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MAXIMIZING YOUR UCF EXPERIENCE

A Guide to UCF's Little-Known Resources



**DIVE INTO WHAT UCF
HAS TO OFFER!**

**ACADEMICS
NETWORKING
SOCIAL & FUN
HEALTH & SAFETY
STUDENT UNION**

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ABOUT THE GUIDE



"For every decision you make, there are at least 10 additional things that are going to happen as a result."

*- UCF President
Alexander N.
Cartwright*

Welcome to a comprehensive guide to the University of Central Florida's wide variety of resources, designed to encourage every student on their academic journey. Whether you're a freshman embarking on your first semester or a senior preparing for graduation, this guide will help you navigate the vast opportunities, support services, and extracurricular activities available at UCF.

In this guide, you'll find an assortment of information covering key aspects of student life at the University of Central Florida. From academic support services to networking opportunities, social activities, health and safety resources, and everything in between, we've curated a collection of topics to ensure you have access to the tools and support you need to thrive.



Academic Resources

Resources that can help you start your college workload for the first time and give you that final push for graduation.



Tutoring & Writing

Whether UCF is your first college experience or your final transfer for those last few credit hours, understanding the academic and writing resources available to you can make a huge difference in your education. Even as we encourage you to charge on, that doesn't mean you need to charge on alone, and we are here to help you each step of the way with the following tutoring and writing resources. Knights always stick together!



STUDENT ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER (SARC)

Have you ever run into a problem for a class you just can't solve? Fear not, for the Student Academic Resources Center is here to solve many of your study-related issues! At SARC, you can contact tutors that specialize in a variety of teaching methods and for specific classes to get the resources you need to succeed. They also offer a number of academic workshops and other coaching opportunities if you're interested in learning more about healthy studying habits and skills. SARC also offers hourly wages for tutors if you want to help fellow students.



THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER (UWC)

Writing doesn't come to everyone easily, but with the University Writing Center, your writing process will be simple and painless! The UWC specializes in writing-related tutoring, from simple discussion posts to your final thesis and dissertation. Meet either in person or online with dozens of tutors to find out exactly what your paper is missing and learn a few writing tid bits along the way! They also offer writing events and workshops to hone your writing skills and meet like-minded students. UWC even offers paid positions for writing peer-tutors each semester!



DIGITAL INITIATIVES

Unlike other resources at UCF, Digital Initiatives aims to provide all the reference sources you'll need for your projects. The STARS Institutional Repository helps to share scholarly resources with you in a user-friendly interface. Or if you're interested in UCF's history and the millions of previous students that have graduated, you can explore its collections of yearbooks and theses/dissertations. You can also listen to fellow UCF students and professors on many topics with our collection of local podcasts.





LIB Tech

LibTech helps to transform what would otherwise be a state-of-the-art university library into a place for all of your needs.

You might expect the John C. Hitt Library at UCF to be your regular, run-of-the-mill college library upon first glance. But unlike most other college libraries, LibTech prides itself in thinking outside the box and offers so much more than you might expect it to! Here are some of the ways that LibTech and in turn, the UCF library system might just surprise you in how it caters to your college experience:

- Ever need to print a project for class or finish a project after your internet has gone out? At LibTech's Print Zone, you gain access to dozens of guest PCs to utilize for as long as you need. And for your printing needs, they offer printers at \$0.08 per page (\$0.30 for color), with a \$1 weekly allowance so you'll never have to pay for printing again!
- Talk to one of many available representatives at the LibTech desk on the second floor to get support for any software issues you may encounter on or off campus.
- Want to learn how to use a DSLR camera for professional or personal use? Enroll in the DSLR training course and get certified in the art of photography!
- If you're ever short on technology for a class, LibTech offers free rentals on a number of different devices, including laptops, cameras, lighting equipment, and even phone chargers, because LibTech knows that phones make the world go around.
- If you're an up-and-coming podcaster or want to start one with a few friends, the new podcast studio is perfect to record new episodes without the hassle of buying recording equipment.
- Their website also provides a number of articles that delve into some of the digital and library-related issues you might encounter, without the need to talk to someone in person.



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Networking and Career

Looking for an internship, job
or connections? Dive into
these pages to find the best
fit for you.

Networking Services

Handshake

Handshake is a website that helps you connect with employers and other students. Handshake allows you to find events on the UCF campus including career and networking opportunities. Need a job? Handshake also has job boards that easily allow you to apply for job and internship opportunities directly. Workshops and seminars can also be found on Handshake.



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UCF Knights Network

Are you graduating soon, or was your graduation last week? The UCF Knights Network is a networking platform aimed just for you! The main objective of UCF Knights Network is to promote career and professional development, entrepreneurship, job opportunities, and mentorship. This is an online platform to connect you with other fellow recent-graduate Knights.



ucfknightsnetwork.com

Office of Military and Veteran Student Success

If you or your family have connections within the military, the Office of Military and Veteran Student Success aims to create an enriching and inclusive environment for you to achieve educational and career goals through academic success and community partnerships.



