

General Information

The University of North Florida (UNF) is one of 11 public colleges and universities within the State University System in Florida. It is a comprehensive, metropolitan University which offers degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. Initially established as an upper division and master's degree granting institution, UNF began offering classes in 1972 to a 2,000-member student body. In 1984, freshmen and sophomores were admitted and in 1990 the University opened a doctoral program in educational leadership.

The University of North Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of North Florida. Individual contact to the Commission on Colleges about the University of North Florida accreditation status should occur only if there is evidence that appears to support significant noncompliance with a requirement or standard. The graduate public administration program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. The undergraduate music program in the College of Arts and Sciences is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The College of Arts and Sciences chemistry program has American Chemical Society (ACS) approval. Baccalaureate and graduate programs in the Coggin College of Business are accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. In the College of Computing, Engineering, and Construction, the undergraduate computer science and information systems programs are accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The undergraduate electrical, civil, and mechanical engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The undergraduate building construction management program is accredited by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). In the College of Education and Human Services, teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the counselor education program is approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and the deaf



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education program is approved by the Council on the Education of the Deaf (CED). All teacher education programs at UNF leading to teacher certification are approved by the Florida Department of Education. In the Brooks College of Health, The physical therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The master of public health degree program is a candidate for accreditation through the Council on Education for Public Health. The master of health administration program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. The baccalaureate nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and both the baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The nutrition and dietetics program has accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation for Dietetics Education. The baccalaureate health administration program has national certification from the Association for University Programs in Health Administration. The athletic training education program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

UNF remains one of the most selective comprehensive universities in America. In fall 2007, approximately 1 out of every 4 freshman applicants enrolled in the fall class. With a mean SAT score of 1177 and grade point average of 3.6, UNF's 2007 fall freshman class reflected the University's commitment to high-quality undergraduate education. The minimum scores typically expected for admission to a four year university such as UNF are a sliding scale equivalent of 1000 on the SAT (or the ACT equivalent) and a GPA of 3.0.

The University is also committed to diversity with the belief that exposure to an extraordinary blend of students offers a rich and rewarding educational experience. Of the more than 16,500 students enrolled at UNF for the 2007 fall term, about 58 percent were women, more than 22 percent were minorities, and nearly 90 percent were undergraduates. Three groups of students comprise the undergraduate student body:

1. students who enter as freshman, which includes an increasing number of National Merit and National Achievement Finalists;
2. community college students who transfer to the University with associate in arts or other degrees; and
3. a non-traditional group of students who combine responsible professional positions in the First Coast region with part-time study.

This diversity gives classes at UNF a distinctive character and provides for stimulating, thought-provoking discussions and perspectives.

These students, coupled with an increasing number of international students and a core of graduate students, enable UNF to provide a unique environment. The students themselves challenge and stimulate each other in ways that foster cooperation, competition, and understanding of diverse traditions and cultures. Academic programs at UNF are built on a strong foundation in the traditional arts and sciences. UNF offers 53 undergraduate degree programs with 82 areas of concentration and 27 master's degree programs with 62 areas of concentration through its College of Arts and Sciences, Coggin College of Business, College of Computing, Engineering, and Construction, College of Education and Human Services, and Brooks College of Health. In addition to the Ed.D. offered through the College of Education and Human Services, the Brooks College of Health offers a D.P.T. in the Department of Athletic Training and Physical Therapy and a D.N.P. in the School of Nursing.

Since its founding, UNF has demonstrated its continuing commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service, with an emphasis on high-quality instruction. Members of the faculty simultaneously engage in and produce a level of creative scholarship that demonstrates a determination to remain at the

cutting edge of intellectual inquiry and practice in their respective disciplines. Through its centers and institutes, lecture series, continuing education programs, and staff volunteer activities, UNF reaches thousands of community members. It has more than 570 faculty and more than 1,040 full-time and part-time staff members. The total UNF budget exceeds \$180.5 million annually. The University has been strengthened significantly by its public-private partnerships. Through the strong support of the University of North Florida Foundation Inc. and the generosity of corporate leaders and dedicated residents of Florida's First Coast region, UNF has four fully funded eminent scholar chairs, valued at more than \$7 million: the Andrew A. Robinson Jr. Chair in Educational Policy and Economic Development; the Ira M. Koger Chair in American Music; the Prime F. Osborn Chair in Transportation; and the Paper and Plastics Education Research Foundation Endowed Chair in Supply Chain Management. The University also has more than 30 endowed faculty positions.

