

Conexiones

RESOURCE GUIDE



UCF Connect

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

iVamos, Knights!

Directly guided by its core activities, UCF Connect provides targeted and intentional programs and services to its constituents. Simply put, we want to connect students with new learning opportunities which allow them to collaborate with peers, faculty, and communities.

This resource guide provides an overview of educational resources available to all UCF students, while highlighting additional programs and services that intentionally support UCF's goal to be a model Hispanic Serving Institution.



Educational and Student Support Services

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

[UCF Student Academic Resource Center \(SARC\)](#)

Provides academic support services for all UCF students, both face-to-face and online.

[UCF Multicultural Academic Support Services \(MASS\)](#)

Assists multicultural and first-generation college students in their transition to UCF and by connecting with the University community and our partners to promote and facilitate academic support services and programs.

[Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center \(KMETC\)](#)

Empowers and supports all UCF undergraduate students in an undeclared designation or in the major exploration process.

[High Impact Practices \(HIPs\)](#)

Provides students with an opportunity to expand their learning inside and outside the classroom. These opportunities integrate their academic experience to prepare students for what's next.

[Transfer Knights](#)

The one-stop-shop for integrating into campus either as a first-time transfer student or any semester afterward. Hosts general meetings that consist of fun activities that allow you to get to know other students in addition to offering workshops and resources both on and off-campus.



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

[UCF Financial Aid Main Site](#)

[Applying for Financial Aid Checklist](#)

[Helpful Scholarship Tips](#)

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)

Offers many scholarships for community college students who are transferring or have transferred to a four-year university.

[Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando](#)

[Scholarships for Latinos](#)

[Financial Aid for International Students](#)

[Scholarships and Financial Aid Resources for Minority Students](#)

[Resources and Scholarships for DACA or TPS Students](#)

Educational and Student Support Services

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

[CREAR Futuros](#)

A peer-mentor based initiative designed to improve Latino student success at UCF.

[Tau Sigma](#)

Transfer student honor society

Members are encouraged to promote student involvement at UCF, especially in activities and programs that assist other transfer students in making a successful transition.

[UCF Clubs and Organizations](#)

HISPANIC/LATINO HIGHLIGHTS

[UCF as a Hispanic Serving Institution](#)

[UCF HSI Facts 19-20](#)

[UCF Named a Top School for Hispanic Students](#)

[Latinx Leadership Course](#) (LDR 3215)

[UCF Hispanic Students to Get New Support in STEM Fields](#)

[Knightly Latino: Bi-lingual News](#)

[Puerto Rican Research Hub](#)

The mission of the UCF Puerto Rico Research Hub is to investigate the Puerto Rican population and demographic trends to better inform public policy decisions including housing demands, job creation, health issues, social integration and education.



Career Resources

There are several resources, professional organizations and search engines dedicated to increasing representation of Hispanic/Latinx professionals in the workforce. UCF Career Services offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for all students.

These resources and organizations provide additional opportunities for career enhancement through a Latino/a/x lens.

JOB SEARCH ENGINES

[All Hispanic Jobs](#)

[IHispano](#)

Career site for Hispanic and bilingual professionals.

[Saludos](#)

Job listing from employers who are actively recruiting qualified Hispanics for positions in their companies.

ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES

[UCF Career Services](#)

[UCF Virtual Career Resources](#)

[HACE - Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement](#)

Provides links, services, programs and access to professional organizations for the Hispanic community.

[IMDiversity](#)

Careers, opportunities, and diversity-focused news and resources.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

[SHPE - Leading Hispanics in Stem](#)

SHPE is the nation's largest association dedicated to fostering Hispanic leadership in the STEM field.

[HPRA - Hispanic Public Relations Association](#)

HPRA is a national membership organization representing forward-thinking PR practitioners with interest and/or expertise in the Hispanic market.

[TechLatino - Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association](#)

TechLatino is a national community for Latino technology professionals, businesses and students.