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UCF Career Services

Here to help you find your path to a successful career!

Located at University of Central Florida's main campus in Orlando, UCF Career Services provides essential support as you navigate your career path. With a range of resources available both in-person at the Career Services building and online, you can access assistance with resume writing, cover letters, and LinkedIn profiles. Additionally, the Career Services website offers comprehensive guides and articles to aid in career exploration and job searching. Say goodbye to days spent endlessly job searching!

UCF Career Services prioritizes personalized guidance, recognizing the multifaceted nature of transitioning from academia to the professional world. Advisors tailor their support to your unique goals, whether you're pursuing a career or considering further education.

Accessible to all students, regardless of background or academic discipline, UCF Career Services hosts workshops, seminars, and one-on-one consultations to help you develop essential skills for success in today's competitive job market.

Ultimately, UCF Career Services serves as a valuable resource, providing the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary for you to navigate your professional journeys with clarity and assurance.



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Socializing at UCF

A short intro or kicker of the article will go here. This part acts as a bridge between the headline and the article itself.

Knightly Affairs: UCF's Premier Hosted Events

Step into a world of vibrant connections and spirited camaraderie as the University of Central Florida (UCF) presents an impressive lineup of events aimed at bringing students together. From live music hours to inclusive LGBTQ+ gatherings, UCF hosts a plethora of engaging experiences throughout each semester. Dive into the heart of campus life by exploring "Pegasus Palooza," an electrifying kickoff celebration marking the start of the academic year. Discover the essence of community at UCF as we showcase the diverse array of events awaiting you. Join us in creating unforgettable memories and forging lifelong relationships.



PEGASUS PALOOZA

Welcome to the highlight of the fall semester: Pegasus Palooza!

Picture this: You've just stepped onto campus, buzzing with excitement for the new academic journey ahead. But hey, it's not all about hitting the books from day one! That's where Pegasus Palooza swoops in to make your first week at UCF nothing short of legendary.

Whether you're a wide-eyed freshman, a seasoned senior, a transfer student, or a proud Connect campus member, Pegasus Palooza has something special

for everyone. This week-long extravaganza is packed with social shindigs, academic insights, and opportunities for service that'll have you feeling right at home in no time.

Feeling a bit jittery about navigating campus and meeting new faces? Fear not! Pegasus Palooza is your ultimate icebreaker, bringing together students from all walks of life to bond over shared experiences and create memories that'll last a lifetime.

From movie marathons in the addition financial arena to grooving to live

music, beats, and even indulging in some magical evenings, every event in Pegasus Palooza promises non-stop fun and excitement. It's not just about making friends; it's about immersing yourself in the vibrant spirit of UCF and discovering what makes this university truly special.

Get ready to kickstart your UCF journey with a bang at Pegasus Palooza. Trust us; you won't want to miss out on this epic celebration!



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HARMONIES, HOOPS, HOBBIES UNVEILING UCF'S

Clubs

With over 650 student clubs and organizations, UCF's campus is a hive of activity and diversity. From academic interests to cultural celebrations, there's a club for every passion and pursuit. The biannual open house at the Bounce House provides a gateway for you to explore these myriad opportunities, fostering connections and sparking new interests.



campuslabs.com



Performing Arts

At UCF, the stage is set for you to explore your creative passions through the vibrant world of performing arts. The UCF Theatre stands as a beacon for theatrical brilliance, hosting a spectrum of productions ranging from gripping plays to mesmerizing musicals. With open auditions beckoning talents from all academic disciplines, the opportunity to shine is not limited by your major. Dance concerts, Pegasus PlayLab, backstage roles, and production teams await eager participants, offering a chance to unleash your artistic flair.



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Sports and BIGXII

From the roaring cheers at the Bounce House to the roar of the crowd at the AFA, UCF's sporting events are more than just contests; they're experiences. As proud members of the Eastern Intercollegiate Conference (BIGXII), our students cheer on their favorite sports teams with top-tier football matches, basketball tournaments, and exciting showdowns. Joining the spirited student sections, fans across campus share in your game day excitement, showcasing UCF spirit and pride. And before each home football game, the pep rally in the Student Union along Memory Mall unite fans in a sea of gold and blue.



ES, AND HELLENIC HAVENS: CAMPUS CULTURE



House to the thunderous applause at more than just games—they're electrifying. In Big 12 conference, UCF Knights thrill fans and exhilarating basketball court sections adds an extra dimension to unwavering support for our beloved game, the iconic tailgate festivities of camaraderie and school spirit.