Statement of Vision

The University of North Florida aspires to be a preeminent public institution of higher learning that will serve the North Florida region at a level of national quality. The institution of choice for a diverse and talented student body, UNF will provide distinctive programs in the arts and sciences and professional fields. UNF faculty will excel in teaching and scholarship, sharing with students their passion for discovery. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors will enjoy a campus noteworthy for its communal spirit, cultural richness, and environmental beauty.

Statement of Mission

The University of North Florida fosters the intellectual and cultural growth and civic awareness of its students, preparing them to make significant contributions to their communities in the region and beyond. At UNF, students and faculty engage together and individually in the discovery and application of knowledge. UNF faculty and staff maintain an unreserved commitment to student success within a diverse, supportive campus culture.

Fulfilling its Mission

UNF cultivates a learning environment that supports intellectual curiosity, academic achievement, and personal growth. This goal is supported by a strong academic curriculum comprised of 53 undergraduate, 27 master's, and three doctoral degree programs in the liberal arts and professional fields. These degree programs prepare UNF graduates to make vital contributions within their fields of study and to their respective communities. UNF proudly points to the fact that a growing number of its degree programs have been recognized nationally.

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The University of North Florida seeks to recruit and support a diverse and talented student body of men and women who have demonstrated the capacity to excel in college. While enrolled in the University, UNF students are encouraged to work directly with faculty mentors and to participate in various transformational learning opportunities including international travel, community-based internships, faculty and student-initiated research, and other similarly enriching experiences.

UNF's faculty is composed of more than 500 teachers and scholars who are focused on the education of the UNF student. As such, these faculty members help students build a foundation for life-long learning. Through their own scholarship and creative work, UNF faculty members remain engaged with the larger academic community. This scholarship informs the faculty's teaching. Often the faculty's research addresses local and regional concerns. Student participation in this research adds to the depth of their educational experiences.

Members of UNF's faculty have been recipients of Fulbright awards and earned regional and national recognition in their professional fields. UNF faculty have received their academic degrees from more than 110 American and foreign universities. Through participation in the governance processes of their respective colleges and the UNF Faculty Association, they exercise responsibility for the University's academic programs.

UNF carries out its public responsibility by providing significant opportunity for civic engagement and community-based learning. The University's relevance to the community is evidenced in the institution's myriad contributions to the betterment of the region it serves.

The University uses accountability as a guide to continuous improvement. UNF seeks to assess the strength of its academic programs by measuring them against national professional standards, and by measuring student outcomes and faculty performance. The University also evaluates the performance of its nonacademic functions.

Colleges

The University of North Florida's academic programs are offered through five academic colleges: The Brooks College of Health, the Coggin College of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and the College of Education and Human Services. The colleges' graduate programs are coordinated through the University of North Florida's Graduate School.

The Coggin College of Business includes the Departments of Accounting and Finance, Economics and Geography, Management, and Marketing and Logistics.

The Brooks College of Health includes the School of Nursing, the Department of Athletic Training and Physical Therapy, and the Department of Public Health.

Within the College of Arts and Sciences are the Departments of Art and Design, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Communication, Criminology and Criminal Justice, English, History, Mathematics and Statistics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, and World Languages.

The College of Computing, Engineering and Construction includes the School of Computing, the School of Engineering, the Department of Construction Management, and the Florida Engineering Education Delivery System (FEEDS) consortium.

The College of Education and Human Services includes the Departments of Childhood Education; Foundations and Secondary Education; Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology; and Exceptional Student and Deaf Education.

