# UCF HS FACTS // 2023-2024

**The University of Central Florida** (UCF) was first federally recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education in January 2019. UCF is 1 of 3 HSIs in the State University System (SUS) of Florida. UCF is also 1 of 21 Research 1 (Very high research activity) HSIs in the country.

This overview provides a snapshot of HSI related activities at UCF. This is not an exhaustive summary,

#### UCF Enrollment 2023-2024

Total Hispanic/Latino Enrollment: 20,331 (29.17%)

Hispanic/Latino Undergraduate Enrollment: 18,280 (30.55%)

# Leading the way as an HSI



UCF is 1 of 39 colleges/universities in the U.S. certified with the Seal of Excelencia. An institution earns the Seal by demonstrating evidence of effective and intentional institutional practices that serve Latino students' progress; and a commitment to providing an environment where Latino students can thrive.



UCF is recognized as a Fulbright HSI Leader by the U.S Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for demonstrated noteworthy promotion and engagement with the Fulbright Program (2021, 2022).

## **HSI Sponsored Student Programs**



CREAR Futuros (College Readiness Achievement and Retention), is a peermentor based initiative designed to promote Hispanic/Latino/a/e/x student success at UCF. Freshmen are paired with knowledgeable and highly trained upper-classman peer-mentors that introduce them to campus resources and offer insight on how to make the most out of their UCF experience.



Nuestra Celebración is a culturally inspired recognition program of undergraduate and graduate academic achievement.

### **Grow with Google HSI Career Readiness Program**



The Grow with Google (GwG) Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) Career Readiness Program helps students and recent alums of HSIs develop their digital and professional skills, careers, and businesses. Offering free tools, training, and events for job seekers and students, veterans and military families, educators, small businesses, and more.



U-LEAD Latinx Leadership Program
This program explores the notion of
social change and challenges students
to see themselves as agents of that
change. Students develop their
understanding of Latinx leadership
through Juana Bordas' book "The Power
of Latino Leadership," while also
learning more about identity, history,
and current issues within the Latinx
community.



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