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Intramural Sports

UCF's commitment to fostering a culture of wellness extends to its thriving intramural sports leagues. Designed for both seasoned athletes and casual participants, these leagues offer you a chance to bond over friendly competition and shared victories. Whether joining as a free agent or rallying a team of friends, there's a league for everyone to join and enjoy.



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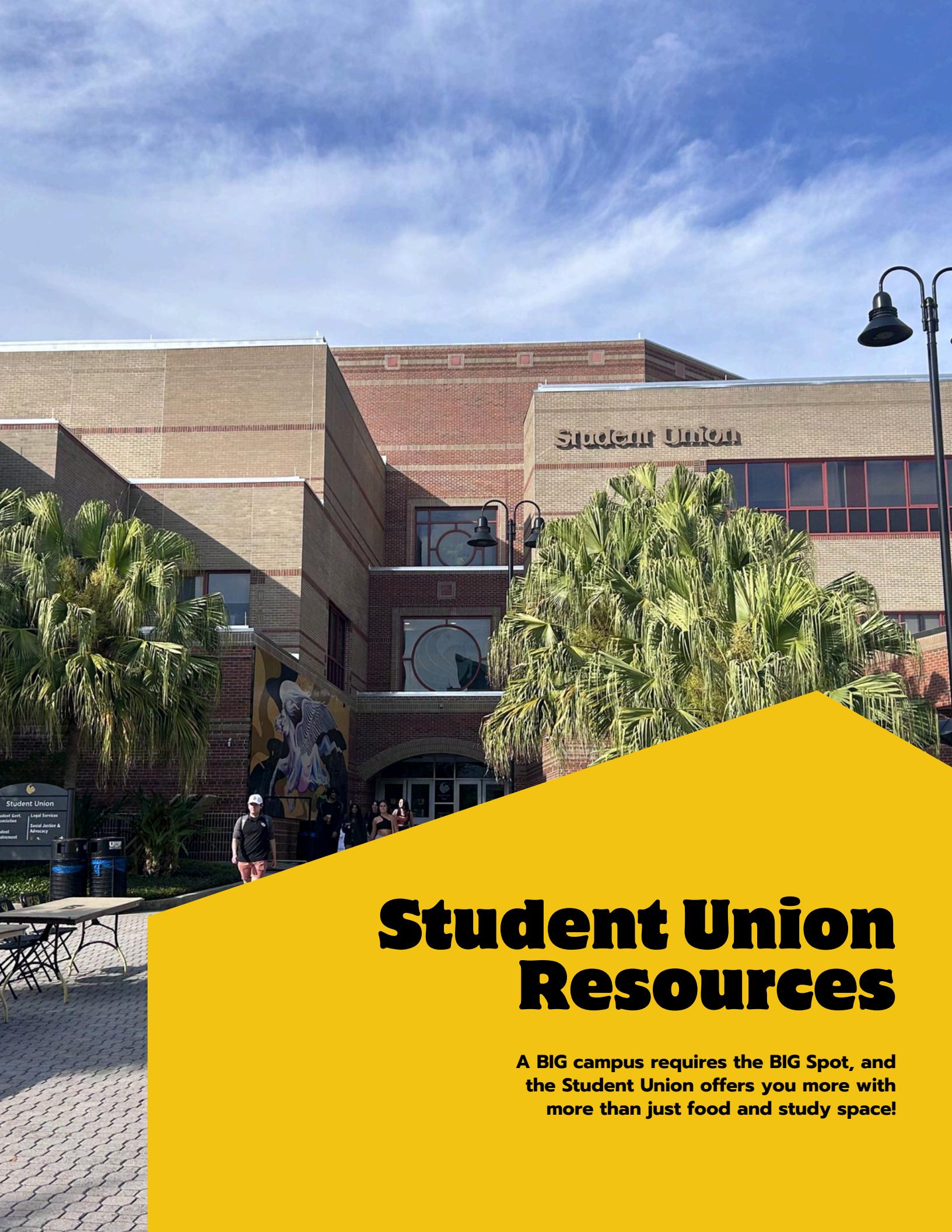
Fraternity & Sorority Life

Embracing tradition and upholding values of respect and integrity, Greek life at UCF is a cornerstone of campus culture with over 40 organizations under 4 councils: Panhellenic, IFC, NPHC, and DGC. With a stringent Anti-Hazing policy in place, fraternity and sorority members are entrusted with the responsibility of enriching the university community. Joining a fraternity or sorority isn't just about letters on a shirt—it's a commitment to personal growth and service, embodying the spirit of the Knight's Creed both on and off campus.



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Student Union Resources

A BIG campus requires the BIG Spot, and
the Student Union offers you more with
more than just food and study space!

