Fall 2017: Securing Financial Aid for On-Time Disbursement
Office Information

- **Office Hours**
  - 8:00am – 5:00pm
  - Except Thursday: 10:45am – 5:00pm

- **Appointments**
  - No Appointments needed
  - Walk-in Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm (Room G206 in HPNP Bldg)

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## Critical Deadline Dates - Fall 2017

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<td>Classes Begin</td>
<td>Monday, August 21&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Withdrawal with no Fee Liability (11:59pm of last day)</td>
<td>Friday, August 25&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Fee Payment Deadline (3:30pm in dropbox or 11:59pm online)</td>
<td>Friday, September 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Withdrawal all courses, fee liable for non-payment of tuition and fees (non-deferred) 9:00 am</td>
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<td>Financial Aid Fee Deferment Deadline (by check 3:30pm with check in dropbox or 11:59pm online)</td>
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Applying for Financial Aid

  - It’s FREE…… Do not pay anyone or agency  

  - Utilize 2015 Tax Return Information

- UF Federal School Code: 001535

- Priority Deadline is December 15th  
  - Deadline is to be awarded institutional grants and/or scholarships for having an on-time FAFSA.  
  - Need-based grants are awarded on a first come, first serve basis

- You can still submit a FAFSA for 2017-2018 Academic Year. FAFSA does not close until June 30, 2018.
Aid Status

• If you want to be considered for federal direct student loans for 2017-2018 Academic Year – indicate “yes” via this page.

• Missing documents and updates regarding received FAFSA can be viewed on this page.

• *Steps to access page:*
  
  https://student.ufl.edu/ > Financial Aid > 2017-2018 > Aid Status
Awards & Disbursements

- Check your financial aid award package.
- Options to accept, reduce, or cancel awards are located underneath award amounts.
- **Note:** Please do not check boxes that will cancel all aid. This will cancel all aid that has been offered to you and prevent any awarding of aid if you are receiving outside resources.

Additional Aid Reporting Page

- Report outside scholarship awards.
- Scholarships that are awarded by a department from UF will automatically be added to your financial aid award package. You have the option to report the award on this page as well.

- Steps to access page:  
  https://student.ufl.edu/ > Financial Aid > 2017-2018 > Additional Aid Reporting
View Student Permissions

- Allows financial aid awards to pay towards any charges due on student account

- **Steps to Access page:**
  - my.ufl.edu > Main Menu > My Campus Finances > View Student Permissions
• **Direct Deposit**
  - Student can use any bank account of their choosing.
  - My.ufl.edu > Main Menu > My Campus Finances > Direct Deposit-Student or PLUS

• **Account Activity**
  - Provides real time information regarding payments, disbursements, and updates to account.
  - My.ufl.edu > Main Menu > My Campus Finances > Account Activity

• **Tuition Statement**
  - Able to view breakdown of courses and associated charges for each course.
  - My.ufl.edu > Main Menu > My Campus Finances > Charges Due

• **Charges Due**
  - Provides student with due date of each charge.
  - My.ufl.edu > Main Menu > My Campus Finances > Charges Due
- Need FSA ID login to complete documents.

- Complete Entrance Counseling and Loan Agreement for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN).

- Parents can apply for Parent PLUS Loan (parents will need to use their own FSA ID).
1st time borrowing Federal Loans

- Go to www.studentloans.gov
- Use FSA ID to log in

2 steps:
- Complete MPN - Master Promissory Note
  - Agree to Repay Loans
  - Requires 2 References
- Complete Entrance Counseling
  - Information regarding your rights and responsibility as a borrower

Parent PLUS Loan
- PLUS Entrance Counseling
  - Separate entrance counseling required before Parent PLUS is disbursed
  - The Parent PLUS loan credit check is only good for 180 days and we start processing PLUS Loan applications in late June.

- StudentLoans.gov also has great tools for budgeting and should be your main point of references for questions regarding loans.
Tracking your Loans
NSLDS—National Student Loan Data System

- Tracks all Federal Funds from all attended institutions
  - www.nslds.ed.gov
  - Use FSA ID to log in
  - Request duplicate PIN at www.pin.ed.gov

- Keeps track of:
  - Total Amount Borrowed
  - Disbursement Dates
  - Disbursement Amounts
  - School disbursed to
  - Cancelled Loans
  - Lender Information
  - Interest Rates/Interest
Take control of your student loans....

Did you know that you can manage and monitor your student loans while in school?

**iontuition** is a free resource for students to manage and monitor federal and private student loans. Take control of your student loans and improve your financial knowledge with your FREE iontuition account.

Visit [www.iontuition.com](http://www.iontuition.com) today to find out more.
Alternative/Private Student Loans

- The Office of Student Financial Affairs is not authorized to refer students to private loan lenders.
- Students are advised to begin with their banking institution due to established credit history (i.e., checking account or savings account).
- Students can request private loan amount up to cost of attendance. Private loan certification process is based upon student’s cost of attendance.
- Private loans are not directly applied to a student’s charges due. Students are responsible for depositing private loan check once received to pay towards charges due on account.
- Private loan process normally takes between 3 to 4 weeks after certification.
- **Private loans do not receive a deferment for tuition and fees.**
- **Note:** Please apply early in order for private loans to disburse in a timely manner.
Bright Futures

- Awards disburse after the drop/add period.

- Contact Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance regarding eligibility and ensuring correct institution is listed for award to be applied.

- If you have any additional questions, contact financial aid for assistance.
University Bursar

- Assists with the following and more:
  - Third-Party Billing
  - Florida Prepaid
  - Tuition and Fee Payments
  - Employee Education Program

- Link to website:
  [http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/](http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/)
Student Health Insurance Waiver

- Complete insurance waiver if you have health insurance. **Note:** There is a deadline date in which the waiver needs to be completed to avoid being charged for the UF Health Insurance.

- If you are considering the University of Florida insurance, you will automatically be enrolled and charged. The charge will be added to your account and available for you to view via the Account Activity page & Charges Due page of your my.ufl.edu account.

- Link to website: [http://healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu/insurance/](http://healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu/insurance/)
Financial Aid Tips...

- **Visit SFA website www.sfa.ufl.edu**
  - Lots of tutorials and tools to help navigate the financial aid process.

- **Complete the FAFSA on time**
  - You do not have to accept loans, they are optional.

- **Borrow wisely**
  - Know your tuition and cost of attendance, create a monthly budget, borrow only what you need!

- **Check One.uf.edu regularly**
  - Financial aid updates, disbursements, tuition statements, registration……..ALL in One.uf.edu (Student Self Service).

- **Check your UF email**
  - All SFA communications are sent to your UFL email.

- **Communicate**
  - It is your responsibility to inform SFA of any award or enrollment changes that may impact your financial aid eligibility.
Good Luck from SFA !!