

# THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

Fact Sheet | Incoming Exchange Students



## OUR UNIVERSITY

UNF was founded in 1972, and is 1 of 12 state universities in Florida, with a population of about 17,000 students. It is a medium-sized institution that prides itself on individualized attention, small classroom sizes, and transformational learning experiences. UNF was ranked “Best in the Southeast” by the Princeton Review for the 8th consecutive year and “Best Regional University” by US News & World Report for the 6th consecutive year.

## OUR MISSION

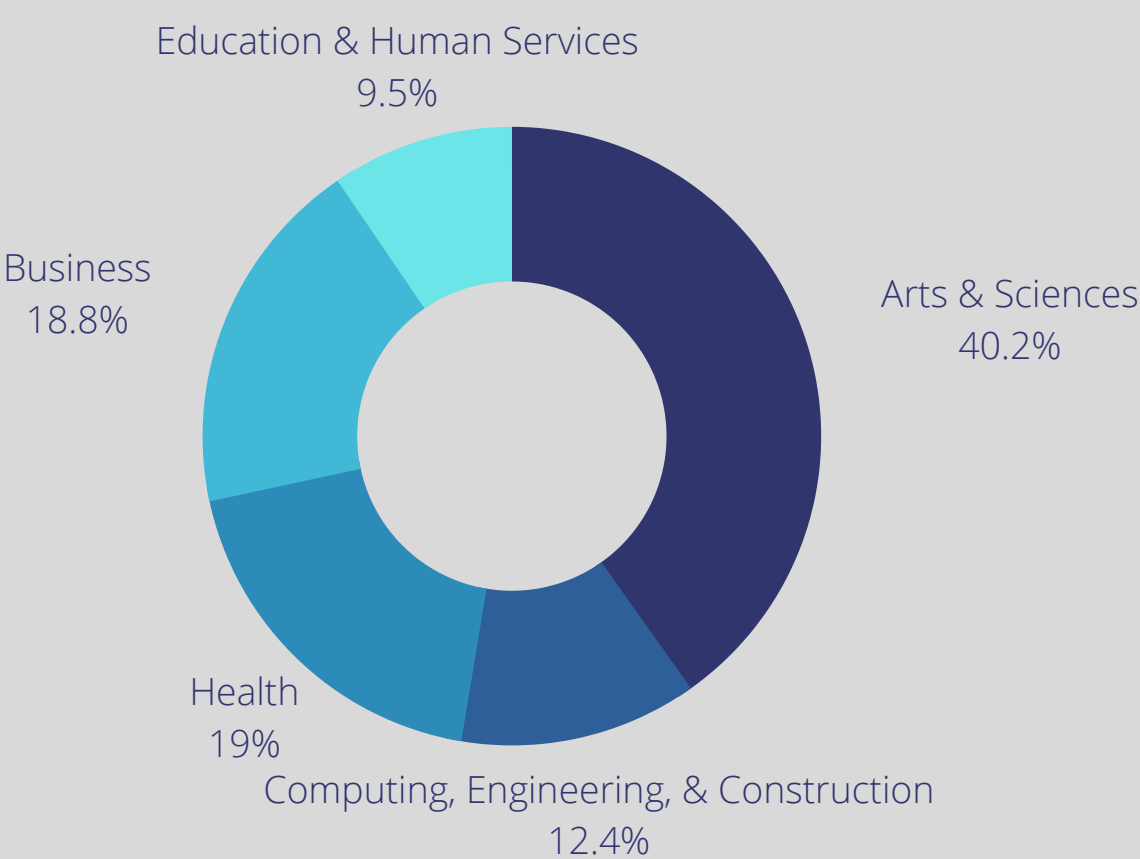
Our student-centered mission is to create the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and problem solvers with the knowledge and experience to uniquely change the world.

## OUR CAMPUS

Nestled within 1,400 acres of lush natural surroundings, UNF campus is a quiet retreat with over 500 acres of nature preserves, and is located just 7 miles from Jacksonville Beach and the Atlantic Ocean. It is the on-campus home to about 4,000 students.