Student Union

UCF Legal Services

If you have any legal troubles, UCF Legal Services is here to help with most fees included as a part of your tuition. This office provides UCF students with legal counseling and court representation for most cases that include dealing with landlords, traffic tickets, criminal matters, simple wills, etc. If a case cannot be taken by UCF, they can refer you to other attorneys. For consultation of your case, you can meet with a lawyer on the 3rd floor of the SU in room 304!



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SGA Ticket Center

The SGA Ticket Center at UCF provides tickets to various attractions across the Orlando area and more for discounted prices for all students! Do you want to go to Disney World, Universal, or Busch Gardens? They have discounted tickets for you! How about the local AMC theater or the Kennedy Space Center? Yep! Go grab your discounted tickets for these attractions and more at the Ticket Center located on the 1st floor of the Student Union now!



ticketcenter.sdes.ucf.edu

Knights Pantry

As students, anyone can have a rough time financially with rising costs for living. As a UCF student, you do not have to choose between paying for academic necessities and basic essentials. Knights pantry provides free groceries, clothing, and hygiene products donated by UCF partners and other members of the community. Supported by the SU, you can find the Knights Pantry at the Ferrell Commons room 7H-101.



studentunion.ucf.edu/knights-pantry

Pegasus Penthouse

Are you stressing over studying for exams and need a little break? Or you just want to have some fun with friends while on campus? The Pegasus Penthouse is the place for you with games like pool, air hockey, boardgames, and classic arcade games like Pacman, and more! Located at the 2nd floor of the SU next to the OSI office, all you need is your UCF Student ID, and you can have enjoy a room filled with fun!



studentunion.ucf.edu/faq/game-room/



Health & Safety

Whether you need first-aid on campus, mental health help, victim services, or even a general doctor visit, UCF has much to offer to all of your health and safety concerns!

Note: If you or someone has a serious emergency, please call 911!



Student Health Services

As a part of your health fees included in tuition, UCF provides basic primary care to all students, where you can receive primary care consultations and evaluations. Additional services are also provided that can be paid through your insurance.

As a student at UCF, academics, networking, and social life may be the first few things you look at, but your health should be your first priority. To help with that, UCF provides you with a wide variety of services, so you can be your best in all of the other areas of your student career at UCF!

As a part of health fees in your tuition, Student Health Services provides all primary care needs. This may include physical examination, dietary recommendations, some immunizations, stress, and getting answers to any other general health questions you may have for your doctor.

As a part of the primary care needs, the Student Health Services also provided free general Gynecological health services to all female students. Your health fee covers most gynecolo-

-gical screenings and test, including testing for cervical cancer. You can also get access to contraception counseling, Plan B, Pregnancy and STI screenings, although some services may require out-of-pocket payments.

In addition, UCF health services also provides dental services, x-rays, and a pharmacy. These services are not covered by your tuition and fees; however, UCF Student Health Services does accept most insurance policies!



studenthealth.
ucf.edu/

First Aid Kits

To ensure your physical safety across campus, UCF provides First Aid kits across all buildings. Any building you visit has a kit near common areas and/or elevators. These kits are filled with band-aids, gauze, pain relieving medicine, and more for all of your basic needs for cuts, bruises, etc.

These kits are maintained and stocked by UCF once every month. If there is anything missing when you need it, most commonly used buildings have more than one First Aid kit found on other floors you can go to.

You can also always call the phone number on the box, so that items can be restocked as soon as possible.

For more information on where First Aid kits are located across the Main Campus, you can refer to the QR code provided below:



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CAPS

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers you free brief therapy and group therapy sessions to address various concerns you may encounter as a student, young adult, etc., while also providing referrals to specialized therapists when necessary.

Additionally, Togetherall, an extension of CAPS offers a valuable online platform for peer-to-peer support, allowing you to engage anonymously with professionals and peers from UCF and other institutions nationwide. With services available 24/7/365, Togetherall ensures students can access support whenever they need it.

Mental health should be a priority for everyone, and you do not have to be afraid to ask for help. Optimize your mental health with the offerings of CAPS and its resources, so you can be the best version of yourself!



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Victims Services

UCF Victim Services stands as a pillar of support for students who have experienced trauma or victimization. Their dedicated team provides confidential assistance, guidance, and resources to empower survivors and help them navigate the aftermath of difficult situations. From offering emotional support and crisis intervention to aiding with academic and legal accommodations, UCF Victim Services ensures that survivors receive comprehensive care tailored to their individual needs. By promoting healing, resilience, and empowerment, UCF Victim Services plays a crucial role in fostering a safe and supportive environment for all members of the UCF community.

If you, or you are in contact with someone who, needs



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CLOSING REMARKS



Thank you for embarking on this journey through the wealth of resources available at the University of Central Florida. May this guide serve as your compass, empowering you to navigate campus life with confidence and ease. Here's to embracing every opportunity and making the most of your UCF experience.

Go Knights!

