At the Heart of the University

As the university’s largest college, we are home to the humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the physical, natural and mathematical sciences. We are therefore charged with the responsibility of teaching the majority of the university’s core curriculum each year. Nearly every UF undergraduate takes at least one class in our college. More than 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students pursue their degrees from among 42 disciplines. From astronomy to women’s studies, we offer the largest selection of majors on campus. But educating tomorrow’s leaders is not the only task occupying our over 700 faculty. Whether discovering new planets, serving on presidential task forces or writing bestselling novels, they have achieved international acclaim for their contributions to society. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is, in short, the heart of the University of Florida and the Gator Nation.

Education for the 21st Century

At the undergraduate level, students acquire an intellectual foundation based on a well-rounded and comprehensive education designed for an increasingly technological and rapidly changing society. At the graduate level, students master a specialized body of knowledge and pursue original research under the guidance of outstanding faculty.

Serving Society

As a public institution, we serve society through our research programs to advance our knowledge and capabilities, through our teaching to prepare tomorrow’s leaders, and through our outreach programs to ensure dissemination of the state of the art in areas ranging from languages and literatures, to social behaviors, to the fundamental laws of nature. We capture the highest ideals of intellectual inquiry and human values mirrored in society, and remain ever conscious that we must represent and reflect all segments of society to remain the intellectual core of the university.