UNF is a nationally ranked, public university where students enjoy a multitude of on campus activities including over 200 student clubs, a Student Wellness Complex (gym), nature trails, canoeing, zip-lining, concerts, comedy shows, and more.

## OUR COLLEGES





# OUR CITY

Jacksonville is located in the northeast corner of Florida, situated on the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Jacksonville is the largest continental city in the United States by area. It has an estimated population of 1.3 million people. Winter temperatures average 47-64 F (8.1-18 C) and summer temperatures average 74-90 F (23.6-32.2 C).

Jacksonville is served by several major airlines through the Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). Most international travelers, however, first arrive to the U.S. through Atlanta, Miami, or New York City and have connecting flights to Jacksonville. There are multiple cities in the U.S. named Jacksonville, so be sure to check for the airport code JAX.



# GETTING AROUND

Jacksonville offers a city bus service for a small fee, however, most of our students use services like Uber or Lyft to move around the city.

Additionally, UNF has the “Osprey Connector”, the university’s shuttle system, which provides convenient (free) transportation around campus and to the [St. Johns Town Center](#).

Jacksonville is a 40-minute drive from [St. Augustine, Florida](#), a city rich in history as the oldest European-settled city in North America dating from the 1500’s. Jacksonville is also close to cities like Orlando, Miami, New Orleans, Atlanta, Asheville, and Savannah.



# ADMISSIONS PROCESS

*Students can be nominated by their home institution for one semester OR one academic year (two semesters).*

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

### **Round 1**

*Deadline: May 1 (Fall) & October 1 (Spring)*

- Exchange Student Application Form
- Proof of English Language Proficiency
- Letter of Good Academic Standing from partner university
- Academic Transcript

### **Round 2**

*Deadline: June 1 (Fall) & October 15 (Spring)*

- Copy of Passport
- Affidavit of Financial Support
- Immunization Form
- Health Insurance Form
- Course Request Form

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS



- Official letter (provided by International Office staff or faculty member) stating English proficiency to be successful in classes at UNF



- TOEFL score of 500 paper-based (61 internet based), or 550 paper-based (79 internet based) for graduate students



- 6.5 IELTS OR 3 AP-IEL
- SAT verbal 440; rSATWriting 500; ACT Verbal 17, Reading 18

*Find important dates in the UNF Academic Calendar such as:*

- *start and end date of the semester*
- *deadlines for payments*
- *course catalog availability, etc.*



# ESTIMATED COSTS

## ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COSTS PER SEMESTER

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Cost Estimate</i>
Room and Board	\$9,686
Books and Supplies	\$900
Miscellaneous Expenses (health insurance, etc.)	\$6,491
Total for one semester	\$8,500
Total for two semesters (one academic year)	\$17,000

.NOTE: The above figures are estimates only, not actual costs. These figures are subject to change without notice. Costs are adjusted yearly. For more details on estimated costs, please see the [UNF International Center website](#). Because tuition, housing, and food costs tend to increase every year, it is recommended that you budget for an additional 5% to 10% over the estimated costs above.

## TUITION & FEES

- Exchange students will receive a tuition waiver and will only be responsible for paying tuition to their home institution
- Students will still be responsible for the cost of housing, meal plans, health insurance, distance learning fees for online classes (\$30/credit hour), additional fees that may be associated with a course (such as a lab fee or art class fee), and books and supplies required by a particular course.



