THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Missions, Visions, and Values

Mission of the University

The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land-grant foundation. We are The Gator Nation, a diverse community dedicated to excellence in education and research and shaping a better future for Florida, the nation, and the world.

Our mission is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural, and societal benefit.

The University welcomes the full exploration of its intellectual boundaries and supports its faculty and students in the creation of new knowledge and the pursuit of new ideas.

- Teaching is a fundamental purpose of this University at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Research and scholarship are integral to the educational process and to the expansion of our understanding of the natural world, the intellect and the senses.
- Service reflects the University’s obligation to share the benefits of its research and knowledge for the public good. The University serves the nation’s and the state’s critical needs by contributing to a well-qualified and broadly diverse citizenry, leadership and workforce.

The University of Florida must create the broadly diverse environment necessary to foster multicultural skills and perspectives in its teaching and research for its students to contribute and succeed in the world of the 21st century.

These three interlocking elements — teaching, research and scholarship, and service — span all the University’s academic disciplines and represent the University’s commitment to lead and serve the state of Florida, the nation, and the world by pursuing and disseminating new knowledge while building upon the experiences of the past. The University aspires to advance by strengthening the human condition and improving the quality of life.

Vision, Mission, and Values of the Graduate School

Our Vision
To be a model of excellence for supporting and advancing graduate education worldwide

Our Mission
To ensure the integrity and value of graduate education and elevate the overall graduate student experience

Our Core Values
Integrity
Advocacy
Inclusion
Collaboration
Innovation

Graduate School Administration
Nicole L. P. Stedman

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Tom Kelleher
Ph.D. (University of Florida), Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

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Ph.D. (University of Florida), Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Please find information regarding the Graduate School’s current organization (p. 1) of offices and historical information about the previous Deans and history (p. 3) below. For biographical and contact information for the Graduate School’s staff, consult the Graduate School Personnel (https://grad.ufl.edu/about/team/teammates/) pages on the UF Graduate School’s website (https://grad.ufl.edu). For assistance, please reach out using the Graduate School’s Contact Form (https://grad.ufl.edu/contact-us/).

Organization

The Graduate School currently consists of the Dean (https://grad.ufl.edu/about/dean/), (https://grad.ufl.edu/about/contact-us/) an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (https://grad.ufl.edu/academics/ad-academics/), (https://grad.ufl.edu/about/contact-us/) an Associate Dean for Student Affairs (https://grad.ufl.edu/gss/ad-students/), the Graduate Council (https://grad.ufl.edu/academics/gc/), (p. ) the Graduate Faculty (https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/faculty/), and the Graduate School staff (https://grad.ufl.edu/about/team/teammates/). The Graduate School is responsible for establishing, monitoring, and enforcing minimum general standards of graduate study in the University and for coordinating the graduate programs of the various colleges and divisions of the University.

Responsibility for the detailed operation of graduate programs is vested in individual colleges, schools, divisions, and academic units. In most colleges, an associate dean or other administrator is directly responsible for graduate studies in that college. General policies and standards of the Graduate School are established by the Graduate Faculty as represented by the Graduate Council. Policy changes must be approved by the graduate dean(s) and the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council (chaired by the Graduate Dean) considers graduate education policy and policy changes and the creation of or revisions to graduate degree programs, majors, concentrations, certificates, and other graduate education initiatives. For information regarding appointment to the graduate faculty, please visit https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/faculty (https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/faculty/).

The Graduate School Staff

The Graduate School is organized into two central units:

- Academic Affairs, which includes
  - IT Systems
  - Curriculum and Programs
  - Admissions and Transfer Credits
  - Academic Career Tracking

- Graduate Student Success Center, which includes
  - Graduate Student Support and Engagement
  - Graduate Professional Development
  - Postdoctoral Affairs & Prestigious Awards
  - Grad Care
Graduate Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs team serves graduate programs across campus by implementing policies and best practices for units to develop curriculum and support students in successful academic journeys from admission to graduation.

- IT Systems (https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/it/) maintains and enhances online database systems that track both individual and institutional performance in graduate education at UF.
- Curriculum and Programs (https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/cp/) manages graduate curricular proposals, coaches academic units through the proposal process, provides logistical support for the Graduate Council and Graduate Curriculum Committee meetings, and curates, updates, and publishes the Graduate Catalog and its academic calendar.
- Admissions and Transfer Credits (https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/at/) manages graduate conditional and special exception admissions, transfers of credit, and master’s degree acknowledgments.
- Academic Career Tracking (https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/act/) oversees graduate students’ academic careers.

Graduate Student Success Center

The Graduate Student Success Center was created with the graduate student at its core. The center is here to enhance the graduate student experience by promoting holistic development and creating a culture of belonging. The values that shape their work include integrity, service, advocacy, empathy, collaboration, and innovation.

The Graduate Student Success Center was established to support potential graduate students, current students, faculty, and staff in the areas of

- Graduate Student Support and Engagement (https://grad.ufl.edu/gss/gssse/) by building and sustaining an inclusive community that provides comprehensive graduate student support and engagement services to promote academic success, personal development, and social well-being so our graduates can transform the global economy.
- Graduate Professional Development (https://gradadvance.graduateschool.ufl.edu/) by providing professional development activities and programs for UF graduate students.
- Postdoctoral Affairs & Prestigious Awards (https://grad.ufl.edu/postdoc/) by offering direction to UF’s Post-Doctoral Affairs Office, maintaining oversight of individual development plans and human resource needs, and creating and maintaining active lists of funding opportunities for graduate students, as well as providing assistance in the completion of funding award packets.
- Grad Care (https://success.grad.ufl.edu/help/grad-care/), a non-clinical case manager role created through the collaboration of the UF Graduate School and UF Student Life Office, by helping graduate students overcome challenges impacting their personal and academic success at the University of Florida.
- Graduate Student Recruitment by assisting and advising graduate programs on ways to increase domestic and international graduate student enrollment.

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Graduate Council

The Graduate Council, chaired by the Dean (p. ), is a joint committee of the President (p. 4) and Faculty Senate. The Council establishes general policies and standards of the Graduate School and assists the dean of the Graduate School in the execution of policies related to graduate study and associated research. The Graduate School staff (p. ) provides support to the council by reviewing and editing all proposals submitted by administrative and/or academic units to ensure they comply with Graduate Council policy.

The Graduate Council consists of twelve members of the Graduate Faculty (p. ), a graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Council, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Six of the twelve faculty members of the Graduate Council are elected by the Graduate Faculty for overlapping terms of three years.

Nicole L. P. Stedman, Chair
Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost

Graduate Council 2023-2024

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History

Graduate study at UF existed while the University was still on its Lake City campus. However, the first graduate degrees, two Master of Arts with a major in English, were awarded on the Gainesville campus in 1906. The first Master of Science was awarded in 1908, with a major in entomology. The first programs leading to the Ph.D. were approved in 1930, and the first degrees were awarded in 1934, one with a major in chemistry and the other with a major in pharmacy. The first Ed.D. was awarded in 1948. Graduate study has grown phenomenally at UF. In 1930, 33 degrees were awarded in 12 fields. In 1940, 66 degrees were awarded in 16 fields. Over the 2022-2023 academic year, UF awarded 6405 graduate degrees in more than 235 fields, including 746 Ph.D. degrees.

UF Graduate School Deans and Years of Service

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The Department of Education is here to increase the proficiency of all students within one seamless, efficient system by providing them with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities and research valued by students, parents, and communities and to maintain an accountability system that measures student progress.

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