In addition to the academic programs offered through the colleges, some credit and non-credit learning opportunities are provided through the Division of Continuing Education. UNF's academic programs are supported by the Thomas G. Carpenter Library.

Support Services

In addition to its strong academic programs, UNF offers its students an array of support services and student-life activities. Various support services help ensure that students maintain uninterrupted University attendance, make suitable course selections, successfully complete degree requirements, and pursue timely graduation or successful achievement of other academically related career goals. Student-life activities contribute to academic, social, cultural and personal development.

Campus

Designated as a wildlife sanctuary, UNF's campus is located seven miles from the Atlantic Ocean and 12 miles southeast of downtown Jacksonville. It is situated on more than 1,300 acres of wooded ridges, interspersed with small lakes.

Taking advantage of its natural ecosystems, the campus offers students, employees and visitors a series of nature trails that cross virtually every type of terrain found in northeast Florida and showcase an amazing diversity of animal and plant life.

The core of the campus is relatively compact, with most of the academic buildings connected by a two-story,

covered, pedestrian walkway. Parking areas surround the campus, with a shuttle service providing easy transportation from the remote lots to University buildings.

Serving as a point of pride for the University, the natural environment on the campus provides opportunities for faculty and student research. As the University continues to expand its academic and nonacademic facilities, it has pledged to use ecologically responsible technologies to protect the quality of the campus environment.

Access to the UNF campus is provided through three entrances: the west entrance at 9A, the east entrance at Kernan Boulevard, and the north entrance off of Central Parkway. These roadways can be reached from Beach Boulevard and J. Turner Butler Boulevard. Interstate 95 and the 295/9A beltway serve as major arteries for students commuting from surrounding communities.

The Community

Located in a metropolitan area of more than one million people, the University of North Florida has established collaborative relationships with various sectors of the surrounding community. Through these partnerships, the University provides an invaluable resource to the economic, social, civic and cultural development of northeast Florida. At the same time, local industries and agencies serve as living laboratories where UNF students can participate in internships, cooperative education programs and other firsthand experiences.

The city of Jacksonville and the surrounding areas provide an exceptionally diverse economy including financial services, transportation and logistics hubs, and various health care facilities such as the Mayo Clinic and Shands Teaching Hospital. The region also serves as the home to two U.S. Naval bases, with a large contingency of active and retired military members.

The region offers a variety of cultural and entertainment opportunities for its residents, visitors, and college students: museums, art galleries, theaters and a symphony orchestra are all available. Sports fans can also find a variety of professional and college athletic events.

With 68 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline, the St. Johns River, and the Intracoastal Waterway, Northeast Florida offers unparalleled facilities for water sport enthusiasts. Public and private golf courses and tennis courts are also available in and around the city, as are numerous state and municipal parks. And many of Florida's major tourist attractions and theme parks are within easy driving distance of the city.

Northeast Florida is also an area rich in history. America's oldest city, St. Augustine, with its restored old quarter and imposing Castillo de San Marcos, is less than an hour away. Fort Caroline, built by the French in 1564 and America's oldest European settlement, is on the south bank of the St. Johns River, just minutes from UNF. Fort Clinch, where English soldiers guarded the southern approaches to the Georgia colony, stands only a few miles north in Fernandina Beach.

An Invitation

The University of North Florida invites you to visit its campus. You are encouraged to evaluate its academic programs; to meet its faculty, students, and staff; and to participate in the vision and development of an outstanding University dedicated to the highest standards and goals. Individuals who need an accommodation because of a disability should notify the Disability Resources Center at (904) 620-2769 at least 48 hours in advance.

Equal Opportunity/Equal Access/Affirmative Action

The University of North Florida complies with both the philosophy and the practice of equal opportunity for all citizens in academic life and employment as specified in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The president of UNF has designated a director to ensure compliance with policies regarding affirmative action, equal opportunity, sexual harassment (see Appendix H of this catalog), and nondiscrimination against disabled persons. Inquiries about UNF policies and practices in regard to relevant institutional policies, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, or ADA/Section 504 should be referred to the Director of Equal Opportunity Programs, (904) 620-2507.