

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

Last Year Freshman Profile: GPA - 4.3-4.6 SAT - 1280-1430 ACT – 28-32

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs Cumulative? Weighted vs. Unweighted? For AP classes add 1 point; for Honors classes add 0.5 points

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super Score SAT only; Not required written portion for both

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? None

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? Looks at the student as a whole – not just test scores or grades. They take a holistic approach. Provide a resume and when writing your 4-500 word essays be DETAILED! Do NOT use acronyms!!

Most popular majors at this school: Biology, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Business, Mechanical Engineer (2nd most popular), journalism, pre-vet.

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market?

Only Graduate Level classes – i.e. Marine Sciences

Does chosen major affect decision process? No, can be exploratory major until end of sophomore year. You may create your own major.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs?

2000 students/semester (i.e. study Business in London; learn Spanish in Spain, etc.) You can go on other college abroad programs. There are over 2,000 study abroad programs.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes, many different types and forms of internships. There over 2500 intern and externships. Have to do internship or externships to graduate for certain majors.

Research Opportunities? Yes, recommended but not necessary.

Special successes the school is known for: 96% retention rate for freshmen

Innovation Academy – innovationacademy.ufl.edu UF Online – ufonline.ufl.edu

PaCE – UF's Pathway to Campus Enrollment-admissions.ufl.edu/pace

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? By submitting an application, you are considered for scholarships, there are only merit scholarships from the admissions office. Since you are out-of-state, you are only competing for these scholarships against other out-of-state students.

The Gator Alumni Club gives scholarships –deadline May 1st.

When are scholarship deadlines? Same as Nov. 1 application deadline

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
Tuition & Fees		
Room & Board		
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$21,130	\$43,408

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Tours M-F 10 & 2pm sign-up online

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students? Yes, but need to ask through the Honors Program (honors.ufl.edu)

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? Nov. 1, Feb 10- release admittance date, Mid-March receive financial aid pkg, May 1st- decision required by student

Is an essay required for all decision options? Yes, but this is a college application essay not an English essay with a topic sentence and 3 paragraphs

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? No, but if they need additional information about you to make decision it would behoove you to have several.

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? No

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? AP scores 1-5, GPA, units of study, involvement

Does the school use the Common App? No, they use the Coalition Initiative for underrepresented students. It begins in 8th grade.

How many applicants are received per year? 35,000 applications/year; over-admit 10,000 and accept about 6700

How much is the application fee? \$35 Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? No

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc.)? Division 1 SEC

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Sporting events are free but football costs and additional \$20/person. No ticket lottery.

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Freshmen do NOT have to live on campus and cars ARE allowed. There is a real estate office which will assist with finding housing off campus. Most students drive mopeds.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? All of these Living & Learning Dorms? Some - like music majors

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) 1,000 organizations and you may create new ones. There is a \$3.5million budget for organizations. The executive board controls the disbursement of funds. Movie Theater on campus- free movies on Friday and Saturday nights.

2 fitness centers, track, 500 machines

3 cafeterias, fast food restaurants, Gator 1 card- swipe to pay for meal plan and links to bank account.

Churches are located on and off campus.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 30,000 Total enrollment? 50,000

Percentage of male: female – 60% female/40% male

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 80%:20%

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 76% Active Greek life with Pre-professional fraternities

Where is the school located? Gainesville, FL

How far is it from Milton? 5-1/2 hour drive

Other:

- Ratio of students to professors = 25:1
- Meal plans are optional
- Housing is first come, first serve; should apply for housing right after you submit your application