Academic Resource Center

Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center



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**Access** is a unique program designed to equip you with essential skills, resources, and ongoing support to smoothly transition from high school to college.

Students chosen for the program are selected through Undergraduate Admissions by the Admissions Committee from a large and competitive applicant pool.

The three UCF offices in collaboration coordinate and execute the program:

- Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement
- Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)
- Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center (KMETC)



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### The Purpose & Benefits for the Access Student

- Students who participate in the Access Program get a jump start on their UCF experience by earning up to 6 credit hours and gaining early exposure to campus life and resources. The state of Florida requires 9 credit taken during the summer terms during your undergraduate experience. At the end of summer 2024, you will have completed 6 of these 9 hours
- The Access Program has a 97 to 100% retention rate yearly.
- Student will receive academic support and are assigned a peer mentor.
- Other program benefits include:
  - Meet peers that could develop into lifelong friendships
  - Build relationships with professors, administrators, and staff
  - Learn about registered student organizations, research opportunities, study abroad, and other co-curricular programs
  - Receive priority registration as an ACCESS student for spring 2025
  - And much more!



## **Outline of the Components**



### **Mandatory Components:**

- Week 1 Seminar, Monday, June 24 at 5:30 pm in Classroom Building II, Room 101
- Summer Classes
- Learning Support
- Peer Mentoring
- Friday Fuel Ups
- UCF Student Success Conference

### **Additional Program Components:**

- Recommended meetings with your Academic Success Coach
- One-on-One Peer Mentoring
- One-on-One Peer Academic Coaching (optional)
- Workshops





#### **Summer B Access 2024 class information**

Students must meet the requirements listed to successfully complete the summer program and earn full admission to UCF for Fall 2024 semester.

- Complete two college-level courses (six credit hours) with at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- Your GEP course for summer was selected on your intended major and incoming or expected credit
- Your GEP course this summer is a requirement for graduation and meets the requirement for your intended major



 As an Access student, you cannot make any changes to your summer B 2024 schedule. You are required to complete these two courses based on being admitted to the Access Program



### **Access Classes**

- Summer B classes begin Monday, June 24, 2024
- University is closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Independence Day
- Summer B ends Friday, August 2, 2024
- Summer B grades available on myUCF, Friday, August 9, 2024
- Fall 2024 classes begin Monday, August 19, 2024

All Access students will be required to complete one (1) General Education Program (GEP)course and one (1) SLS course this summer

A temporary hold will be placed on your academic record following your registration tomorrow. This temporary hold will be removed on Monday, July 1

An email concerning this temporary hold will be sent to you with additional information





### Learning Support: Supplemental Instruction (SI)

#### Overview:

- Mandatory component
- Peer-led group study sessions facilitated by experienced SI Leaders

#### **Key Features:**

- Weekly 1-hour structured group study sessions
- Led by a student who has excelled in the course
- Emphasizes collaborative learning (group activity in every session)
- Integrates content and learning skills

#### **Benefits:**

- Learn effective study strategies and course material comprehension
- Improve performance and grades in GEP courses
- Develop skills to succeed as an independent learner



### **Learning Support: ACE Peer Knights**

#### Overview:

- Mandatory component
- Peer-led group academic coaching sessions designed to support student success

#### **Key Features:**

- Weekly 1-hour structured group study sessions
- Identify and use new learning tools/strategies
- Discover strengths and areas of growth
- Cover topics such as notetaking, active textbook reading, study habits, test prep, test anxiety, goal setting, and how to succeed in an online class

#### **Benefits:**

- Gain tools to improve grades and academic standing
- Learn to prioritize tasks and manage time effectively
- Stay motivated and accountable through regular coaching sessions
- Optional one-on-one sessions provide personalized support and tailored assistance



## **Peer Mentoring**

- Peer mentors meet with groups of access students once a week to help manage expectations and adjust to college life.
- Provide opportunities to connect with key services, and resources.
- Promote a sense of belonging and inclusiveness.
- Mentoring topics include transitioning, goal setting, financial literacy, and campus resources.









## **Attendance Policy**



- Attendance is taken at all mandatory components.
- Student is only permitted 3.5 absences.
- Missing one component (not one day) or 10+ minutes late will equal one (1) absence.
- Failure to check in, regardless of attendance, will constitute an absence.
- Not adhering to the attendance policy will prevent you from admittance to fall semester.
- Please see Attendance Policy on the Access website.



## **Access Program Reminders**

**Submit your FAFSA:** You can complete the FAFSA form using estimated tax information if you or your parents' taxes have not been filed. The FAFSA can be completed online at <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/">https://fafsa.ed.gov/</a>.

Complete the FAFSA for 2023-2024 (for summer 2024) and 2024-2025 (for fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025). UCF's school code is 003954.

Immunization Record: You must submit an immunization record history form. <a href="https://studenthealth.ucf.edu/immunizations/">https://studenthealth.ucf.edu/immunizations/</a>. This is filed electronically.

**Housing:** First-year students who are admitted for the Summer B must apply for a separate summer-only housing agreement **and** their Fall housing agreement.



### **Contact Information**

Any questions regarding the **Access Program** may be directed to the **Access Team** by:

• Email: Access@ucf.edu

Phone: 407-823-2616

Website: <a href="https://access.sdes.ucf.edu/">https://access.sdes.ucf.edu/</a>



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