[ALPFA UCF](#)

The ALPFA UCF student chapter was established provides leadership and professional development to Latin American students majoring in business and STEM.



Community Resources

There are several community resources available to UCF Students; some listed below provide intentional support to the Hispanic/Latinx community.

Services and resources include: housing and Immigration services, mental health services, English classes and victim advocacy services.

HOUSING

Orlando Housing

Program to assist families who are low income with Section 8 public housing.

390 North Bumby Ave.
Orlando, FL 32803
407-894-1500

Orange County Housing and Community Development Division

Section 8 public assistance services.

525 E. South St. #2801
Orlando, FL 32801
407-836-5150

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando

Assists families with resources for better housing environments.

4116 Silver Star Rd.
Orlando, FL 32808
407-648-4567

Asesoría de Modificación de Services (HANDS)

Assists families to find housing to buy or rent and assist with mortgage modifications.

1707 Orlando Central Pkwy. #350
Orlando, FL 32809
407-447-5686 ext. 202

IMMIGRATION

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Provides immigration services and information.

6680 Corporate Ctr. Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32822
1-800-375-5283

Hope Community Center

Provides free immigration information and services to the community

1016 North Park Ave.
Apopka, FL 32712
407-880-4673

Mi Familia Vota

Provides citizenship workshops for permanent residents who would like to become U.S. Citizens. Free consultations with an immigration officer.

5449 S. Semoran Blvd. Ste 19A
Orlando, FL 32803
321-400-5775



Community Resources

UCF AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

UCF Cares

Helps the UCF community get connected to needed resources.

Counseling and Psychological Services

A free-of-charge campus agency designated to provide psychological services to university-enrolled students.

Student Care Services

Offers guidance, resources, and referrals for UCF students who are experiencing a distressing situation which impedes academic or personal success.

Disaster Distress Helpline

Hotline that assists people with mental and emotional crisis after going through natural or human disasters. They speak Spanish and are available 24/7.

800-985-5990

or text *TalkWithUs* to 66746

UCF Community Counseling and Research Center

407-823-2052

Aspire Health Partners

Mental health counseling and support group services.

407-875-3500

Community Counseling Center Central Florida

407-291-8009

BayCare Student Assistance Program

Trained staff are available to help college students with any stress or anxiety they may be experiencing and refer them to a therapist in their area, 24/7. Service is confidential and free to students.

800-878-5470

BayCareSAP@baycare.org

VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES

UCF Police Department

407-823-3088

UCF Victim Services

Provides confidential advocacy and support to the UCF Community, 24/7.

12201 Research Pkwy., Suite 450

Orlando, FL 32826

407-823-1200

Text 407-823-6868

Victim Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.

Certified Rape Crisis Center in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. Serving victims of sexual assault, violent crime and traumatic circumstance through free and confidential crisis intervention, therapy, advocacy and outreach.

Safe House of Seminole County

Support for victims of domestic violence, abuse, dating violence, stalking in Seminole county.

407-330-3933

HELP Now

Support for victims of domestic violence in Osceola county.

1000 W Emmett St.

Kissimmee, FL 34741

407-847-3286

Harbor House of Central Florida

Advocacy support for victims of domestic violence, abuse, dating violence, stalking.

407-886-2856

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Call or text 800-273-8255

Community Resources

ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS START UPS

[La Florida Services](#)

Help with new corporations, accounting, payroll, pay as you go workers compensation, business licenses, business and personal taxes.

11356 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32837
407-723-1333

[Orlando Business Development Center](#)

Assistance to start a business.
3201 East Colonial Dr, Suite A20
Orlando, FL 32803
407-420-4850

[UCF Small Business Development Center](#)

[UCF Incubators](#)

LEGAL AID

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

Civil legal aid is free legal assistance to low-income people who have civil legal problems.
800-405-1417

OTHER SERVICES

[Shepherd's Hope](#)

Free or reduced health and medical services.
407-876-6699

[Heart of Florida United Way](#)

Free service that connects residents to critical health and social service resources when they need help, available 24/7.
407-835-0900