# MAJOR AND COURSE REGISTRATION

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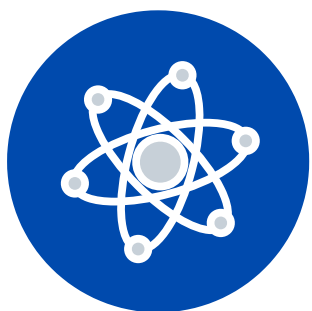
## LEVEL OF STUDY

- Undergraduate
- Graduate

## AVAILABLE AREAS

- Students can take classes in the various colleges that we have at UNF
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## ACADEMIC ADVISING



- Advising will be provided by International Center, Academic Advising Department, and Home University.
  - \*Please note that all courses requested must be accepted and approved by a UNF Academic Advisor. Course approvals will be given to students who show that they have met all the course prerequisites.
  - For example, if a student wishes to take “Intermediate Macroeconomics” and the prerequisite is “Business Statistics,” if they cannot show that they have completed and passed Business Statistics, they will not be approved to register for the class; so please pay close attention to the prerequisites for each course. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee a course will be offered or that a student can be registered for a course. Essentially, academic advisors have to evaluate course approvals on an individual basis.
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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & SCHEDULE

Check out our [Course Catalog](#) to view class options. If the semester you are looking for is not available to view yet, you can view past catalogs. The class offerings will most likely be similar.



# VISA PROCESS

## TYPE OF VISA      REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- J-1 visa for exchange students
- Copy of Passport
- Affidavit of Financial Support and Bank Certification
- Proof of English Language Proficiency

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *What is the process for getting my J-1 visa?*

1. You will submit the required documents to the International Center ([intlctr@unf.edu](mailto:intlctr@unf.edu)).
2. The International Center will issue a DS-2019 document.
3. The student will use the DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa at the US Embassy or Consulate.

### *Am I eligible to work under J-1 visa status?*

Yes, you are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week on campus.

### *Am I eligible for internship opportunities under J-1 visa status?*

Students are eligible to engage in an internship, following the completion of exchange program, for a length of time that does not exceed 18 months or the period of full course of study in the United States, whichever is less.

### *How long can I stay in the U.S. under a J-1 visa?*

As a J-1 student who has maintained J-1 status, you will have a 30-day grace period to stay in the U.S. after your DS-2019 ends. During this period of time, you will have the option to: prepare for departure from the U.S., travel within the U.S., start an internship, or change or adjust your status.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Required by US Dept. of State, students may either:

1. Purchase UNF Health Insurance or
2. Submit documentation proving alternative health insurance that meets designated standards

For detailed questions regarding insurance requirements, refer to the [UNF Medical Compliance Office](#).

## IMMUNIZATIONS

The student should get the [Immunization Form](#) completed in their home country, and NOT wait until they come to Jacksonville. This form must be submitted and approved before class registration.

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# ACCOMMODATIONS

## ROOM TYPES AND EXPECTED COST\* PER SEMESTER

*Shared occupancy bedroom & bath -- \$2,900*

*Single occupancy bedroom & bath -- \$4,950*

\*Costs are subject to change.

Please see the [housing website](#) for the most current information.



- [Learn how to submit your online housing application](#)
- [Check out housing prices](#)
- [Find information about room layouts](#)

## NOTES ABOUT THE HOUSING APPLICATION

- To sign up for UNF on-campus housing, students will need to have a UNF Student ID Number. (This number will be given to the student by the International Center)
- The sooner a student submits their online housing contract, the better, because rooms fill up fast.
- Housing payment deadlines are typically before a student arrives to UNF.



# UNF CAMPUS LIFE

## ECO ADVENTURE

Check-out kayaks, surfboards, canoes, paddle-boarding, camping equipment, and more.

## OSPREY CHALLENGE COURSE

One of the most adventurous activities on campus, the Challenge Course offers three levels of zip lines and ropes to try with a group of friends.

## SPORTING EVENTS

UNF has 19 NCAA Division 1 teams. All games and matches are free for students!



## MARKETS DAYS

Each Wednesday, the Osprey Plaza is transformed into a bustling marketplace with a wide variety of products and services, such as fine handmade jewelry, artwork, and delicious food from local restaurants.

## OSPREY CLIFF

The Osprey Cliff is a 34 ft. indoor rock climbing wall located in the Student Wellness Complex. It allows students to get a total body workout while having fun and challenging themselves mentally and physically in a safe environment.

## AND MORE!

Every semester the UNF Campus Life and Recreation Department strives to offer a variety of activities on campus like concerts, picnics, pool parties, movies, and more!





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